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## LATE SWAZIBANK MD'S WIFE IN LOVE TRIANGLE

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**SHOWDOWN:** Presiding Officers Speaker Themba Msibi and Senate President Gelani Zwane in a verbal showdown with Clerk to Parliament Ndvuna Dlamini. This was during the final rehearsal for parliament opening yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu) **STORY ON PAGE 4**

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## Ex-SwaziBank MD's wife in love triangle

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**LATE SwaziBank Managing Director Stanley Matsebula's wife, Kholiwe, is caught up in a love triangle with a married pastor, one Elphas Mdluli based in Whiteriver, Nelspruit.**

This was confirmed by the pastor's wife, who is employed as a teacher in one of the country's schools when asked about the matter on Tuesday.

She said when he once confronted her husband about the affair at first with Matsebula, he denied it or even intentions to marry the late MD's widow instead he said she was a prayer friend.

"She was introduced to me as such (a prayer friend by my husband) when she came to visit us. I prepared her dinner, we prayed and my husband took her back to where she resides."

But it would seem the ties grew stronger as late last year her husband sent her a short message service (SMS) terminating their marriage, by telling her to stay away from home.

She alleged that he proceeded to block her number from the whatsapp service and told to stay far from the family house which they jointly owned.

"Matsebula is the main reason for the collapse of my marriage," Mdluli's wife revealed.

She said despite the infidelity that is going on, their marriage still subsists.

Mdluli further revealed that she was aware that one of Nginguye Investment employees, the company owned by Matsebula, was unfairly dismissed from work, with instructions from her husband. "The employee came to inform me that he was going to reveal their relationship, because he knew Mdluli to be a married man of God," she said.

Mdluli's wife further alleges that she was also aware that Matsebula had new replaced her as wife, by weekly visiting her husband.

"She does the laundry, clean the house and cook for him."

The pastor's wife alleges that since she works far from the family home, when she was sent the message to stay far from their home, she was not afforded an opportunity to take

her belongings from the house. She said for now she had left everything to God and had not instituted any proceedings regarding her marriage.

"I am a child of God and know he will fight for me."

Pastor Mdluli when reached on his MTN S.A mobile phone he said he had no connection with the late MD's widow of Nginguye Company.

"I have no connection with any person by that name and don't own any company in Swaziland."

Nevertheless when asked with his wife who resides in Swaziland he said he could not discuss his family matters with this publication as some things are too personally.

"Please do not involve my family in this," he stated.

When the late MD's wife was called on the matter, she said that was too personal to be discussed.

"Some of the questions you have asked me are neither true nor false, but because the matter is in

court I would prefer to remain silent." She then said people would do anything to bring a person down.

The matter in court involves an employee, Mbongiseni Gwebu, who claims he was unfairly dismissed for refusing to deposit money into the alleged pastor's account on Matsebula's instruction.

"The MD once ordered me to deposit money into the pastor's account, which I refused to do. After that, Matsebula suspended me alleging that I had committed serious misconduct."

"Following that, I appealed for unfair dismissal through a written letter to her," Gwebu stated in an interview.

He alleges that afterwards he received a call from Mdluli commanding him to leave the business premises and further surrender company keys and mobile phone.

Gwebu said he was told he would hear from the company upon finalisation of the investigation for the serious misconduct.

The employee alleges that the pastor took closer interest into the affairs of the business once he had been introduced by Matsebula as her spouse.

This publication is in possession of a copy of the business document signed by the two parties (Matsebula and Mdluli) in Nelspruit, where the pastor resides, confirming that they two work closely together.

## I AM BROKE - BONIFACE MDLULI TELLS JUDGE

from supermarket owner to living on handouts

By Linda Jele  
High Court

**BONIFACE Mdluli, the Managing Director of the now defunct Matsapha Saverite Supermarket is a shadow of his old self and now survives on handouts, he has disclosed.**

Mdluli, a former Matata Group Managing Director, has told High Court Judge Mbutfo Mamba that he does not have money and his business is close to E700 000 in the red.

He further disclosed that his personal bank account had a negative balance.

His business, he said, owed substantial amounts of money to different creditors and was currently being liquidated. He further said all his personal motor vehicles and household items were attached.

The business, Springville Investments, trading as Matsapha Saverite Supermarket was also sued by Southern Trading Company about E87 000 in respect of non-payment of goods and services supplied to his company.

Southern Trading Company was awarded a default judgment against Mdluli by virtue of him being the co-principal debtor and surety of the company.

However, Mdluli failed to pay and was yesterday summoned to the High Court to produce documents to reveal his financial position.

The intention was aimed at finding a way in which he would be made to settle the debt.

The default judgment had been granted in August 2015.

He appeared in person before Judge Mamba and lawyer Mxolisi Dlamini from Robinson Bertram Attorneys represented Southern Trading Company. Mdluli produced statements of his personal bank accounts and of three of his companies. All the accounts, he said, are held in three of the country's financial institutions.



**IN THE RED.** Matsapha Saverite Supermarket owner Boniface Mdluli chats with Robinson Bertram Lawyer Mxolisi Dlamini after appearing before the High Court yesterday. (Pic: Linda Jele)

Mdluli submitted that his personal bank account had a negative balance of E4 000 while one of his business bank accounts had a negative balance of E81.90. Another business account had a negative balance of E21 664.68 while the other had a negative balance of E668 428.20.

### Allowance

"I request the court to give me an allowance of three months to sort out the liquidation of the supermarket and will be able to come up with something. I now rely on handouts from my friends, relatives and church mates. The statements show that there is nothing in my bank accounts," he said.

He was questioned by Judge Mamba whether he had other assets and said he neither had a savings account nor livestock.

He said his motor vehicles were all attached. He also said he did not have any shares held anywhere and did not have any other source of income as he was currently unemployed.

Dlamini, during cross examination, said he had difficulty dealing with Mdluli because he had folded his arms ever since the judgment was granted against him last year.

### Debtor

He said Dlamini should have at least approached the judgment debtor with any amount so that the amount owed could be reduced.

"He can try and raise at least E500 from the handouts he gets from his friends and relatives," Dlamini submitted.

Judge wondered if that was possible judging from Mdluli's submissions that he did not expect to get any money from the sale of his company's assets because he owed a lot of other people and companies.

"He is deeply in the red. I will remove the matter from the roll and no order on repayments is made," Judge Mamba said.

He said, meanwhile, the parties would engage each other.

## ...Court issues order interdicting fired employee

**FIRED employee, Mbongiseni Gwebu, has been interdicted by the Mbabane Magistrate Courts from coming close to his former employer's premises or threatening her.**

This was after the late SwaziBank MD's wife Kholiwe had gone to court to seek a peace binding order against her employee, who is alleged to have been harassing her.

The peace binding order was issued yesterday informing him to keep peace with Matsebula (Applicant) and her family



**HERE:** The Mbabane Magistrate's Court where the matter was heard.

ly at all times, and should stop threatening or coming to the business.

### Threatening

"The respondent is also ordered to stop threatening or harassing the applicant and her family.

Respondent has to handover the list of all the business debtors and amounts owed to the business with immediate effect," reads the order. The respondent (Gwebu) was ordered to

pay back the applicant's monies to her with immediate effect and ordered to show cause why this order should not be made final on February 17, 2016.

# RSSC DANGLES E75M FOR EMPLOYEES TO RETIRE

## COVER STORY

Stories by Nomthandazo Nkambule Mbabane

IN a bid to cut unit cost, the Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC) is dangling a E75 million carrot to its employees so that they consider taking early retirement.

RSSC Managing Director Nick Jackson said the corporation launched a voluntary exit programme (VEP) at the beginning of this month, which was part of strategic initiatives aimed at reducing the unit cost by 20 percent by the year 2020.

He said the strategic initiative dubbed 'Simama 20-20' was RSSC's reaction to the sharp fall in sugar prices as a result of the liberation of European markets set to take place from October, 2017.

The MD said when such happens, RSSC would have to consider expansion so as to increase production capacity thus reducing the unit cost.

"The voluntary exit programme is open to every permanent employee and it's on a completely voluntary basis.

### Packages

"Enhanced packages are offered to employees wishing to exit the company," he said in a press release.

Meanwhile, the MD last week spent the whole day with employees at seven different venues so as to explain VEP.

Jackson said they had been talking about the exercise for sometime now and it has finally come.

He said 75 percent of RSSC's costs were fixed, adding that the variable 25 percent contained wages and salaries, which made up the majority of this amount.

"This is one of the areas we can adjust our costs," he said.

The MD clarified though that the exercise was not targeting the reduction of employees.

● RSSC Managing Director Nick Jackson said the Corporation launched a voluntary exit programme (VEP) at the beginning of February which was part of strategic initiatives aimed at reducing the unit cost by 20 percent by the year 2020

## ...Rain shortage threatens 11 000 ha of cane

IF the RSSC experiences no rain between now and March, about 11 000 hectares (ha) of the company's cane is threatened.

RSSC MD Nick Jackson said only rain would save the loss of the 11 000 ha of cane.

He said he was hopeful though that the rain would come.

The MD said if no rain is experienced, the business would be forced to engage in more robust cost-mitigation measures, which also included retrenchment.

"The situation will be less severe if it rains and the Mnjoli dam rise up to at least 50 percent full. We encourage employees to continue saving water," he said.

He was adamant that the corporation was only aiming at removing E75m from its wage bill.

"So it's not about employee numbers. Acceptance and approval of applications for exit is entirely at management's discretion," he said.

### Careful

However, Jackson said they were careful not to allow a situation whereby critical skills would exit the entity.

"We still have a business to operate and we need the experience and skills to be retained. For that reason, management will reserve the right to approve or reject applications," he said.

He said employees willing to exit RSSC must consider applying for the VEP until February 19 (next Friday).

The MD said employees would be furnished with information on how much each worker would be paid if they decided to apply and if their applications were successful.



NOT GOOD: RSSC MD Nick Jackson.

He said the open engagement allowed employees to ask questions.

Jackson said it would be important that employees consult widely and speak to their families before taking a decision.

### Target

"The company hopes that it will receive enough applications to meet the E75m target. But if not, RSSC is looking at engaging a second phase, which will be characterised by the announcement of new job structures. Exactly the same enhanced packages will be offered, but the exits will be less voluntary, with the application of Section 40 of the Industrial Act," he said.

He noted that employees and all stakeholders would be regularly informed about the state of the company's business.

Jackson said the VEP exercise was not related to the drought, whatsoever.

## MTN Mobile Money



## MTN mobile money limit increased to E25 000

By Eddie Abner Mbabane

MTN Swaziland has increased the Mobile Money limit from E4 000 to E25 000.

Although the product has not been launched, preparations were at an advanced stage for it to be introduced to members of the public.

Information gathered was that MTN was now waiting for an endorsement from the Central Bank of Swaziland.

Furthermore, the service has attracted the attention of cooperatives that are now using it as it was convenient to their members and the charges are much cheaper.

However, the Mobile Money operates the same way as the bank where you can only withdraw a maximum of E4 000 per day.

"Swazi MTN has successfully applied for an increase in Mobile Money wallet limit from E4 000 to E25 000 following requests from customers who needed to use this service more extensively in the comfort of their space, which is at home or work. We are grateful to the Central Bank



GOOD NEWS: MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Luphondvo.

of Swaziland which has approved the Mobile Money wallet limit.

"Mobile Money is celebrated for being secure and convenient.

"We are left with a few logistical issues to finalise, after which we will launch this development and comprehensively communicate with our customers. But we can out rightly disclose that this development means our customers can transact more from their wallet. It has to be noted that for now, the daily withdrawal limit is still E4 000," said MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Luphondvo.

## DEATH TOLL RISES TO FOUR

By Starsky Mkhonta Hlatikulu

THE driver of the kombi that capsized on Tuesday near Mtsambama Inkhundla has died, bringing the death toll to four.

The driver, Shadrack Thokozani Sangweni of Mbangweni, died whilst he was being transferred to Mbabane Government Hospital.

Sangweni was the owner of the kombi.

It is said the ambulance transferring him was around Ezulwini when he was discovered to have died.

It is believed the extent of Sangweni's injuries were severe. It is said that when it was discovered that the condition he was in

was so bad, it was then recommended that he should be transferred to Mbabane. Police Chief Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed that the death toll of the kombi accident victims rose from three to four after the driver succumbed to death while still undergoing treatment.

On the other hand, names of all four victims were revealed to this newspaper as Hlengiwe Mamba of Sibetsamoya near Hlatikulu, Tamsanxa Mamba of Mbosi and Musa Hlatshwako from Nkwalini (Malalandle) in Hlatikulu.

The bodies of the four were yesterday taken to a pathologist for a postmortem as per the procedure.

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# NDUNA, GELANE, THEMBA SHOW DOWN

... as trio fights over standing positions



Stories by Sabatha  
Dlamini  
Lobamba

AN intense public spat over standing positions ensued yesterday between Senate President Gelani Zwane, Speaker Themba Msibi and Clerk to Parliament Ndvuna Dlamini, with each of the presiding officers scrambling for a position that would keep them closer to the King.

This was during the last rehearsals for the State Opening of Parliament set for tomorrow. Deputy Chief Protocol Officer Khandlela Mdluli had to intervene to stop Zwane and Dlamini from almost tearing each other apart, literally.

Several government officials and an army battalion was treated to the open display of hatred amongst the officers at the Royal entrance to the House of Assembly Chamber, where His Majesty King Mswati III would address a joint sitting of members of the House of Assembly and



**CLASH OF THE TITANS:** Senate President Gelani Zwane, Speaker Themba Msibi and Clerk to Parliament Ndvuna Dlamini.

Senate.

The presiding officers were arguing over where Zwane and Msibi would stand as they await to welcome Their Majesties to the State Opening of Parliament.

Zwane insisted her right standing position was the one that would keep her at close proximity to Their Majesties.

Dlamini said such was not going to happen and while they were arguing and pointing fingers at each other, Mdluli intervened and gave directions on how they would have to stand.

Tomorrow would mark the State Opening of the Third Session of the 10th Parliament of Swaziland.

During the event, His Majesty would give a

State of the Nation Address from the Throne. The security and protocol officers watched helplessly while the factionalist tendency outplayed itself amongst the officers, revealing long standing suppressed hard feelings for each other. Eventually, Zwane had things her way as the event proceeded with her standing on the position she demanded.

The event was attended by Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini, heads of the country's security forces and several heads of government departments.

Meanwhile, the clerk to parliament said already invitation cards had been released informing the guests to attend the event tomorrow.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### Consultancy Services for Conducting an Initial Environmental Evaluation (IEE) and Preparation of an Environmental and Social Mitigation Plan (ESMP) for the Ezulwini Sustainable Water Supply Project

In line with its procurement plan, the Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) has allocated funds as appropriate and therefore seeks the services of a consultant to undertake Consultancy Services for Conducting an Initial Environmental Evaluation (IEE) and Preparation of an Environmental and Social Mitigation Plan (ESMP) for the Ezulwini Sustainable Water Supply Project. The scope of services will entail the following key activities:

- Undertaking an Initial Environmental Evaluation (IEE);
- Preparing an Environmental and Social Mitigation Plan (ESMP);
- Preparing a Chemicals Management Plan and Catchment Management Plan as an addendum to the ESMP.

The above outputs shall be prepared in line with the Swaziland Environment Authority and African Development Bank (AfDB) associated policies, guidelines and regulations.

Swaziland Water Services Corporation invites proposals from eligible consultants to provide the following consulting services (hereinafter called "Services"): Consultancy Services for Conducting an Initial Environmental Evaluation (IEE) and Preparation of an Environmental and Social Mitigation Plan (ESMP) for the Ezulwini Sustainable Water Supply Project.

A firm will be selected under the Quality and Cost Based Selections (QCBS) procedures and in a Full Technical Proposal (FTP) format as described in this RFP, and in accordance with the Swaziland Public Procurement Act 2011 details of which can be found at the following website: <http://www.sppra.co.sz/>

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## 'Don't bother to come to Parly if you have no card'

IN a press conference called by the presiding officers, Speaker Msibi advised that those without invitation cards should not bother to attend the ceremony.

His statement was reiterated by the Senate President Gelane Zwane. The two conducted a press briefing after the meeting of the government multi-sectoral committees that had been preparing for the event.

**Wished**

Msibi said they wished that everybody could be part of the event but because of the small size of the parliament building, it was impossible to have the whole nation together, hence they issued invitation cards to a selected few individuals.

Those who were not given the cards, he said it would be in their best interests not to bother



**LET'S BE CLEAR:** Speaker Themba Msibi has advised those with no invitation cards not to attend.

attending the event.

The invited guests, Msibi said, should arrive much earlier than Their Majesties as per the dictates of protocol.

The presiding officers appealed to those who would attend the event to conduct themselves in a manner that would befit

an event of that magnitude.

They said ushers would be there to guide the guests and that parking areas had been reserved for guests.

Ushers would guide the guests to the positions reserved for them. The government multi-sectoral committee meeting felt that this year, the stampede that was usually witnessed inside the marquee should be avoided at all costs.

Some businesspeople who usually parade themselves as diplomats and impose themselves on positions not reserved for them have been warned to desist from such practice.

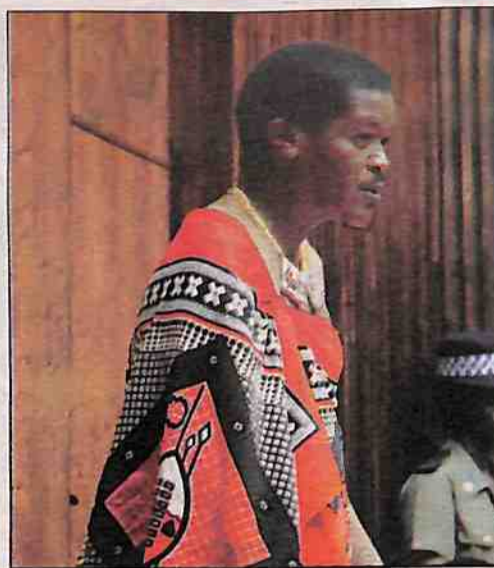
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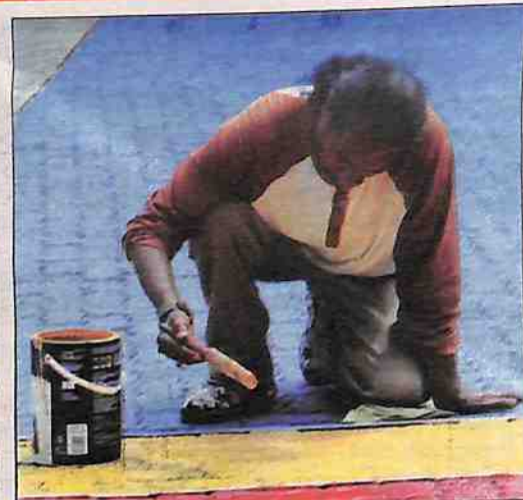
# Rehearsals for opening of parliament



**ALL SET:** Archie Motsa standing in as King during the singing of the national anthem. This was during the rehearsals for opening of parliament. The King will officially open the third session of the 10th parliament tomorrow. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**STANDING IN:** Archie Motsa simulating the King's address.



**COLOURING THE FLOORS:** This man of Asian origin was captured doing some touch-ups on the floor painting.

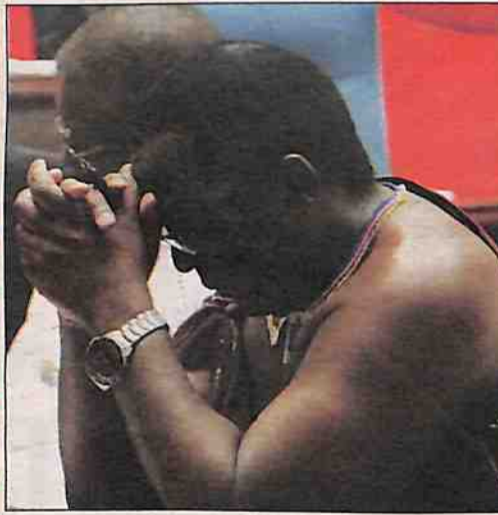
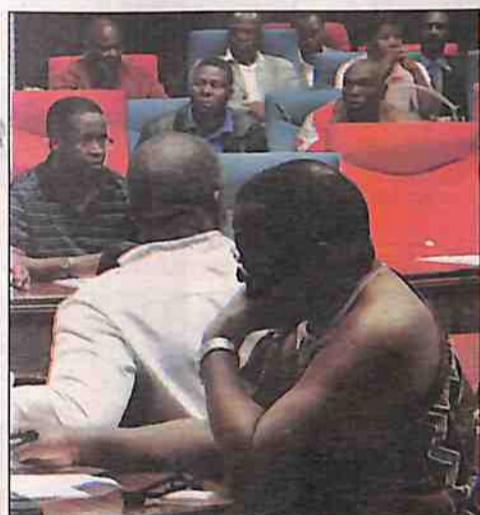


**GUARD OF HONOUR:** Archie simulating the inspection of the guard of honour.



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# CIVIL SERVANTS RESORT TO GO-SLOW STRIKE

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**PUBLIC sector unions have resolved to embark on a go-slow until government releases the LCC Capital salary review report.**

They believe that by doing so government will realise the urgency of the issue. This decision was taken by the public sector unions' leadership after a meeting with the Government Negotiation Team (GNT).

Last week, the meeting postponed by the GNT to yesterday. The unions that took this decision included the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT), Swaziland Nurses Association

(SNA), Swaziland National Association of Civil Servants (SNACS), Swaziland National Association of Government Accounting Personnel (SNAGAP) and National Public Services and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU).

## Meeting

NAPSAWU President Quinton Dlamini, addressing the protesters after the adjournment of the meeting with GNT which took close to four hours, said the meeting had been a total waste of time. "As civil servants you should be lamenting that you have no government in the country, this government is dead," he said.

Muzi Mhlana, SNAT General Secretary, also concurred with his



**TOGETHER: NAPSAPU President Quinton Dlamini joined by union leaders as he addressed civil servants after their meeting with government officials over the salary review report. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)**

colleague saying the GNT used a 'time buying technique' as nothing productive came out of the lengthy meeting. He said they were present-

ed with minutes from last year of a meeting that they as unions never attended.

He further said a lot of time was

spent on arguments over what they say were bogus minutes.

He said GNT told them that they could not continue with the meeting while the protesters were singing and toying outside as they could not concentrate which led to the suspension of the meeting.

Mhlana further said the GNT informed them that the salary review report was still at cabinet and was not ready to be issued to the unions as there were certain portions that needed to be removed.

"We have been told that the report also has information on the army force and they wanted to remove that portion before presenting it to us," he said.

This did not go down well with protesters as they said they were now even more convinced that the original LCC Capital salary review report was being 'doctored' by government.

## Unions to report police to ILO

**PUBLIC sector unions have vowed to report the Royal Swaziland Police to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) for defying two of the benchmarks that were set for Swaziland in the International Labour Conference in Geneva in June 2015.**

This was after the protesters noticed a plain clothed police officer video-taping the march.

The police officer who was identified as officer Thusi, who hails from Siteki, blended in with other

journalists taking videos of the whole procession of the marchers' arrival, marching to cabinet, delivering the petition at cabinet, toying back to the ministry of public service entrance until the address from the leadership.

While NAPSAPU President Quinton Dlamini was addressing the protesters, the officer of the law was noticed by some marchers who realised that he was a policeman not a journalist.

He was asked to stop video taping the proceedings but such pleas fell

on deaf ears. The protesters started charging towards him in a bid to caution him to refrain from shooting but he seemed more determined to carry on with his duties without fear as the raging crowd approached him.

## Rescue

Upon realising that the crowd was not backing down other policemen came from all directions to rescue him, creating a barrier around him so that the angry protesters did not come close to him.

The union's representatives tried to calm down the protesters and urged them to go back and maintain their positions so they could be

addressed and the protesters duly complied.

After calming down the crowd, an angry Mhlana said the unions were definitely going to report this act to ILO. "ILO will definitely hear about this, it is a good thing that some comrades took pictures, these pictures will surely go to ILO in Geneva," he said.

Upon hearing that the matter will be reported to ILO senior police officers, who were present immediately told the officer, who was shooting video the proceedings to stop at once and he duly obliged.

"Just last week, ILO was in the country checking if the benchmarks

set for government had been met, and the minister denied that any of these happened in the country.

Amongst the critical areas which dominated the discussions and also featured prominently in the recommendation of the conference are the amendments to certain legislative instruments which impair our rights as workers.

These laws are the Public Order Act which opposes the interference of police in lawful, peaceful and legitimate trade union activities and the Code of Good Practice for protest actions and strikes as well as other forms of industrial action," said Mhlana.

## Govt still committed to honour salary review

By Eddie Abner  
Mbabane

GOVERNMENT has assured civil servants that

they were still committed to concluding the salary review

for implementation as planned and agreed after following all the processes that the Government Negotiations Team (GNT) proposed to the Joint Negotiations Forum (JNF).

In a statement sent by Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Public Service Evert Madlopha, government noted that the Joint Negotiations Forum (JNF) meeting went well and all parties honoured were in attendance.

Madlopha stated that the GNT was, however, disturbed by the misleading announcement by the Public Sector Associations (PSA) to the effect that there shall be no report given on the on-going salary review, insinuations that the report is still being doctored and a call for industrial action.

## Propaganda

Pursuant to the Joint Negotiations Forum (JNF) meeting of the 10th February, 2016, all parties honoured the meeting and it proceeded well. "It is a very unfortunate eventuality that the PSA lead-

ership is venturing to that propaganda.

The true position of what transpired at the table on the salary review report is that the report is still work in progress, through the processes that were reported to the JNF, that a report, in line with the JNF practice on same, shall be shared with the PSA once the consultations with Cabinet are completed, that government is still committed to concluding the salary review for implementation as planned and agreed after following all the processes that GNT proposed to the JNF," he said.

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### Region Hhohho

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Any person who wishes to lodge an objection to the above-mentioned application may do so with the Secretary of the Liquor Licensing Board in writing, sending a copy to the applicant by registered mail to reach him/her at least ten days before the sitting of the Board.

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# LAWYER SLAPPED WITH E1.5M THEFT CHARGES

By Mbono Mdluli  
Magistrate's Court

**MBABANE Lawyer Stanley Bongani Mnisi (62) of Nkhamba, who has been accused of defrauding a company a sum of E1.5 million appeared before Mbabane Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi yesterday on charges of theft.**

Stanley Bongani Mnisi (62) of Nkhamba is accused of having unlawfully and intentionally stolen part of E1.5 million belonging to one company known as Mama Bhariyah (Pty) Ltd.

According to the charge sheet, Mnisi allegedly committed the offence on or

about October 15, 2015 to December 2, 2015. The incident is alleged to have happened at or near Mbabane in the Hhohho region. Mnisi was remanded back into custody until February 19, 2016.

He was, however, granted bail by the High Court yesterday.

## Agreement

On or about October 13, 2015 at Mbabane, Mama Bhariyah (Pty) Ltd, which was represented by Gulam Husein Begas, entered into a written agreement with another company known as Bambisana (Pty) Ltd, which was represented by Zacharias Hendrikus Prins. The agreement was of a sale of immovable property known as Lot No. 159 Nhlengano

Township, Shiselweni District. This is contained in a combined summons which is in possession of this newspaper.

In the agreement, it was stated that the purchase price of the property would be E1.5 million.

Mnisi, as a conveyancer, was nominated to attend to the registration of transfer of the immovable property into the name of the plaintiff. In pursuance of the sale agreement, the plaintiff paid the sum of E1.5 million into the trust account of the defendant.

The plaintiff further paid an amount of E110 443.84 in respect of transfer costs. Notwithstanding payment of the purchase price into his



**PRESIDING: Mbabane Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi.**

trust account, the defendant failed and/or neglected to pay to Standard Bank any amount at all despite numerous demands to do so.

As a result, the defendant's mandate as a conveyancer was terminated and the plaintiff demanded a refund of the sum of E1.5 million and the

transfer costs of E110 443.84.

On December 2, 2015, Mnisi is said to have refunded the plaintiff a sum of E442 000, leaving an outstanding balance of E1 058 000, which is said to be now due and payable.

Mnisi is said to have further

paid an amount of E88 000 to the Swaziland government in respect of transfer duty. Mnisi, according to the information in the summons, holds in his trust account, an amount of E22 443.84 being the balance of the transfer costs paid to him, which is said to be now due and payable.

In the premise, the defendant is said to be indebted to the plaintiff in the amount of E1 080 443.84, which is also said to be due and payable. Notwithstanding lawful demand, the defendant is said to be failing to pay the aforesaid balance to the plaintiff. The plaintiff is now claiming the above-mentioned sum from the defendant, with interest of nine percent.



**HERE: The High Court of Swaziland, where Mbabane top lawyer Stanley Mnisi was granted bail.**

## ...Lawyer granted E50 000 bail

By Linda Jele  
High Court

**MBABANE top lawyer Stanley Mnisi has been admitted to E50 000 bail by the High Court.**

However, he screamed double jeopardy in that he is being made to pay twice for the same alleged offence. He was on Tuesday arrested by the Police Fraud Unit on suspicion that he stole close to E1million from Mama Bhariyah (Pty) Ltd.

He allegedly received the money from Mama Bhariyah for the payment and transfer of a farm the company had bought from Bambisana (Pty) Ltd.

Mnisi, through his law firm SB Mnisi and Associates was supposed to transfer the money to a financial institution to settle an outstanding bond in respect of the portion of land and pay the balance to the seller.

However, he did not honour his part of the obligation despite that he was paid the

amount. He yesterday instructed lawyer Muzi Simelane of MP Simelane Attorneys to file a bail application before High Court Judge Titus Mlangeni.

Mnisi was arrested while there is a civil case of E1 million pending before the High Court on the same matter. He submitted, in his bail papers, that he had been in constant contact with the representatives of Mama Bhariyah with a view of settling the issue.

## Guilty

He further submitted that he would plead not guilty to the fraud charge because he had a strong defence. He said he had been cooperative with the police and engaged the company's representatives with a view to sort out the misunderstanding with mama Bhariyah.

"If I was guilty, I would have skipped at that time, but I waited so that I could clear my name and more importantly, settle the misunderstanding between me and the complainant," Mnisi said.

"I am surprised that the complainant has instituted a civil claim under no. 64/201 for the recovery of the amounts involved, that they have also found it prudent to now lay criminal charges. My attorney has been in constant contact with their attorney to reach a common understanding and deal with the bone of contention," he said.

He submitted that he would not abscond trial because he was an elderly person and claimed that he had never had any brushes with the law.

"Besides, I have arthritis, a severe heart condition and multiple scars arising from an accident I had a few years ago. Under severe conditions, these scars tend to ache," he added.

He was admitted to E50 000 bail, E10 000 of which was cash and the rest surety to the value of E40 000. He was ordered to report to the Mbabane Police Station and hand over his passport to the investigating officer.

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# Another woman wins appeal against Magistrate Ndlela

By Linda Jele  
High Court

**HIGH Court Judge Qinisile Mabuza has set aside another sentence handed down by Magistrate Sebenzile Ndlela for being harsh and shocking.**

The magistrate had sentenced one Martha Tsabedze to five years imprisonment for assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and did not give her the option of a fine. She had assaulted a female neighbour during a fight in September 2015 at Ekutsimuleni.

The complainant had attacked Tsabedze at her homestead and she fought back and overpowered her. She filed an appeal at the High Court and Judge Mabuza set it aside and replaced it with a fine of E1 000 or one year jail term if she failed to pay.

She wondered how the magistrate had reached the decision to sentence Tsabedze to so many years when there were a number of irregulari-

ties during the trial. The judge noted that Tsabedze had pleaded guilty to the charge and the complainant said she was hit by Tsabedze on the head with a broomstick and put her hands inside her eyes and bit her on the cheek.

The complainant was treated at Dvokolwako Health centre, stitched and later referred to the Mbabane Government Hospital.

Judge Mabuza asked why the magistrate concluded that Tsabedze had not shown remorse when she had in fact pleaded guilty to the charge and never wasted the court's time.

"In my view, the plea of guilty shows a great deal of remorse because by doing so the applicant did not waste the court's time in completing the trial. There was no medical evidence from Dvokolwako Health Centre nor from the Mbabane Government Hospital to corroborate the complainant's injuries," Mabuza said.

She also noted that the magistrate found that the complainant resorted to wearing eyeglasses as a result of the assault by Tsabedze, but no medical proof was submitted to confirm that.

She said the sentence was harsh and shocking and she even found it difficult to pass sentence because there was no medical report setting out the nature, extent and seriousness of the injuries on the complainant.

"There is no proof of treatment to enable me to ascertain how serious the injuries were. There is no medical proof why the complainant was referred to Mbabane and how long she remained in either facility," she said.

"The honourable magistrate has not set out any background or basis for the sentence of five years imprisonment that she meted out."

The judge further punched holes on the evidence that Tsabedze had inserted her hands inside the complainant's eyes and the charge sheet which states that she stuck her fingers inside the complainant's eyes.

"The learned magistrate failed to get a clear explanation as to what the complainant meant. For instance, how would a hand get inside an eye? It sounds like an exaggeration to me," she said.

She wondered what basis was Tsabedze charged for putting her fingers into the complainant's eyes if the complainant had testified that she had inserted hands.

"So many questions remain unanswered," Mabuza said.



**NOT SURE: His Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Mzuthini Ntshangase.**

**Slim chances for recruitment this year - Mzuthini**

By Sabatha Dlamini  
Mbabane

**HIS Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Mzuthini Ntshangase says there are very slim chances for recruitment of warders this year.**

Ntshangase said the continuous drought crisis was a huge challenge to the government and to further burden the state with national recruitments would be inappropriate.

He said they would monitor the staff enrolment with the view to consider recruiting only under very extreme cases, especially when they felt they could no longer cope with the current personnel.

The department last conducted recruitments late last year and those recruits are yet to officially pass out during a ceremony that is usually attended by their parents, friends and relatives. The government has been under attack for the continuous recruitment of members of the security forces.

This is viewed negatively by international bodies like the International Monetary Fund, which has on several occasions advised the country to reduce its wage bill. Currently, the country is spending a large portion of its gross domestic product paying salaries for civil servants, including members of the security forces.

Attempts by the government to reduce the number of civil servants through a voluntary retrenchment exercise failed after most of them felt the system was not favourable. Government tried to enhance the system but still it could not appeal much to the civil servants who are currently at loggerheads with their employer over salary reviews and increments. With the ongoing drought crisis, the government is expected to feed hunger victims throughout the country.

The exercise has already been started and most communities had been given food rations that are expected to last for at least two months. The hunger crisis is expected to become worse not only in the country but the whole southern African region. Some countries in the region are already searching for possible suppliers of maize and other grains. Zimbabwe has already declared the drought a national crisis in some parts of the country.

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#### Qualifications and Experience:

- MSc in Statistics or Applied Mathematics (specialization/focused in Statistics).
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#### Duties:

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#### Duties:

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- Department :** Registry  
**Position :** Web and Graphic Designer  
**Job reports :** Senior Assistant Registrar (Corporate Affairs)

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#### Qualifications and Experience :

- Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Design, Multi-Media, Web design or related field.
- 2 years' experience in a similar position will be an added advantage.
- Proficiency in Adobe Creative Suite, especially Photoshop and InDesign.

#### Attributes:

- Video editing and Photography skills.
- Strong understanding of UI, cross-browser compatibility, general web functions and standards.
- Knowledge of front-end technologies; HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript.
- Social media content creation and management experience will be an added advantage.
- Thorough understanding of web management/development tools and technology, specifically developing a site using a CMS (Drupal preferred).
- Innovative and creative skills;
- Should be able to work under minimum supervision; and
- High level of integrity.

**Purpose of the job:** The main responsibility of the job is creating and maintaining an up to date web site consistent with UNISWA's image using the latest design methods and tools.

#### Duties:

- Develop, edit, and create content for the University website(s), including editorial content and design elements (requires working with content management software).
- Maintain site information architecture, navigational structure, user interface, and visual design aesthetics.
- Lead the design process for University websites.
- Create original graphics for University websites.
- Manage and maintain the University's social media accounts.
- Provide training and guidance for web content contributors.
- Work with departments to ensure that online content is engaging, current, and interactive.
- Ensure that all documents and images meet established content standards.
- Collaborate with ICT Centre staff to integrate dynamic code into sites.
- Ensure that University websites continue to meet evolving web standards.

#### TERM OF APPOINTMENT:

Appointment will be on a two-year contract renewable subject to positive performance and mutual consent. Benefits include Gratuity, Recruitment and Retention Allowance; Housing/Housing Allowance and Medical Aid contribution among others.

- Department :** Registry  
**Position :** Administrative Assistant – Academic Office (Training Grade)  
**Reports to :** Director Academic

#### Qualifications:

- BSc in Computer Science or equivalent,
- Experience working in a University will be an added advantage.

#### Job description:

Under the supervision of the Director in the Academic Office, the Administrative Assistant will carry out the following;

#### Duties:

- Receive and code applications for admission,
- Verify entries of application data,
- Participate in the preparation for and registration of students,
- Validate student registration data,
- Participate in the preparation for, and administration of examinations,
- Verify students academic records before release, and respond to

- enquiries regarding verification of qualifications,
- Service Boards and their Sub-Committees as assigned by the Registrar.

#### Other attributes:

- Good interpersonal skills.
- Attention to detail and assertive

- Department :** REGISTRY  
**Position :** Administrative Assistant – HR Office (Training Grade)  
**Job Reports :** Assistant Registrar HR

#### Qualifications:

- First Degree with good numeracy skills
- Human Resource Knowledge and Legal background will be an added advantage
- Computer literacy
- Good numeracy skills

#### Job Description:

Under the supervision of the Assistant Registrar HR, the Administrative Assistant will carry out the following:

- Receive and respond to all application letters for advertised positions.
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- Any other duties as assigned by the Supervisor.

#### Other Attributes:

- Good interpersonal skills

#### TERM OF APPOINTMENT:

Permanent and Pensionable service after successful completion of two years on probation; Recruitment and Retention Allowance, Housing/Housing Allowance and Medical Aid contribution among others.

## UNIVERSITY LIBRARY POSITIONS

- Section :** Readers Services  
**Position :** Assistant Librarian  
**Reports to :** Head of Department – Readers Services

#### Qualifications and Experience:

- LLB degree plus a Masters Degree in Library and Information Studies.
- 3 years relevant experience working in an Academic or Research Library.
- Proficiency in the use of Library Information Management system.

#### Purpose of the Job:

Assistant Librarian is responsible for acquiring, organizing, managing and distributing library resources, and ensuring that Library services meet the needs of all its users.

#### Duties:

These include, but not limited to, the following:

- Provide reference services to staff and students;
- Assist in cataloguing and processing of Library resources;
- Participate in selection of Legal Information Resources;
- Teach Library Skills and School Librarianship; and
- Maintain patron data base.

#### Attributes:

- Approachable and have good interpersonal skills.
- Ability to establish and maintain working relationships with others.
- Should be able to work under minimum supervision.
- Good presentation and verbal communication skills.

- Section :** Cataloguing.  
**Position :** Assistant Librarian (Cataloguing)  
**Reports to :** Senior Assistant Librarian – Cataloguing

#### Qualifications and Experience:

- A first degree in any subject plus a Master's Degree in Library and Information Studies.
- 3 years relevant experience working in an Academic or Research Library
- Proficiency in the use of Library Information Management system for cataloguing and classifying Library Information Resources

#### Duties:

These include, but not limited to, the following:

- Online cataloguing and classification of Library Resources (both old and new) using MARC 12, AACRII, RDA, formats;
- Classifying information resources using DDC23;
- Assigning appropriate subject headings to all records using LCSH;
- Teaching Library skills and School Librarianship; and
- Providing reference services to users

#### Attributes:

- Approachable and have good interpersonal skills.
- Ability to establish and maintain working relationships with others.
- Should be able to work under minimum supervision.
- Good presentation and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to use and exploit emerging data management techniques that are in use in the digital age

#### TERMS OF APPOINTMENT:

Employment will be on a two (2) years contract which will attract Gratuity, Recruitment and Retention Allowance; Housing/Housing Allowance, Medical Aid contribution.

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Email: [recruitment@uniswa.sz](mailto:recruitment@uniswa.sz)  
Closing date: 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

# MBABANE CLUB SUED FOR UNFAIR DISMISSAL

● Nine former employees want E274 000 and also claim Club set up sham redundancy

By Linda Jele  
Industrial Court



**THE Mbabane Club is facing a court battle against nine former employees who want E274 000 compensation for unfair dismissal.**

It was alleged that the employees were dismissed by the Mbabane Club on September 30, 2013 citing redundancy. The employees alleged that they had been employed on different dates by the club until they were procedurally and unfairly dismissed.

The employees filed an application before the Industrial Court seeking an order to be reinstated or be compensated for the unfair termination of their employment.

They submitted varying amounts calculated according to the time they had spent in the club as employees. They are represented by Bhembe Nyoni attorneys in the matter and the Mbabane Club has not filed responding papers yet.

It is alleged that the club dismissed the employees under the guise that a new management would take over. The dismissed employees alleged that it was not the case because the business was still being operated by the

same members of the club.

"The only thing that changed is the faces of the club members. In other words, the members of the club that constituted management resigned or gave up their positions and a new set of management emerged from within members of the Mbabane Club," read the papers.

The employees alleged that proper redundancy procedures were not followed because the club never reported the purported redundancy to the department of labour as envisaged by the Employment Act of 1980. They claimed that the department of labour

became aware of the redundancies after it was approached by them.

One of the employees, Bheki Dlamini, in an affidavit, said, "The applicant alleges further that the consultations about the redundancy exercise were not properly conducted and were nothing but a sham. They were not meaningful consultations."

He also claimed that the termination of their services was unfair because the club immediately hired new staff to fill their positions soon after they were dismissed.

The matter is pending before the Industrial Court.

## THE CLAIMS:

Name of employee	Maximum compensation claimed
Bheki Dlamini	E23 406
William Zwane	E42 727.80
Dumisani Mbuyisa	E34 560
Patrick Malambe	E27 372
Vusi Malambe	E23 276.40
Enock Ngwenya	E24 196.20
Johannes Matsebula	E40 044
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### RE: PROPOSED WOODLANDS II DEVELOPMENT PORTION 1036 OF FARM 188, MBABANE

A public notice is hereby published in terms of section 52 of the Environmental Management Act, 2002. Swaziland National Housing Board has prepared an Environmental Impact Assessment report and formulated a Comprehensive Mitigation Plan for Woodlands Township Extension II on Portion 1036 of Farm 188 in Mbabane.

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 these reports are available in the following places:

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Interested and Affected parties are requested to submit comments and/or objections as per the Environmental Audit, Assessment and Review Regulations, 2000. Written submissions should be directed to the Director, Swaziland Environment Authority, P.O. Box 2602, Mbabane.  
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The deadline for submission of comments is 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

\*20 days from last week of publication of notice.



## Accused accepts sentencing despite disowning signature

By Mbono Mdluli  
Magistrates' Court

A man accused of drink-driving disputed a signature on a slip which had results supposedly of his breathalyser test.

However, for the sake of progress, Sammy Mayina (60) of Thembelihle, in Mbabane ended up taking ownership of the signature, saying it was best for him to do that. He was nabbed by police and was charged with three counts of violating the Road Traffic Act.

The first count was for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drug having narcotic effect and a breathalyser used to ascertain the alcohol content in his body read 2 milligramms per litre

(mg/l).

Mayina failed to adhere to a road sign when driving along Dobson Road at Eveni sports ground in Mbabane.

He was also charged with wrongfully and unlawfully driving an unroadworthy vehicle which had defective rear lights and brake lights. The man appeared before Mbabane Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi and chose to conduct his own defence.

Mayina pleaded guilty to all three charges. However, he disputed the signature on the breathalyser test results. This was after he was shown the signature on the slip where the details of his breathalyser test results were written. He said although he disputed the signature, he accepted the charges. Nhlabatsi tried to

explain to him that he was not forced to accept a signature that was not his because that would be unfair to him. He apologised to the court for what he did. He also mentioned that he was not aware that the rear and break lights of his car were faulty. On count one, he was fined E4 000 or spend two years in the correctional institution. On count two, he was sentenced to six months in the correctional institution or pay a fine of E800.

On the third count, he was sentenced to five months in the correctional institution, if he failed to pay a fine of E500. Counts one and two are to run concurrently. Mayina was also told that he had a right to appeal these sentences at the High Court. He was told that he had 14 days to do so.

## Mkhitsini couple arrested for murder

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

A couple has been arrested in connection with the death of a man who was found dead near Ned-so last month.

The corpse was found close to the road near Ned-so riddled with bullets.

Ned-so is an area not far from Mkhitsini. Members of the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) made a breakthrough in the matter when they arrested the two suspects. The two are yet to appear before court to answer for the murder charges.

The man and woman both aged 36 hail from Mkhitsini.

### Result

It is alleged that the death of the man was a result of a deal that went wrong. Mkhitsini is famous for its dagga plantations.



**CONFIRMS: Deputy Police Chief Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati**

It has not yet been established as to what exactly happened that led to the gruesome murder.

### Managed

A reliable source said police managed to track down the suspects after thorough investigations that lasted for over a month.

It is said the police visited

the couple's home and found that the husband was away as he often visits South Africa. They left a message to the woman to advise her partner to come to the police station. Last Friday, in the company of his lawyer, the man handed himself to the Hlatikulu police and was then taken to Nhlangano. The police then went to fetch his wife and also locked her up on Saturday. It is believed that after the deceased was gunned down, some of his items were taken, including a mobile phone which was later recovered.

### Arrest

Deputy Police Chief Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the couple's arrest, adding that they had been charged with murder.

## Hosea Primary teachers need new toilets

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

**HOSEA Primary teachers residing at the quarters have nowhere to relieve themselves other than in the open as the pit latrines are full.**

A reliable source said the situation was now very bad as the teachers' quarters was filthy and a health hazard with flies buzzing all over. "The teachers have been using the open area as a toilet as their pit latrines are full. Nothing is being done to sort this problem which also threatens their health," the source said.

There are claims that using these toilets could also be too risky as they are home to creatures such as rodents and snakes.

The administration of the school is aware of this predicament and advised the teachers to use the school's latrines whilst their toilets were sorted.

Some of the teachers said using the veld to answer to the call of nature has become dangerous for them as it (veld) was infested with snakes.

"In the interim, we use the pit latrine at school. However, there is so much inconvenience as even during the night, you have to walk a long distance from the



**NECESSITY: Hosea teachers in need of new toilets.**

house to the school. We need a permanent solution to this matter," one of the teachers said.

### Acknowledged

Meanwhile, Principal Daphney Xaba acknowledged that there was a problem teachers faced as regards the toilets in the quarters.

She said the arrangement was that the teachers should use the school's pit latrine while a lasting solution was being sought.

Xaba said it was not like the matter was not given the attention it deserved, but there were factors that were delaying progress.

"Yes, we have the problem of the toilets at the quarters, but it is an issue we are working on. The school coffers are dry and if it was not for that, the issue should

have long been addressed. We don't have money to carry out some of the projects but we are not just folding our arms in finding how we can address the issue of the toilets at the quarters.

### Consideration

It should be taken into consideration that our school was also among those affected by the hailstorm last year and presently and we have been working on that project, which I think has also contributed to the delay of addressing the issue of the toilets at the quarters," said Xaba.

Meanwhile, local Member of Parliament Thulani Masuku said he was not aware of the matter. He said he would visit the school so as to find out how the Inkhundla could assist.

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# WARRANT OF ARREST FOR MOZAMBIKAN ACCUSED

Stories by Wonderboy  
Dlamini  
Siteki

A warrant of arrest has been issued for a Mozambican man who is facing three counts of contravening the theft of motor vehicle act.

Martinho Joao (55) was arrested last August after he allegedly stole a motor vehicle from South Africa. He was nabbed at Mhlumeni Border Gate while attempting to smuggle the motor vehicle into his native country. On the first count, Joao is charged with theft, in that he wrongfully and unlawfully stole a motor vehicle, a 1400 Nissan valued at

E50 000 in South Africa.

The theft of a motor vehicle being a continuous offence, the accused is said to have driven, posses or convey the vehicle to Mhlumeni Border Gate. At the time of his arrest, the owner of the vehicle was not known to the crown prosecutor. On the second count, Joao is charged with tempering with the chassis number of the motor vehicle as a means to conceal or disguise its identification. He is further charged for being found in possession of a motor vehicle bearing false registration documents. Joao was admitted to E5 000 bail after he successfully applied for it through his attorney.

According to the charge sheet, he was supposed to appear before court on November 16, 2015 for setting of his trial, but he failed to do so. His attorney submitted before the court that he was reportedly admitted in hospital in his home country for an illness. The matter was then postponed, however, the accused did not show up at the court. His attorney told the court that he has not heard anything from him or his family since last year. The crown which was represented by Crown Counsel Patrick Mkhathshwa then successfully filed an application to have a warrant of arrest issued against the accused person.

## Two women drivers charged with culpable homicide

TWO female drivers who ran over a pedestrian along the Siteki-Lonhlopheko public road have been charged with culpable homicide.

The two women, Lindiwe Mndawe (46) and Thandiwe Vilakati (50) appeared before Principal Magistrate Dumsani Magagula.

The accused were driving

separate motor vehicles when they accidentally ran over a pedestrian who was crossing the road at Maphatsindvuku.

According to the charge sheet, the first accused being the driver of an Isuzu LDV and the second accused a driver of a Toyota Vitz, wrongfully and negligently drove their motor vehicles and ran

over one Dumsile Magagula (49), killing her instantly. Particulars of the offence included that the accused persons drove at an excessive speed and without considering other road users. The second accused is also said to have failed to keep a reasonable following distance between her motor vehicle.

## Two baby mamas fight at Mpolonjeni

Stories by Sizwe Dlamini  
Mbabane

A woman from Mpolonjeni has been found guilty of assaulting her love rival.

Thandeka Dube (24) was found guilty of assaulting Nothando Maziya (25) after finding the latter in her boyfriend's house.

Both ladies have a child each with Sandile Zwane the boyfriend in question.

The incident happened at Mpolonjeni.

Maziya told the Swazi National Court that she was called by her baby's father to his house to give her money for their child.

"When I got to the house I



**STRESSFUL: Multiple partners.**

was greeted by Zwane, who informed me that the other baby's mother was at her parental home in Nhlengano. I spent the evening in the bedroom and to my shock

Dube was heard knocking on the front door. Zwane attended the door and an angry Dube walked into the house shouting and claiming that a neighbour had told her that Maziya was in the house," she said.

She said she (Maziya) came out of the bedroom and Dube pounced on her. She started assaulting her first with slaps on the face and later used a wooden feather duster.

Zwane came to Maziya's rescue and she called the police. Maziya produced a doctor's report in court which confirmed the attack.

Dube was then sentenced to 10 months in a correctional facility or a fine of E700.

## Man answers call of nature close to Sidwashini River

A 40-year-old man was caught with his pants down answering the call of nature next to the Sidwashini River.

The incident happened at the Sidwashini car wash.

Ndumiso Dlamini (40) from Mpolonjeni was found by Sifiso Mavuso (29) using the river at Sidwashini as a toilet.

Dlamini being older, he assaulted Mavuso.

"I caught Dlamini with his pants down as I was on my way to the river to fetch water to rinse a customer's car. I was shocked, I then inquired from Dlamini why he was answering the call of nature very close to the river. He stood up after rinsing his back side inside the river water and said the river was free for usage to anybody," Mavuso said in the Swazi National Court.



A fight then broke out between Mavuso and Dlamini, only to be aided by Mavuso's co-workers who ran to the river after hearing all the commotion.

Mavuso then reported the incident to the police who arrested Dlamini.

He was charged with assault. The court asked for proof of the incident

but Dlamini could not produce it stating that the evidence was washed away by the river.

The case was later withdrawn by Mavuso and all charges against Dlamini were dropped.

Dlamini was advised against answering the call of nature in any river in the country and was fined E100.

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# KOMBI DRIVERS, CONDUCTORS OVERCHARGE COMMUTERS

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**PUBLIC** transport operators like kombi drivers and conductors have developed a bad attitude of overcharging consumers who use their services to get to their points of destination.

Such operators who do this are the ones servicing the MR19 route, which is between Mbabane and places like Mantabeni and Mhlambanyatsi.

They are targeting people who travel shorter distances of about 10 or 11 kilometres.

People travelling such distances are supposed to pay a fee of E6 or E7.20 but under duress, they part with E10.

These are people who go to places like Tonkwane, Luphalwane and Sigulaneni.

Operators said they charged the inflated fee as they just could not deal with passengers who pay small fees as they (operators) have to endure paying large amounts of money for commodities like petrol.

The operators also argue that commuters to these destinations had their own kombi that serviced them.

They claim that their kombis are not meant for such people and they do them a favour by ferrying them to their places of destination.

What is puzzling about this situation is that when an announcement for bus fare hikes was announced a few months ago, stickers were placed on the win-

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**DAYLIGHT ROBBERY:** Kombi drivers and conductors have been accused of overcharging commuters.

dows of these kombis.

Sigulaneni was one of the places that was listed.

A few weeks ago, the same group of conductors and drivers assaulted one of the commuters, who stays at Siphocosini, KaNyama, whose bus stop is Sigulaneni.

The gentleman, who cannot be mentioned, boarded one of the kombis and the operators made it clear to him that they wanted nothing to do with him as he did not want to pay the E10 they demanded to people of his destination.

They chucked him out of the kombi, which is trading as Mnqobi Transport.

He went to the police station to report the matter and he was advised to pay the E10 operators

wanted and ask for a ticket from them as proof.

He went back to board another kombi.

When inside the kombi, one of the operators approached him, wanting to know how much he was willing to pay. The commuter mentioned that he would pay the E10 provided he would be given a ticket.

The operator told him that he did not want his money so he should get out of the kombi. However, the kombi was not identified.

He then went to the office Road Transportation Board (RTB) the following day that is situated at the Mbabane Bus Rank.

The officers there told him that it was against the law for the operators to charge E10.

They apologised to the commuters and said anyone who had a similar problem should report the matter to them.

They said a complainant should come to them with the culprit's number plate for ease of dealing with the problem.

When reached for comment, Swaziland Local Transport Association Chairman Mandla Dlamini said such victims should contact the Swaziland Local Kombi Association offices at 2505 7796. He said the offices would then address the matter accordingly. He did not get into details on how they would address it. This publication called the office for clarification on that, but no one picked the phone at the office. The call was made at about 4.50 pm.

## Bus driver busted for driving without licence

A bus driver who services the route between Mbabane and Mahwalala was arrested for forgetting his driver's licence at home.

Musa Msibi (36) of Nkwadini in Mbabane was charged with two counts of contravening the Road Traffic Act of 2007.

He appeared before Mbabane Magistrate Philisiwe Simelane.

On the first count, he was charged with violating the Road Traffic Act in that near the bus rank, he unlawfully, wrongfully and inconsiderately drove a motor vehicle which sideswiped with a stationary car parked by Mfanimpela Mkhathshwa (37) of Mahwalala.

A side mirror of the stationary vehicle was damaged by Msibi's act.

He was accused of failing to judge a clearance distance between his bus and the vehicle with which his bus sideswiped to.

He failed to control brakes timeously thus caused the accident.

On the second count, Msibi was found guilty of driving the same motor vehicle without a licence thus contravening another section of the Road Traffic Act.

Msibi's rights were explained to him and he said he would conduct his own defence.

He pleaded guilty to both counts.

Msibi pleaded for leniency.

### Apologise

"I undertake to buy the mirror of the quantum and I apologise for not carrying my driver's license as I forgot it that day. I am employed as a driver of the bus," Msibi said.

He was sentenced to a period of five months in a correctional institution if he failed to pay a fine of E500.

The sentence applies to each of the two counts for which he was charged.

## Student charged for reckless driving goes free

A student in one of the country's tertiary institutions has been charged by the police for colliding with a government car driven by a man of Ngonini OSSU. Lindelwa Nhlabatsi (24) of Mobei Kuyehlela Flats was charged for contravening the Road Traffic Act, in that she wrongfully, unlawfully and inconsiderately collided with an Isuzu LDV registered GSD 047 CT.

Nhlabatsi was driving a Nissan March near Supply Centre in Mbabane in the Hhohho region, along Makhosikhosi Road.

The Isuzu which Nhlabatsi is alleged to have collided with was driven by Duma Dlamini (42) of Ngonini OSSU.

She was accused of having failed to consider other road users when driving as, she failed to apply brakes timeously thus the cars collided.

Nhlabatsi conducted her own defence and pleaded guilty to the charge.

She further asked for leniency from the court.

### Unemployed

"I am a student who is yet unemployed and depend on my parents for everything. I was driving my mother's car," Nhlabatsi said. Magistrate Simelane wanted to know what disturbed her.

### Speed

In response, Nhlabatsi said she could not ascertain the speed of the car that was oncoming thus the collision happened. Simelane noted that it was also the responsibility of the Isuzu driver to limit the speed of his car upon seeing that the March was already on the road. The magistrate cautioned Nhlabatsi and discharged her.

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# HEAVY SENTENCING FOR TRAFFIC OFFENDER

By Mbono Mdluli  
Magistrates' Court

A man from Ngwenya, in the Hhohho region landed in trouble for driving an unroadworthy car under the influence of alcohol and was ordered to pay a fine of E4 000.

Sibusiso Dlamini (40) appeared before Magistrate Philisiwe Simelane, where he was charged with three counts; one for contravening the Road Traffic Act, as he drove a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or drug having narcotic effect. He was driving a BMW sedan at or near Ngwenya. Dlamini was also charged for fail-

ing to comply with police instruction given to him by an officer identified as 5775 Constable M. Xaba wherein he failed to stop while ordered to do so by a clear hand signal.

He was also charged for driving an unroadworthy car which had smooth tyres and a cracked wind-screen.

Dlamini was found guilty on all charges. He apologised and pleaded for leniency from the court.

"I am self employed and have three children to take care of. I know that the legal limit is 0.38 mg/l and the

police showed me that my reading was 1.54 mg/l," Dlamini said. He was sentenced to 12 months in prison with a fine option of E3 000 on the first count. On the second count, he was sentenced to a period of five months and a fine option of

E500. On the third count, he was also sentenced to five months with a fine option of E500.



## Fined for disrespecting old man

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Mbabane

A 32-year-old man from Emvakwelitje was charged with assaulting an 80-year-old old man.

Michael Tesler was brought before the Swazi National Court to answer on charges for assaulting Dickerson Maseko (80) at Mvakwelitje.

Maseko said he was overseeing the digging of a wall fence outside a car wash, when Tesler approached him and asked who had instructed him to dig.

The old man told Tesler to mind his own business and then he (Tesler) punched him twice in the face.

Tesler told the court that he never punched Maseko adding that he would never punch a man as old as his grandfather.

The accused said he had 13 witnesses who could confirm that it was actually Maseko, who punched him but decided not to report the incident to the police.

The court could not find Tesler guilty of assault instead he was found guilty of disturbing peace and sentenced him to two months in a correctional facility or pay a fine of E300 fine.

## Man orders 14-year-old son to assault wife

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Mbabane

A disabled man from Nkhaba tied up his wife and then ordered his 14-year-old stepson to beat her.

In a very sad case of domestic violence, amputee Vincent Gama (34) was arrested for assaulting his wife Gugu Shongwe (22) after she asked for money to visit her sick mother.

The incident happened in Nkhaba at a Gama household.

Shongwe told the Swazi National Court that after she had asked to visit her ailing mother, her husband went outside with her 14-year-old stepson, where they argued. Upon enquiring about the noise, her husband hit her on the back of the head with his crutch and she fell.

He then proceeded to tie her with a rope while sitting on top of her.

Shongwe alleged that she heard her

husband order her stepson to assault her with a wooden pole.

"The poor child first hesitated. He lied to him by saying I was demon possessed, the boy proceeded to beat me. He beat me all over my legs as his father cheered him on. I was helped by the arrival of neighbours. Upon seeing them, my husband got off me and walked away with his son, leaving me on the ground," she said.

The neighbours took Shongwe to Nkaba Clinic, whereupon the police were informed and Gama was arrested.

He was informed by the court that he was not a first time offender.

In mitigation, Gama claimed his wife was not going to visit her mother but a boyfriend.

Due to the severity of Shongwe's injuries, the court ordered that the case be postponed to February 15, to allow Shongwe time to recuperate so she could stand and provide evidence.

## Vendor assaulted for reporting smokers at bus rank

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Mbabane

A female vendor from Msunduzi was assaulted for reporting a fellow vendor at the bus rank for smoking in public.

Gugu Simelane (32) was assaulted by two Mozambican vendors for allegedly reporting them for smoking in public while selling their wares.

The incident happened at the Mbabane Bus Rank.

Simelane told the Swazi National Court that at the entrance of the public toilet stationed at the bus rank, she was approached by Emanuel Mbambe (30) and Abbot Manyisa (34).

The two asked her as to why she reported them for smoking.

She said Mbambe then slapped her twice on the face demanding money to buy another cigarette.

"He told me that he did not finish smoking his cigarette earlier. He said this was because security guards

pounced on him telling him throw it away," said Simelane.

Simelane said Manyisa held her hands back so that she could not defend herself and was helped by another vendor Noma Nxumalo, who pulled her away from her attackers.

Simelane then went to the police station to report the incident.

The court found both men guilty of assault and sentenced them to six months imprisonment or a fine of E400 each.



COME ONE COME ALL: Bishop Bhekibandla Vilakati of the Red Gown Sect.

## Bishop Bhekibandla's sea cleansing before month end

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlanguano

BISHOP Bhekibandla Vilakati of the Red Gown Sect has invited worshippers and the public alike to a cleansing ceremony to be held at Richards Bay before the end of the month.

Bishop Bhekibandla and his brother Khanyakwezwe are known leaders of two factions of the red gown sect.

The church's founder was their late father Melika Vilakati.

Each year, followers of Bishop Bhekibandla travel to Richards Bay in South Africa for the cleansing ceremony while Bishop Khanyakwezwe's hold theirs at Manganganeni at Gege.

In an interview with the newspaper, Bishop Bhekibandla said it would be the eleventh time that they hold the cleansing ceremony in the sea.

He said the ceremony was meant to fulfill his father's prophecy. Bishop Bhekibandla said preparations for this year's

trip were already at an advanced stage. The Bishop said every year, the number had improved and was optimistic that even this year, the figure would increase compared to the previous years. Bishop Vilakati said he anticipated a crowd of not less than 35 000 to participate in this year's cleansing. The Bishop said the cleansing was meant to help those wishing for many things including casting out of jinx and bad luck.

Not just Swazis assemble at Richards Bay but different nations from across Africa participate in the cleansing.

Transport would leave in the morning from Mankayane and the other pick point will be Matsapha proceeding straight to pass through Lavumisa Border Gate.

"At least six to 10 buses will be enough to transport the Christians from Swaziland to Richards Bay. We will announce other details as time progresses," said Bishop Bhekibandla. It would only cost E250 to travel to Richards Bay.

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RE: PROPOSED PEAK VIEW FUEL PLAZA DEVELOPMENT AT ELANGENI

A public notice is hereby published in terms of section 52 of the Environmental Management Act, 2002. Peak View Investments (Pty) Ltd. has prepared an Environmental Impact Assessment report and formulated a Comprehensive Mitigation Plan for the establishment of Peak View Fuel Plaza at Elangeni.

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# No travel restrictions to Zika infected countries - WHO

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

PEOPLE are still free to travel to countries anywhere in the world as the World Health Organisation (WHO) has not yet recommended travel or trade restrictions related to the Zika virus disease.

WHO Representative to Swaziland Dr Tigest Ketsela Mengestu said pregnant women living in or considering travel to affected areas may wish to consult with health authorities when travelling.

They would also consult with their health care providers for close monitoring of the pregnancy if they feel they might have been exposed to Zika virus.

WHO, on the other hand, has recommended that airlines disinfect planes flying into or out of areas where Zika virus is circulating as disease vectors, particularly mosquitoes, have long been imported into countries on aircraft and transmitted disease.

Dr Ketsela Mengestu said WHO offices, headquarters, regional and country offices, were currently responding to the outbreak by helping affected countries.



## World Health Organization

This would intensify surveillance activities, implementing vector control measures, enhancing laboratory confirmation procedures, improving case management, and educating the public about the risks associated with Zika virus and encouraging them to take precaution against mosquito bites, and further monitoring pregnant women for detection of microcephaly and neurological complications.

The WHO representative said the entity had activated its new incident management system, which was established under the organisation's emergency reform programme.

The organisation is also using its

new Contingency Fund to help finance the response in the 22 countries that have already reported the disease (21 in the Americas and one in Africa - Cape Verde).

"WHO's regional office for the Americas (PAHO) has been working closely with affected countries since May 2015, when the first reports of Zika virus disease emerged from north eastern Brazil. PAHO has mobilised WHO's Global Outbreak and Response Network to help ministries of health strengthen their abilities to detect the virus through laboratory testing and rapid reporting.

The aim is to ensure accurate diagnosis and treatment, to track the spread of the virus and mosquito that carries it, as well as to promote prevention, especially by reducing the Aedes mosquito populations," Dr KetselaMengestu elaborated.

On Monday, Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane announced the country's preparedness plan for the disease. She said a task team led by Director of Health Services Dr Vusi Magagula had been set up to respond to any matter relating to the disease. She said the country would further train health workers and further develop a tool for assessing the readiness of the health workers.

## WHO investigating link of Zika virus with pregnancy

HEALTH authorities are currently investigating a potential link between Zika virus in pregnant women and microcephaly in their babies.

Until more is known, women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant should take extra care to protect themselves from mosquito bites.

Because no large outbreaks of Zika virus were recorded before 2007, little is currently known about the complications of the disease. During the first outbreak of Zika from 2013-2014 in French Polynesia, which also coincided with an ongoing outbreak of dengue, national health authorities reported an unusual increase in Guillain-Barré syndrome.

Guillain-Barré syndrome is a condition in which the body's immune system attacks part of the nervous system. It can be caused by a number of viruses and can affect people of any age. The main symptoms include muscular weakness and tingling in the arms and legs.

Retrospective investigations into this effect are ongoing, including the potential role of Zika virus and other possible factors. A similar observation of increased Guillain-Barré syndrome was also made in 2015 in the context of the first Zika virus

outbreak in Brazil.

In 2015, local health authorities in Brazil also observed an increase in babies born with microcephaly at the same time of an outbreak of Zika virus. Health authorities and agencies are now investigating the potential connection between microcephaly and Zika virus, in addition to other possible causes. However more investigation and research are needed before we will be able to better understand any possible link.

### KEY FACTS ABOUT ZIKA VIRUS

■ Zika virus disease is caused by a virus transmitted by Aedes mosquitoes.

■ People with Zika virus disease usually have a mild fever, skin rash (exanthema) and conjunctivitis. These symptoms normally last for two-seven days.

■ There is no specific treatment or vaccine currently available.

■ No travel or trade restriction is recommended due to Zika Virus.

■ The best form of prevention is protection against mosquito bites.

■ The virus is known to circulate in Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific.



## Matsanjeni ravaged by drought

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Matsanjeni

"NOT a single drop of rain have we experienced since the beginning of summer, we have since given up."

Though some areas around the country experienced few rains, it was a different story at Matsanjeni and the community now feels it is cursed.

Matsanjeni (South) Member of Parliament (MP) Sikiza Mhlungu said theirs was not different like those living in deserts.

He said it was disheartening that some places received rains but not Matsanjeni. "We feel we are cursed. There are neighbouring communities which have enjoyed good rains and their situation is far better than ours," said the MP.

### Residents

The MP said the residents were now feeling the wrath of the drought as others attempted to plough were regretting doing so.

"There are those that took chances with the hope that there would be enough rain to sustain their crops.

They spent money buying farm inputs, now all has gone to waste and there is no way they are going to recover the money spent. They decry the fact that also livestock has not been spared by the drought," said the MP.

The MP said as a constituency, they would rely on handouts adding that they were also faced by water shortages.

"Rivers and streams as well as dams have all dried up," he said.

The MP said as a constituency, they were



**DROUGHT: Matsanjeni (South) Member of Parliament Sikiza Mhlungu.**

thankful to government for its efforts of trying to help bail them out of the situation.

He said 'Mshamndane', no doubt was to be the way to go as almost every homestead was not just experiencing food shortage but there is just nothing to eat.

"There were food parcels distributed just towards Christmas and that helped the people in a way," he said.

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1768 - Samuel Adams letter, circulates around American colonies, opposing Townshend Act taxes.

1814 - Norway's independence proclaimed.

1858 - First vision of the Virgin Mary to 14-year-old Bernadette of Lourdes, France.

1861 - President-elect Lincoln takes train from Springfield IL to Washington, D.C.

1861 - US House unanimously passes resolution guaranteeing noninterference with slavery in any state.

1895 - Georgetown became part of Washington, D.C.

1903 - US Congress adopts the Expedition Act, which authorizes the Attorney General to 'expedite' anti-trust cases through the courts, reflecting growing popular support for President Roosevelt's 'trust busting' campaign.

1918 - US President Wilson makes another speech before Congress and announces 'the Four Principles' - freedom of navigation, and end to secret diplomacy, and similar items - that supplement his Fourteen Points

1929 - Vatican City (world's smallest country) made an enclave of Rome.

1943 - US General Eisenhower selected to command the allied armies in Europe; British General Montgomery not best pleased.

1948 - John Costello follows Eamon Da Valera as premier of Ireland.

1951 - Kwame Nkrumah wins 1st parliamentary election on Gold coast (Ghana).

1953 - President Eisenhower refuses clemency appeal for Rosenberg couple.

1956 - British diplomats Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean deny working as spies for Soviet Russia after reappearing in the Soviet Union after going missing 5 years earlier.

1964 - Taiwan drops diplomatic relations with France.

1968 - Israeli-Jordan border fight.

1974 - Henry Kissinger unveils Nixon Administration's seven-point "Project Independence" plan to make the U.S. energy independent.

1974 - Libya nationalises three US oil companies that had not agreed to 51 percent nationalisation in September.

1975 - Margaret Thatcher defeats Edward Heath for leadership of the British Conservative Party.

1979 - Iran's premier Bakhtiar resigns, Ayatollah Khomeini seizes power.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



1964 - Sarah Palin, American politician



1981 - Kelly Rowland, American singer

## MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELO MAHLALELA

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**RECENTLY, Dudu Mazibuko, Mayor of Uthukela District in the Eastern KwaZulu-Natal Province, announced that 113 students within the Uthukela Municipality would receive college scholarships and 16 of those were earmarked for sexually inactive students as part of a programme called the Maiden's Bursary Awards.**

She is reported to have said those who receive the Maiden's Bursary Awards would have to provide proof from regular virginity tests in order to keep their funding. The grants will be renewed as long as the girl can produce a certificate that she is still a virgin.

It was said that the bursary is a way to encourage girls to keep themselves pure and inactive from sexual activity and focus on their studies.

However, since the announcement, many activists and rights groups have crucified Mazibuko and condemned the initiative. Idumeleng Muloko, a representative for the People Opposing Women Abuse in South Africa, is reported to have said that the conditions of the scholarship were "a violation of the rights and dignity of the girl child." She further said virginity testing would never stop the spread of HIV and AIDS.

Those who condemn Mazibuko have even said that the conditions of the bursary border on discrimination on the basis of pregnancy, virginity and even against boys. However, true that may be, South Africa still has one of the highest numbers of people living with HIV in the world, with KwaZulu-Natal being one of the worst affected provinces.

The department of basic education is reported to have recorded about 20 000 pregnancies among girls and young women in schools in 2014. Could this not be what the mayor was trying to respond to with the Maiden's Bursary Award - as ill-fated as it now seems? In last week's article, Multi-Sectoral Response addressed the issue of structural responses that attempt to deal with deep-rooted socio-economic issues such as poverty, gender inequality or social marginalisation and are much more difficult to implement than other HIV response interventions.

## THE CONCERNING ISSUE OF TEEN PREGNANCY IN HIV RESPONSE

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## Adolescent pregnancy in Swaziland

ADOLESCENCE is the development phase in the human life cycle, situated between childhood and adulthood, and is characterised by rapid physical growth and development, with notable emotional and societal changes.

Adolescent pregnancy brings change to the lives of young girls and in most instances, negative societal consequences such as dropping out of school, hence interrupts education. It also contributes to many health problems as girls enter into motherhood before they are physically and psychologically ready. Society is negatively affected as socio-economic factors such as poverty and unemployment are interrelated with adolescent pregnancies.

The 2012 Annual Education Census (AEC) reported a shocking 338 primary school children as having dropped out of school due to pregnancy, with the highest number of female dropouts in Grade 7, where 71 pupils had left school, followed closely by those in Grade 6 with 61 not able to continue with their education.

The report clearly suggests that the pupils may have already begun having unprotected sex by the sixth grade, lending credence to the 2010 Multiple Indicator Cluster index (MICS), which found that about 3.8 % of young girls started engaging in sex before their 15th birthday (compared to 2.6 % for boys).

## Birth

Further, the MICS states that with regard to adolescent pregnancy, about 22% of women aged 20-24 years of age, reported having had their first live birth before their 18th birthday. Given the HIV incidence rate of 3.84 among girls aged 18-19, the state of affairs paints a gloomy picture for the country. The high pregnancy rates do not only have a bearing on HIV infections but also brings into play, unsafe (illegal) abortions, further escalating sexual and reproductive health problems.

The truth is that some of the girls that dropped out may have been sexually violated as statistics show that 1 in 3 girls have experienced some form of sexual

violence by age 18. The 2014 National Surveillance Report revealed that 26% of sexual violence among girls happens in the open fields, which includes distance covered by the girl child on the way to school. The bad scenario is made worse by the fact that adolescent pregnancy remains pretty high, with the ministry of health reporting that 17% of all deliveries in 2014 were by adolescents.

As evidence shows that adolescent girls engage in sexual relationships, there is clearly a need to help them exercise their right to health, including accessing safe, effective, affordable and acceptable sexual and reproductive health services, especially those relating to pregnancy, HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STI) prevention, testing and treatment. Importantly, however, adolescent girls need to be allowed to grow up in an environment where they can be the best they can be, by being encouraged to abstain from early sexual debut and teenage pregnancy, while keeping them in school.



## ...THE COUNTRY'S RESPONSE

**SCHOOL dropouts, especially those due to pregnancy are a concerning issue for the HIV response.**

As a result, the National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS (NERCHA) has started work with the Department for International Development (DfID) through an exchange programme (whose focus is on evidence to policy) to estimate the economic impact of school dropouts in the country. NERCHA and the World Bank are also conducting a conditional cash transfer (CCT) study in Swaziland. The CCT study will provide evidence on the use of incentives for prevention in young girls and assess the link between school attendance and exposure to HIV risk. The cash transfers will be conditional upon school

attendance. Knowing the economic burden of school dropouts will help inform policy making in general and complement the CCT study. The conditional cash transfers will also help address the problem of adolescent girls' reproductive health needs, such as sanitary pads.

## Support

The government and its development partners, including UNICEF and UNDP continue to provide support to ensure that a strong protective environment for children and young women is improved.

In the last couple of years, the legislative and policy systems to protect children from violence, abuse and exploitation and their enforcement have been improved. The Child Protection and Child Welfare

Typically, the Maiden's Bursary Award, whether intentionally set-out or not, is a structural intervention whose focus is

on changing the context or environment within which the girls act for the purpose of persuading them to apply healthier and safer

## AT THIS AGE .....



DON'T GET TO SUCH A CROSSROAD

Act of 2012 and the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act of 2013 (when it eventually gets royal assent by His Majesty King Mswati III for full enactment into law) will mitigate gender based violence and enhance protection of children from abuse.

## Onus

The onus remains upon all to take into consideration and combat the social, cultural and economic contexts that produce HIV-related risks for the adolescent girls.

For the young girls out there, being responsible does not start with preventing pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections (STI), but starts with making the right choices which are age appropriate and which will not adversely affect your future.

behaviours. In the kingdom, girls (especially adolescents) are regarded as a key population in the HIV response.



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## TEEN PREGNANCIES DISAPPOINT TRADITIONAL LEADERS

● They clearly stated that it was unfair that it was the girls who bore the brunt of falling pregnant while the boys who are also complicit to the misdemeanor get away scot free

By Observer Reporter  
Nhlango

TRADITIONAL leaders from various chiefdoms in the Shiselweni region have expressed their dissatisfaction on the treatment of girls who fall pregnant while still attending school.

They clearly stated that it was unfair that it was the girls who bore the brunt of falling pregnant while the boys who are also complicit to the misdemeanor get away scot free.

During dialogue meetings facilitated by the Women and Law Swaziland Chapter, with members of the traditional leaders (bobandlancane) in these regions, it became apparent that such treatment of the pregnant girls was segregatory and discriminatory as it was the girl who had to quit school while the boy who impregnated her continued with school.

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Although both male and female traditional leaders agreed that the scourge of pupil pregnancy was becoming more prevalent in the country, they could not agree as to what should happen to the boy.

There was obvious divisions on whether the boys should be expelled also, with female participants agreeing that the boys should also be expelled from school when the affected girls leave school so he could find work and fend for the child he has sired, while the males disagreed, saying it was, in most cases the fault of the girls who had lost a good chunk of their morals.

It came out clearly that girls today were always ready to sleep around without thinking of the consequences.

"At times, the boys propose to them jokingly, and soon they are sleeping despite that they have not reached maturity stage. Boys will always be proposing to girls even when they do not really mean it. It is the girls who should take extra precaution and steer clear from such acts in order to



**CONCERNED:** Maseyisini Indvuna Yenkundla speaking during the sensitisation meeting at the inkhundla. **RIGHT -** Shiselweni region Indvuna yeLutsango Simangele Mavundla making her presentation.

protect themselves," Mandlenkosi Lushaba from Mahlalini said.

Smangele Vilakati, Indvuna of Lutsango in the Shiselweni region expressed her concern over the expulsion of the boys, saying it could later have dire consequences, especially for the unborn child.

"We should also acknowledge that our children have also lost direction and have become law unto themselves. How can we be sure that it is indeed the same boy who impregnated her? What if we expel the boy only to find that he was not responsible? I still think it is our responsibility as parents to bring up children well such that they do not fall prey to such wiles. The scourge of teenage pregnancies is a damnation of the current genera-



tion and I think it would not be wise to also remove the boy from school as that would result in both children losing their futures. We should at least try to stem this tide so to why I also do not know she said.

Although there was no consensus on what should happen to the boy who got any girl pregnant, there was general consensus that it was unfair to the girls that they bear the brunt while the boys who got them in that condition got away scot free and at times finished their schooling while the girls were left to suffer.

Esau Sibandze from Embangweni even suggested that such an issue could be better dealt with by government which could enact tough and binding laws that would act as a deterrent for both girls and boys.

## Govt, civil society must protect vulnerable groups - Lushaba

GOVERNMENT and civil society have a duty to protect vulnerable sectors of society from practices that may be harmful to them at all times.

This was the reason laws had to be enacted and reviewed periodically. To ensure that they still served the purpose they were drafted for. This was stated by Women and Law facilitator, Thulani Lushaba during a series of meetings with traditional leaders from various chiefdoms in the Shiselweni region. The dialogue meetings are aimed at sensitising the traditional leaders about the perils of child marriages and the recently launched Women's Charter that was compiled by WLSA in conjunction with the Lutsango LwakaNgwane women's regiment. Thus far, the sensitisation meetings have been held at Shiselweni II, Maseyisini and Zombodze Emuva constituencies.

Addressing the traditional leaders, Lushaba noted that the consti-

tution, which is the most supreme law in the country, was also crafted with this in mind while it also conceded that women and children, girls especially, were somewhat marginalised and society had the duty to change this scenario.

"As a people, we cannot afford to leave some sectors of society behind in terms of development. We cannot afford to avail opportunities, economic and otherwise to some sectors while leaving others behind. That is not sustainable hence WLSA, with the assistance of members of the public, mostly the women themselves set out to compile the women's charter where they articulated the challenges they faced in the daily lives and how they wished such could be addressed.

He noted that with time, such wishes could be made into law and whoever went against them would be breaking that law.

"Such is not aimed at depriving some people of the privileges they

previously had, but simply to level the playing field so every citizen could feel better protected and have equal opportunities regardless of their gender," Lushaba said.

He noted that some people may misconstrue such processes and think they are being conducted to change the way people lived since time immemorial, but that was not the case as they re being conducted to better protect the vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our society. It is a known fact that, for example, girls have been traditionally sidelined when it comes to educational opportunities. Many families would rather send a male child to school when finances are found to be wanting, as they believe a girl will eventually leave home to get married. This naturally put them at a disadvantage and women themselves expressed their wishes that it could come to a stop when consultations for the women's charter were conducted," he said. He noted that with time

this situation improved, especially when government introduced free education for all. Government did this to rectify such an imbalance as it had a duty to strive for an educated nation, notwithstanding the gender.

"Also, the constant agitation by organisation also helps government realise and acknowledge what people want. So contrary to what many people think, that such organisation work hand in hand with government to improve the lot of each and every citizen. We will remember that in the not so distant past, the girl child could not do courses in engineering mechanics and construction as it was believed that these were exclusively male occupations. But such has changed and any girl wishing to embark on such careers is free to do so. This shows that slowly the lot of women is improving as organisations are continuously pushing for the abolition of allocating roles along gender lines," he said.



1. No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself, or to get all the credit for doing it.

- Andrew Carnegie

2. Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.

- General Dwight Eisenhower

3. The leader has to be practical and a realist yet must talk the language of the visionary and the idealist.

- Eric Hoffer

4. Leaders think and talk about the solutions. Followers think and talk about the problems.

- Brian Tracy

5. A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd.

- Max Lucado

6. Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

- General George Patton

7. As we look ahead into the next century, leaders will be those who empower others.

- Bill Gates

8. All of the great leaders have had one characteristic in common: it was the willingness to confront unequivocally the major anxiety of their people in their time. This, and not much else, is the essence of leadership.

- John Kenneth Galbraith

9. Do what you feel in your heart to be right—for you'll be criticized anyway.

- Eleanor Roosevelt

10. Don't necessarily avoid sharp edges. Occasionally they are necessary to leadership.

- Donald Rumsfeld

11. Education is the mother of leadership.

- Wendell Willkie

12. Effective leadership is putting first things first. Effective management is discipline, carrying it out.

- Stephen Covey

13. Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through argument, debate, and doubt to offer a solution everybody can understand.

- General Colin Powell

14. Great leaders are not defined by the absence of weakness, but rather by the presence of clear strengths.

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Moving Forward

## SMEs still face operational problems

By Sikhulisile Vilakati

DESPITE enormous contribution towards the development of the economy, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) are still facing a number of challenges which affect their growth and profitability.

Big Nation Investment Owner Samuel Msibi said though business was excellent, they faced challenges here and there which affected their business growth.

His business manufactures household domestic and industrial cleaning chemicals or products.

He said some of the challenges included that they usually buy their raw material from neighbouring countries such as South Africa, which cost them a lot in terms of transportation.

"Another challenge is that we hire other people and teach them to operate the business in terms of making products. Unfortunately, those people end up leaving and stealing our ideas



and go and establish their own businesses of the same kind. We also do not have principles or ethics that guide each and every individual who is in the manufacturing industry," said Msibi.

Msibi said they used chemicals that could cause harm to individuals for the products they manufacture.

He said other major problems

they faced as a business was that they supplied schools, which depend heavily on government funds.

This, therefore, meant that some schools end up paying only the deposit.

Also they supplied different companies that sometimes do not pay in time, which crippled their businesses.

"Sometimes, we sell our products to people who want to resale, but those people end up not paying too," he said.

Adding, Msibi said they would like government to at least have chemical guide or a system of some sort for people who want to venture into such business.

This is because chemical manufacturers do not use the same range of prizes when they sell their products.

Meanwhile, Federation of the Swazi Business Community (FESBC) President Henry 'Tums' du Point said entrepreneurs should do their best in nursing their businesses.

He said businesspeople should make sure that everything was under control even though they faced hardship.

"We are in between a rock and a hard surface, meaning there is nothing much that can be done except taking precautions of calming the situation. For example, farmers who still have livestock can sell and keep their money in savings," he said.

## BWFS, WTT partner to strengthen women owned businesses

By Manqoba Makhubu

WOMEN Working Together (WWT) in partnership with the Businesswomen Women's Forum of Swaziland (BWFS) has set aside this year's International Women's Day to

strengthen the competitiveness of women owned enterprises.

The joint cocktail event would be held on March 5, 2016 at Willows Lodge, in Malkerns under the theme, 'The Soup Concept- Celebrating Women's Talents.'

WWT Director Zanele

Thabede said since International Women's Day 2016 called for pledging for parity, this embraced empowering women in business to achieve their ambitions. She said the core objective of the event was to showcase women's talent and provide networking opportunities.

"Through this event WWT and BWFS pledge to support women to realise their potential by developing confidence to make presentations and compete in a public forum," she said.

The director said one of the additional objectives was to showcase women's talents by providing SME women the opportunity to present their innovative business and stand a chance of winning resources to implement or improve their business concepts.

In order to be eligible for the competition, Thabede invited women to apply either through BWFS or WWT.

She said the applicants should have a business idea regardless whether it was registered or not registered.

"We want to create a networking platform for SMEs in Swaziland with larger scale companies to motivate and encourage women in general to promote the spirit of collaboration and empowerment amongst women and to create a marketing

platform for membership recruitment for BWFS," she said.

The director said to raise the money for the winning business idea, a soup bowl would be placed at the entrance where people would be encouraged to make a further donation towards the prize money.

"That is the soup concept's original idea, that we share the soup and give the bowl and money to the winning business idea," said Thabede.

Adding, Thabede said 10 per cent of the entrance ticket money would also contribute towards the winning money.

She said after public presentations, the winning idea would be voted for by the participating public.

Meanwhile, she said the participating women would also have the opportunity to learn from insurance and financial institutions which would help them learn about the different insurance products.

Thabede said they would also offer five showcasing stalls at a nominal fee as well as a main speaker.

"The aim is to provide her with an opportunity to give words of encouragement and motivation to the women in attendance during this prestigious time of the year, International Women's Day," she said.

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**UNITED:** Minister and Swaziland Beverages management posing with the participants during the official launch of Retail Development Training programme hosted by Swaziland Beverages in partnership with Mananga Training College at S & B Restaurant in Matsapha yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

## SB to host training for 120 retail customers

By Linda Dlamini

**SWAZILAND Beverages (SB) will host a retail development training programme for 120 retail customers from Matsapha, Imunye and Nhlanguano.**

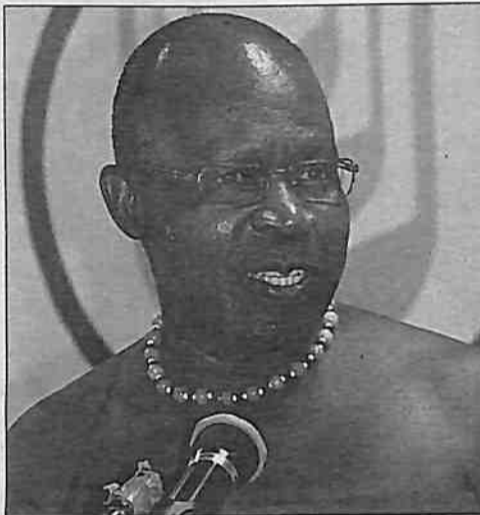
The training will be delivered in sessions covering four days, over a two-week period so as to aid retailers of SB products to significantly improve their business skills.

The company has partnered with Mananga Training College, who will be conducting the trainings. Swaziland Beverages Sales and Distribution Director, Faith Chaibva, on behalf of the Managing Director Zama Kunene, said in July, 2014 SABMiller announced the launch of its global sustainable development programme, branded Prosper.

"Prosper represents an evolution in the way subsidiaries of SABMiller such as SB approach sustainable development. Swaziland Beverages is happy to launch today the retailer development initiative training programme which forms a part of the Prosper initiative, a commitment by our parent company SABMiller.

"The parent company then pledged to directly support over half a million small businesses, achieve world-class water efficiency target, reduce its carbon footprint, measurably improve food security and encourage moderate and responsible alcohol consumption," he said during the launch of the training at the S & B Restaurant in Matsapha yesterday.

He said enterprise development was funda-



**GUEST: Minister of Commerce, Industry & Trade Gideon Dlamini making his remarks.**

mental to poverty alleviation, job creation, economic growth and human development.

Kunene said this initiative would run parallel to the entrepreneurship programme, KickStart, whose target is to provide upcoming entrepreneurs business opportunities to 360 entrepreneurs by 2020.

"We are confident that these kind of interventions which seek to improve enterprise development in the country and also support our people and government in response to the projected slowing of the local economy.

"This training programme will be certified in that the participants will receive certificates at

the end of the course and this may give them favourable standing with our organisation," he said.

Meanwhile, Mananga Centre for Regional Integration and Management Development Director Dr. Rauga Taruvunga said the centre was an organisation determined to develop skills that would aid management of any entity.

"The material that will be presented to the participants is practical and therefore, they will be able to use it in their everyday lives," he said. The launch was graced by Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini.

"Government is grateful to Swaziland Beverages for driving such an initiative which

will improve the skills of the entrepreneurs taking part in the training.

"Such an initiative will surely aid in creating jobs as these retailers being trained will go out and hire staff which will decrease unemployment," he said.

These initiatives are in line with Vision 2022 vision for Swaziland to reach first world status.

The minister said his ministry was committed to building the capacity of ordinary citizens so that they could drive the economy of Swaziland upwards and forward in its drive to reach first world status. "Entrepreneurship forms the backbone of any economy and therefore, it is critical that we develop the skills of entrepreneurs," Dlamini said.

## Debtors of micro lenders not affected by rate hike

By Linda Dlamini

**DEBTORS of micro lenders can heave a sigh of relief as the recent interest rate hike will not affect their monthly debt repayments.**

The Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) recently increased interest rates by 50 basis points to 6.25 percent up from 5.75 percent.

An increase in interest rates is normally accompanied by higher interest payments, however this is not the case when it comes to loans obtained from micro lenders.

Select Swaziland Managing Director Wesley Groening said within their portfolio of loans interest payments were not directly linked to interest rates.

"The monthly payments of our customers are linked to interest rates changes and therefore monthly payments of loans by our customers will not change. The change in interest rates only affects the statutory ceiling for

interest rates we can charge our clients not the payments themselves," said Groening.

Loans linked to interest rates like bank personal loans, car loans, business loans and overdrafts are subject to the volatility of interest rates.

An increase in interest rates would result in higher monthly payments for consumers with interest rates linked loans.

Micro lenders are financial institutions that give out cash loans for short term, typically five years or less. Furthermore these institutions do not take deposits from individuals like banks.

Meanwhile, Micro Lenders Association Chairman Mandla Ndzinisa, commenting on the hike in interest rates, said the industry would not be affected by changes in interest rates.

"The industry uses set standards to determine the interest rates that will be charged to customers not the interest rate set by the CBS," he said.



### NOTICE

## PROPOSED QUARRY MINE AT MDUMEZULU IN THE MANZINI REGION

### EIA SCOPING MEETING

**Inyatsi Construction** is proposing the establishment of a new quarry mine to supply materials required for the MR3 Lot 2 contract. The, current scope of work includes the construction of ±16km of dual carriage highway, service roads, bridge interchanges, and related road structures.

In accordance with the Swaziland Environment Authority (SEA) Environmental Audit, Assessment and Review Regulations 2000, members of the public are invited to a scoping meeting, where information relating to the project will be shared. The meeting is also intended to give Interested and Affected Parties (IaP's) an opportunity to voice their concerns regarding the project for eventual input to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

The meeting will be held on Wednesday February 17, 2016 at the Mdumezulu quarry site, at Mbadlane interchange on the MR3 at 10:00am. Signs will be posted on the detour road by the market place. The site is ±5km gravel road off the detour road.

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# Business Incubation for Entrepreneurs

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Foundation for Economic Development (SARFED)  
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Regional Coordinator

IT is a common trend for most small businesses not to bank their business proceeds.

This is usually due to the fact that most of them operate on minimal financial line. Most of the small businesses have a challenge in working capital, especially when it comes to surplus funds.

Choosing a bank or financial lending firm for your business involves more than opening a new account at your personal bank or picking the branch office nearest your company. You need to understand what services you require and how much they cost. Ideally, you'll find a banker who will take the time to walk you through how to solve a problem, so you can go back to running your business. Still, some business owners may spend more time shopping for a laser printer or rent space than, shopping for a bank and yet the banking business comes first in business development and growth.

## ● LENDING CONDITIONS

One of the important factors that one would need to know is the lending conditions of that particular bank. Different banks have different conditions when it comes to lending out their money.

First ask if the bank has a lending authority and how does it do its business. Find out on issues like the size of the money that it is likely to lend over what period of time.

These factors are very important because they work to improve or advantage your business operating cycle.

It is important to know that relationship managers at community-based banks often have more discretion than those at a unit of a big institution and they may consider small-business lending to be their bread and butter. But lately, the distinctions between 'large' and 'small' banks have blurred with the industry's consolidation. Many community banks have undergone mergers that now allow them to offer a wider range of services.

Banks of all sizes are emphasising improved customer service, having discovered that many customers still like face-to-face service at branches versus conducting all transactions

# HOW TO KNOW THE RIGHT BANK FOR YOUR BUSINESS



**MAKE A RIGHT CHOICE:**  
Choosing the right small business bank is critical for your growing company. You must find one that you are comfortable with and that is reliable.

online.

The point we are driving to is that it is a good practice to know that if your business may need a loan in the future, limit your banking options to institutions with a history of good and favourable lending to small businesses. Companies in the market for business loans would benefit from choosing a bank that offers ideal and realistic loans as well other business financial management options.

## ● DEGREE OF FOCUS

The second point to consider is the banks focus because in most cases smaller, regionally focused banks may be better because they know local market conditions.

These are what can be called community or situation based financial institutions because they focus on the local business situation before they draw out terms and conditions of engaging small businesses in their

operations. In reality, they often provide more one-on-one access to a loan officer and put more emphasis on a borrower's character rather than just applying a credit-score model.

These seemingly small financial institutions regardless of how small they might appear, they meet and understand basic needs of the local businesses, including yours. This is what makes them even become responsive to situations by being flexible during tough times, such as covering overdrawn accounts without imposing stiff penalties.

## ● INTEREST RATES CHARGED

Rates charged by large financial institutions are very important to your business growth. The higher the interest rate, the likely your business will make losses.

Remember that an interest rate is cost to a business because it is the

price of borrowing the money that you are using for your business. So, low interest rates are the best for relatively small businesses.

The more interest 'are systematically lower' than those charged by community ones, the better to engage your business with such financial institutions.

## ● FLEXIBILITY

Flexibility in a business is paramount because not every day is the same in business. Hence your bank is flexible enough to understanding your ups and downs, then the better. You should be able to ask the bank that you are likely to engage about how flexible they are when it comes to making business.

Is your bank able to meet your urgent demands for example you just receive an order from your customers and you need cash urgently. How would you manage this kind of situa-

tion? Does your bank require a lot of things like paper work before they would process your money?

How long does the bank take to provide you with the required funds? All these questions are important for you to make sound decisions before you commit yourself to a bank or financial lending institution. Remember that the more flexible the banks, the easier it becomes to make decisions, gain technical support as well as access the funds.

## ● NATURE OF BUSINESS BANK ACCOUNT

In as much as the bank or financial lending firm can provide you with a number of options, it is important that you understand the nature of your business bank account and its other benefits. Remember, it is a good practice in business to maximise all the given opportunities, hence it is important to ask questions like what extras are available with your account?

Despite stiffer lending procedures, larger banks may offer added benefits such as online services that help save time and money on tax and accounting assistance.

These may include sending invoices, collecting payments, payroll and loan applications. Some banks may tie such help to requirements that a business's employees use direct-deposit channels. But keep in mind that banking is a competitive business, and it rarely takes more than a year for a new product or service to be copied by banks across the country. So trust and being comfortable with a bank can sometimes be more important than a seemingly new product.

## MTN ordered to take down its music

**JOHANNESBURG** - Fed-up songwriters have issued mobile network MTN a 'take-down' notice to remove music from its stores as of yesterday.

Non-profit organisation the Composers, Authors and Publishers Association (CAPASSO) is accusing MTN of owing songwriters R1m in unpaid royalties for 2014.

CAPASSO is further accusing MTN of failing to declare music sales data and earnings to songwriters for 2015.

And now the copyright body wants MTN to "cease the use, sale and other exploitation of musical works owned or represented by CAPASSO members."

The mobile network sells music via services such as its 'CallerTunez' offering and the MTN Play Store.

The take-down notice comes after CAPASSO says it met with MTN on Friday amid media exposure of the dispute.

### Meeting

Subsequent to the meeting, CAPASSO says it sent MTN an official offer of settlement that required the mobile network to respond by 4.00 on Monday.

However, CAPASSO CEO Nothando Migogo says that MTN failed to respond to the offer, which included a

call for the mobile network to stop 'deflecting its copyright liability' to third party content aggregators. These aggregators sell music on to MTN.

"Capasso seeks a commitment from MTN to acknowledge that MTN is the music storefront and as such, MTN itself is liable for the copyright use and undertakes to enter into a licence agreement with CAPASSO in that regard," said Migogo in a statement.

Last week, Migogo told Fin24 that other networks such as Vodacom have licence agreements with CAPASSO and are paying songwriters their royalties in a timely manner. *Fin24*

## ZUMA'S ERRORS PUSH SA TO FIX POLICY, SAYS STANDARD BANK

**JOHANNESBURG** - President Jacob Zuma's policy missteps at the end of last year may be the catalyst that pushes the government to implement reforms needed to avert a credit rating downgrade to junk, according to Standard Bank.

"The events of December may have been the cathartic experience that South Africa needed," Standard Bank Economist Goolam Ballim said in Johannesburg on Tuesday.

"It has dawned very heavily on

the authorities that the risk of falling into sub-investment grade looms very perilously large."

### Soared

The rand went into free-fall and bond yields soared after Zuma unexpectedly fired Finance Minister Nhlanhla Nene on December 9 and replaced him with a little-known lawmaker. He was forced to backtrack four days later, reappointing Pravin Gordhan to a post that he'd occupied from 2009 to 2014.

*Bloomberg News*

# 2016 US presidential elections

## Republicans

CANDIDATE	PERCENT	VOTES
Donald Trump	34.51%	70,737
John Kasich	16.26%	32,326
Ted Cruz	11.51%	23,603
Jeb Bush	11.19%	22,935
Marco Rubio	10.46%	21,444
Chris Christie	7.63%	15,637
Carly Fiorina	4.27%	8,750
Ben Carson	2.30%	4,707

\*With 75% of vote counted



## TRIUMPH FOR DONALD

...The Donald wins in New Hampshire with 35 percent of the vote - as Kasich takes a shock second and Cruz is third

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** - Donald Trump claimed victory in the New Hampshire Republican primary elections on Tuesday, predicting before a raucous crowd in Manchester that he'll also win the next presidential nominating contest in South Carolina.

In a 15-minute speech full of great-hits moments that followed a much longer oration from Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders - who had just grabbed the Democratic Party's brass ring from Hillary Clinton - Trump swung in the socialist politician's direction.

'In all fairness we have to congratulate him,' Trump told a packed banquet hall three hours after polls closed and he was declared the winner.

'He wants to give away our country, folks! He wants to give it away. We're not going to let it happen!'

With 88 percent of the votes counted, Trump led the field with 35 percent of the total vote, John Kasich was in second with 16 percent, Ted Cruz third with 11.55 percent, Jeb Bush fourth with 11.10 per cent, Marco Rubio fifth with 10 percent and Chris Christie sixth on 7.5 per cent.

### Gloves

Trump has yet to unlace his rhetorical boxing gloves in the eight months since he launched his unlikely presidential bid. He also hasn't stopped hammering home a reliable menu of conservative red meat pledges.

'In a nutshell, we're going to make great trade deals, we're going to rebuild our military ... we are going to take care of our vets,' he said Tuesday night.

'We're going to have strong, incredible borders and people are going to come into our country but they're

going to come into our country legally!'

'We're going to build a wall. It's going to be built,' Trump added, tying America's border crisis to a drug addiction epidemic in New England. 'It's not even - believe it or not, it's not even a difficult thing to do!'

Shouts of 'Build the wall! Build the wall!' followed.

So did his well-worn pledge to 'knock the hell out of ISIS,' the Islamist terror army whose videotaped beheadings of 'infidels' have forced politicians to take hard-line approaches to the Middle East.

Speaking to CNN via phone on his way out of New Hampshire, Trump said his victory 'started with trade, and the fact that we're being just ripped off by everybody, whether it's China, Japan, Mexico.'

AP

## Bernie Sanders makes Jewish history with new Hampshire win

**BROOKLYN** - Bernie Sanders has become the first Jewish-American to win a primary.

Joe Lieberman, who ran in 2004 did not achieve the success.

Sanders is not known to be observant, but was brought up in a Jewish household by a first generation immigrant father and Jewish-American mother in Brooklyn.

He hinted at his upbringing in his victory speech and said: 'I am the son of a Polish immigrant who came to this country not speaking a word of English.'

'The truth is that neither of my parents could ever have dreamed that I would be standing before you tonight as a candidate to be president of the United States.'

He has rarely spoken of his father's family background and the loss of family members in the Holocaust, but last October used it to condemn racism as he met a

hijab-wearing Muslim student in Fairfax, Virginia.

'Let me be very personal here if I might,' he said, according to JTA.

'I'm Jewish. My father's family died in concentration camps. I will do everything that I can to rid this country of the ugly stain of racism which has existed for far too many years.' In recent weeks, Sanders has also spoken of faith and belief, describing his run for president as grounded in 'very strong religious and spiritual feelings'.

'It's a guiding principle in my life, absolutely, it is,' Sanders said this week in New Hampshire, the Salt Lake Tribune reported.

'Everybody practices religion in a different way. To me, I would not be here tonight, I would not be running for president of the United States, if I did not have very strong religious and spiritual feelings.'

AP

## Sanders camp jubilant after big New Hampshire win

**CONCORD** - In a school gymnasium in Concord, jubilant volunteers for Bernie Sanders could not contain their excitement over his double-digit victory in the New Hampshire primary, and the tough battle ahead with Hillary Clinton.

'Bernie, Bernie, Bernie,' they screamed at the senator's victory party late on Tuesday, projecting an energy matched only by supporters of the night's Republican winner, Donald Trump.

'Celebrate the Bern, baby!' said Sara Stuart, aged 56, a teaching assistant and local campaign volunteer covered in Bernie badges. 'It is huge!'

With 90% of precincts reporting, Sanders won 60% of the Democratic vote compared to 38% for Clinton, the former secretary of state who commands one of the biggest political machines in the country.

### Promising

Just months ago, the grumpy 74-year-old grandfather promising a 'political revolution' was written off as a joke.

But a gathering grassroots campaign and message of addressing profound inequality has stirred up liberal voters, and Sanders is giving Clinton a run for her money.

AP

## Hillary's \$225 000 speech would 'bury her against Sanders - member of audience

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** - Hillary Clinton's campaign has yet to release the content of her speeches to Goldman Sachs and perhaps with good reason.

'She sounded like a Goldman Sachs managing director,' an audience member of a Clinton speech, which made the candidate \$225 000, told Politico.

'It would bury her against Sanders,' another attendee of the October 2013 speech in Arizona said. While most ex-government officials do the speaking circuit as a way to make a Washington career profitable, Clinton's speeches to firms like Goldman Sachs, which contributed to the 2008 economic crash, have become campaign fodder thanks to Bernie Sanders' anti-Wall Street crusade. The Vermont senator has hinted that Clinton would pack her White House with Wall Street allies and alumni. Those speeches demonstrate a coziness with the

bankers Sanders has suggested.

So far, Clinton hasn't responded well when asked.

During a town hall event with Anderson Cooper last week, the CNN journalist asked Clinton why she took \$675 000 for three speeches. 'Was that a mistake?' he asked. Clinton responded that she gave speeches to an array of groups, with Cooper asking why she had to take that much money from the Wall Street bankers.

'Well, I don't know,' Clinton replied. 'That's what they offered.' She tried to revise the flippant comment the night after, while debating Sanders on MSNBC. 'I think I may not have done the job I should have in explaining my record,' Clinton said. 'I did when I left the secretary of state's office - like so many former officials, military leaders, journalists and others - I did go on the speaking circuit.'

Daily Mail

## Disappointed Rubio blames himself for New Hampshire finish

**MANCHESTER** - Marco Rubio says he's disappointed in his performance on Tuesday in New Hampshire's Republican presidential primary, and he's blaming himself.

And the Florida senator, who finished a surprising second in the leadoff Iowa caucuses says he has a good idea why he's in a fight for third place with Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. Rubio is pointing to his performance in the last debate before the primary. He tells supporters: 'I did not do well on Saturday night.'

Republican Chris Christie says he's heading home to

New Jersey to 'take a deep breath' and take stock of his struggling presidential bid. The New Jersey governor had banked on a strong finish in Tuesday's New Hampshire primary, but he's on

track to end up far off the pace despite holding more than 70 town halls events over the past few months. It's a tough blow for a candidate whose campaign had trouble from the start about raising money and building support in a crowded field dominated by another brash East Coaster: businessman Donald Trump. Christie tells supporters that he'll wait to see the final New Hampshire results before making a decision about the way ahead. AP



**HINT: Chris Christie announced that he was 'taking a deep breath' - a hint that his presidential run could very soon be over.**



## Democrats

CANDIDATE	PERCENT	VOTES
Bernie Sanders	59.97%	138,716
Hillary Clinton	38.40%	88,827

\*With 89% of vote counted



# Focus on SA scene



**CONVERTED:** Nelson Mandela's grandson Nkosi Zwelivelile 'Mandla' Mandela with his Muslim woman Rabia Clarkel.

## Traditional leaders want answers from Mandela over conversion to Islam

**JOHANNESBURG** - Eastern Cape traditional leaders want answers from Nelson Mandela's grandson Nkosi Zwelivelile 'Mandla' Mandela about why he reportedly converted to Islam when he married a Muslim woman.

"We reacted with shock on the news of his conversion. We were also very concerned. What we know is that the woman converts, not the man. That is our custom," Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa provincial chairperson Chief Mwelo Nonkonyane said on Tuesday.

They were troubled that Mandela married without any traditional leaders present at the ceremony. "Traditional leaders don't marry secretly. He should have been represented by the traditional council of Mvezo. He is the leader of people of Mvezo. We are still trying to locate him to get answers," he said.

Mandela married Muslim bride Rabia Clarke last week.

"I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Rabia's parents, her extended family and the Muslim community, for welcoming me into their hearts," Mandela said in a statement.

The marriage, in Cape Town, was the fourth for Mandela, whose heritage was isiXhosa. He was the traditional chief of Mvezo. "Although Rabia and I were raised in different cultural and religious traditions, our coming together reflects what we have in common: We are South Africans," he said.

According to reports, Mandela was still legally married to his first wife, Tando Mabunu-Mandela, with whom he had been embroiled in a long and bitter divorce.

News24

## JZ THROWS ALLIES UNDER THE BUS

**CAPE TOWN** - The walls came crumbling down on President Jacob Zuma and senior ANC members in cabinet and parliament.

One by one their counsel conceded before Constitutional Court justices that they were wrong to act against Public Protector Thuli Madonsela's report that found Zuma to have unduly benefited from non-security upgrades to his home.

In her report in 2014 titled "Secure in Comfort" Madonsela said some features included in the R246-million security upgrades to Zuma's Nkandla residence were not security features. These included a cattle kraal, chicken run, visitors' centre and

pool.

First to concede was Zuma's counsel, Jeremy Gauntlett SC, who told the court that the president did not want to obstruct but bring an end to the Nkandla matter. Gauntlett said the Supreme Court of Appeal, in another case last year, had said that remedial action prescribed by the public protector was binding. "It is not necessary for this court to replough the furrow," he said.

Advocate Lindi Nkosi-Thomas, for the Speaker of the National Assembly, capitulated as she tried to argue that Madonsela's report had to be scrutinised.

Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng asked Nkosi-

Thomas about the role of the National Assembly in holding Zuma accountable after Madonsela's findings instead of conducting their own investigation that sought to prove Madonsela wrong.

But Nkosi-Thomas argued that the public protector's remedial action without scrutiny would amount to dictatorship.

"The public protector cannot dictate to parliament what to do."

But the chief justice asked: "So it was open to parliament to effectively render the remedial actions of the public protector void?"

She later conceded: "Parliament took a wrong position." *News24*



**WINS:** Public Protector Thuli Madonsela.

## Public Protector 'the biggest winner' in ConCourt case.

**JOHANNESBURG** - Public Protector Thuli Madonsela was the biggest winner after Tuesday's Constitutional Court hearing into the Nkandla saga, a legal expert has said.

President Jacob Zuma's lawyers accepted that her report about Nkandla was binding and had to be implemented, University of Cape Town constitutional law expert Professor Pierre de Vos said.

Zuma further conceded he had been in the wrong and that his actions were based on the fear of further political fallout which could lead to impeachment.

### Concede

"Thirdly, Parliament did not concede that it acted wrongly, but given the other concessions, it is almost certain that the court will find Parliament completely stuffed up the way it dealt with the Public Protector's report," De Vos said.

De Vos hoped the justices would deliver clear guidance about Parliament's role in holding the executive accountable.

"Because from today's hearing it appears as if Parliament is not doing what the Constitution requires it to do."

The Economic Freedom Fighters, the Democratic Alliance, and the Public Protector approached the Constitutional Court for it to clarify the nature and extent of the chapter nine institution's powers to take remedial action. *News24*

## Mashaba spends millions bankrolling battle against collective bargaining labour law

**JOHANNESBURG** - The Democratic Alliance's mayoral candidate, Herman Mashaba, has spent more than R4-million of his own money to challenge an aspect of labour legislation that he believes keeps people unemployed.

The Free Market Foundation, of which Mashaba was chair before going into politics, is challenging a single clause in the Labour Relations Act (LRA) legislation.

The foundation wants the clause in the LRA that makes collective bargaining agreements apply to everyone in the sector, whether or not they entered into the bargaining, deemed unconstitutional and

struck down.

It filed papers at the high court three years ago and the case, which has 27 respondents, will be heard in the from February 22 to 26.

Mashaba has bankrolled the challenge and continues to do so even though he is not affiliated to the foundation anymore, according to the foundation's executive director Leon Louw.

The foundation has argued that labour legislation is a key reason 8-million South Africans are unemployed.

Louw said on Tuesday: "South Africa has the highest sustained unemployment in the world. We have the worst labour legislation in the

world." The foundation and Mashaba argue that collective bargaining agreements on wages and working hours that are reached between labour and business should not apply to everyone in the sector, but just to those who choose to be part of agreement.

They say forcing everyone to pay the wages agreed to in bargaining, undermines businesses' constitutional rights to freedom of association.

A total of 23 bargaining councils, the labour minister and three unions are opposing the case.

On Tuesday, the foundation was at pains to point out it is not against collective bargaining. *News24*

## DA table 'damning affidavits' against NPA boss Jiba

**JOHANNESBURG** - Official opposition party, the Democratic Alliance, is poised to ask the Western Cape High Court to include 'damning affidavits' aimed at compelling President Jacob Zuma to suspend current National Prosecution Authority boss, Nomgcobo Jiba.

The opposition party said the chairperson of its federal executive, James Selfe, "will be present at the court seeking the inclusion of affidavits deposed

to by former National Director of Public Prosecutions (ND-PP) Adv Mxolisi Nxasana and the National Prosecuting Authority's (NPA) Head of Asset Forfeiture Unit Adv Willie Hofmeyer".

The DA said Nxasana asked the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services Mike Masutha and President Jacob Zuma to suspend Jiba on several occasions following a judicial probe into management at the NPA. The probe recommended that she be

criminally charged for fraud and perjury. In the DA's review application the party seeks to compel Zuma to suspend Jiba - the NPA's second-in-command, pending the outcome of a disciplinary inquiry.

The DA said in its founding affidavit it submits that, given the prima facie evidence Jiba's "long list of failings and improper conduct", the President should suspend her pending a formal inquiry into her suitability to continue in her position. *News24*

## Taxpayers should not pay for Nkandla

**JOHANNESBURG** - More than 42% of South African adults feel that taxpayers should not pay for President Jacob Zuma's Nkandla home-stead, a survey has shown.

In October last year, 3 617 people were asked to agree or disagree with the statement "President Jacob Zuma is entitled to a private home regardless of the cost to taxpayers", marketing research company Ipsos

spokesperson Kate Slade said on Tuesday.

When the survey was done last April/May, 37% of respondents said taxpayers should not pay.

### Supportive

People in KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga (both 47%) and North West (42%) were the most supportive of taxpayers funding Nkandla.

The provinces with the strongest negative reactions were the Northern Cape

(66%), Western Cape (65%) and the Free State (55%).

When broken down by political party allegiance, the results showed 67% of DA supporters and 56% of EFF supporters were against taxpayers funding Nkandla.

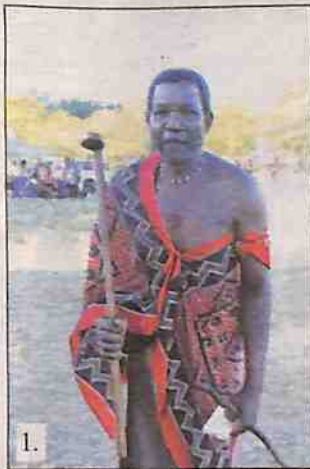
Only 34% of ANC supporters felt the same way. About 41% of ANC supporters believed that Zuma's private residence should be paid by taxes, the survey showed. *News24*

# SMVAF INGWENYAMA CUP 2016

Culture Competition



**PRESENT:** Chiefs also came through to watch their people compete. Among those present were Dambuza Lukhele, Chief Zameya Nhlabatsi and Ceif Gasawangwane.



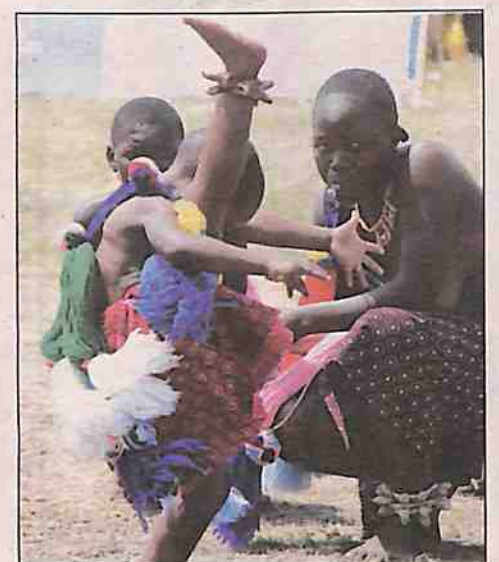
**A DAY TO REMEMBER:** 1. Runner-up in the Imbongi category Malindane Nhlabatsi after collecting his prize money. 2. Emabhaca from Mbilaneni getting ready for the competition. 3. The panel of judges monitoring the Ingadla competition.



**SO CAN WE:** One of the groups displaying their skills of the Ingadla dance.



**REPRESENTING:** Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament from Shiselweni and beyond came in their numbers to support their groups during the Ingwenyama Cup Culture Competition at Mbangweni Army Barracks on Sunday. The competition was won mainly by groups from Mkhwakhweni. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



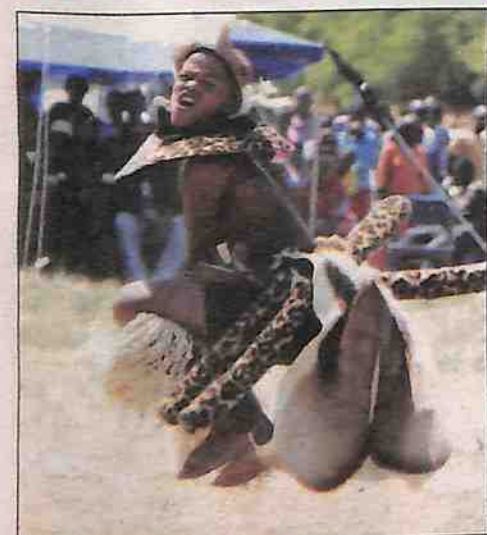
**SKY HIGH:** A young Ingadla dancer showcasing her skills.



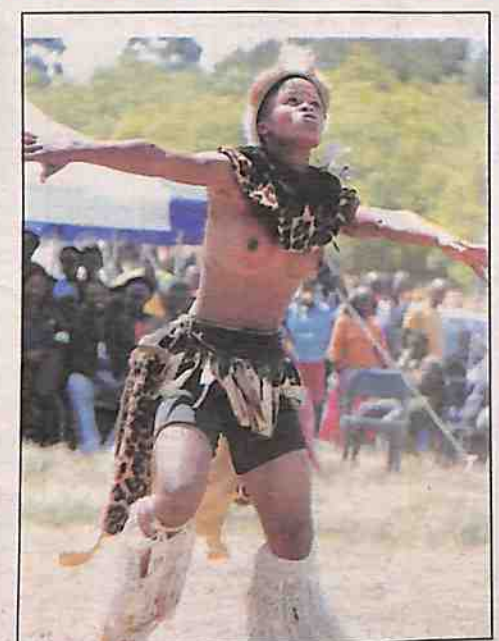
**UNIQUE:** Part of the rather unique displays witnessed at the competition.



**GIVING THEIR BEST:** Emajaha from Mkhwakhweni taking the audience by storm.



**ENTERTAINER:** Zanele Ngwenya of Mkhitsini stole the show with her dance skills.



## News in Brief

## Attacks keep millions away from Egypt

CAIRO - Said Ramadan has lost count of how much he's borrowed just to stay afloat while other vendors at Giza's pyramids have already lost hope, as jihadist attacks bring Egypt's tourist industry to its knees. "I have no money to buy clothes for my children ... I hardly make any money as so few tourists are coming," Ramadan said at his dilapidated one-storey brick house near the world heritage site. Since Egypt's then army chief and now President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi ousted Islamist leader Mohamed Morsi in 2013, a deadly insurgency led by the Islamic State jihadist group has kept away millions of tourists. *AFP*

## Six killed in Pakistan tanker crash

LAHORE - Six schoolchildren were among at least 12 people killed when a fireball erupted as a tanker carrying liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) collided with a car in eastern Pakistan on Wednesday, engulfing surrounding vehicles, officials said. The crash, which also injured at least 20, happened on a busy highway in the district of Sheikhupura in Pakistan's most populous Punjab province. "According to initial information, a car was making a U-turn and struck the tanker," senior local police official Latif Gujar told AFP. He added that two cars, two rickshaws that were carrying children to school, and two motorbikes had been destroyed and the bodies of the dead were badly charred. *AFP*

## AU slammed for not sending force

JOHANNESBURG - The African Union's (AU) decision not to send a peacekeeping force to Burundi has been slammed by a Burundi opposition leader, and called inevitable by the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) in Pretoria. "It was predictable that the African Union (AU) would have to back down after Burundi called their bluff," Jakkie Cilliers from ISS told the African News Agency (ANA). "Right from the beginning it was highly unlikely that the AU would send peacekeepers. The AU basically set themselves up," said Cilliers. *AFP*



## Stray bullet kills woman while on phone

CHICAGO - A 25-year-old US woman has died after being hit in the head by a stray bullet while she was on the phone with her father. Aaren O'Connor was sitting in her car outside her apartment complex in Chicago, Illinois on Friday when she was hit, US media reports. She did not immediately die from the wound, but reportedly told her father, "My head hurts, my head hurts." The 25-year-old was found in her car unconscious after her boyfriend called her roommate to check up on her. *Reuters*

## Latest Sierra Leone Ebola case cured

FREETOWN - Sierra Leone's most recent case of Ebola has been cured, but more testing is required before the latest outbreak can be seen as resolved, health authorities said. "The last known Ebola patient in Sierra Leone, 38-year-old Memunatu Kalokoh, has been discharged from the 34 Military Hospital in the capital after two rigorous tests proved negative," Ministry of Health Director of Disease Prevention and Control Dr Foday Dafai told AFP. Dafai added that Memunatu, discharged last Friday, was back in her central northern home district of Tonkolili. *AP*



## World News



## Lesotho army chief must go, says SADC

MASERU - A Southern African Development Community (SADC) commission of inquiry into Lesotho has recommended that controversial army commander Tlali Kennedy Kamoli be fired as part of efforts to restore stability in the troubled kingdom.

But the recommendation is likely to stoke more turmoil as Prime Minister Pakalitha Mosisili had declared that he was not bound by the SADC inquiry's recommendations.

## Report

The SADC commission report was finally released in Lesotho's parliament on Tuesday amid chaos from opposition MPs who heckled Mosisili as he addressed the House.

Opposition MPs claimed Mosisili had doctored the report and not released the original version.

They did not substantiate



**MUST GO: Army commander Tlali Kennedy Kamoli.**

their claims as Speaker of Parliament Ntloho Motsamai, from Mosisili's Democratic Congress, did not entertain their ubiquitous heckling and point-of-order disruptions.

The prime minister was forced to abandon his speech in which he sought to sum-

marise the circumstances that had led to the formation of the SADC commission of inquiry led by Botswana High Court judge Mphahlele Phumaphi amid sustained heckling from the opposition who constitute nearly half of the MPs in Parliament. *Pretoria News*

## Swear on the Bible you've got no nudes, Zimbabwe beauty pageant tells models

HARARE - The frustrated organisers of Zimbabwe's biggest beauty pageant are making contestants swear on the Bible that they've never had nude photos taken, according to a report.

The last two winners of the Miss World Zimbabwe contest have had to step down when nude photos of them were leaked.

So this year those in charge are taking a tough line, according to the official Chronicle newspaper on Tuesday.

## Checking

"They'll take oaths holding a Bible upon checking in for boot camp next month," Miss Zimbabwe Trust spokesperson Tendai Chirau told the newspaper.

Models last year had to sign a declaration saying they'd never posed for nudes but that



**NO NUDES: Miss World Zimbabwe 2015 winners. Image by: Miss World Zimbabwe via Facebook**

didn't stop Emily Kachote entering and winning the contest before being dethroned. She argued that she'd not knowingly posed for the pictures, which were apparently taken by an ex.

But the Miss Zimbabwe Trust maintained that her

behaviour was immoral.

Kachote's dethronement followed a similar nude photo leak for Miss World Zimbabwe 2014, Thabiso Phiri. She too lost her crown, though the trust insisted she'd stepped down of her own accord. *Afp*

## RENAMO THREATENS TO BLOCKROADS

MAPUTO - Mozambique's largest opposition party RENAMO Monday threatened to set up roadblocks on key highways in the centre of the country.

Speaking at a press conference in the central city of Beira, the RENAMO head of mobilization in Sofala province, Horacio Calavete, said RENAMO would set up armed road blocks on the main north-south highway between the Save River and the Inhope crossroads in Manica province. There would also be 'control points' on the roads from Inhope to Caia, the bridge over the Zambezi River, and from Inhope to the western city of Tete. This threat to use the RENAMO militia to interfere with traffic on major roads is similar to the threat made by the head of the RENAMO information department, Jeronimo Malagueta, in June 2013. That was the prelude to a low-level RENAMO insurgency, mostly in Sofala, which included lethal ambushes against vehicles travelling on the north-south road. Calavete's threats amount to tearing up the agreement of September 5, 2014 on a cessation of military hostilities, signed by RENAMO leader Afonso Dhlakama and by the then President, Armando Guebuza. Calavete said the decision to set up roadblocks was taken by Dhlakama himself, who is currently living in a hideout in the Satunjira region of the Sofala district of Gorongosa. *All Africa*

## India police arrest goat for grazing in garden

NEW DELHI - Police in central India arrested a goat and its owner for repeatedly damaging a senior bureaucrat's garden, a local official said Tuesday.

Police in Chhattisgarh state sprang into action, registering a case against the man and his animal for chewing up the district magistrate's garden.

They were later released on bail but face initial charges of causing mischief and damage to property, said officer Ram Sewak Paikra from Janakpur town in Korea district. "The goat and the owner were under police custody and are out, as both the sections 427 and 447 of the IPC (Indian Penal Code) are bailable offences," Paikra told AFP.

He said the goat was allegedly a 'repeat offender' in Janakpur town, some 340 kilometres (211 miles) north of state capital Raipur. Local media were running video footage of the offending — and now tethered — black goat. Rajesh Paikra, the official's gardener, herded the captured goat to the local police station on Monday, demanding action. *Afp*



**EXHAUSTED?: Shrien Dewani.**

## SHRIEN DEWANI LOOKING 'EXHAUSTED'

LONDON - Staring ahead vacantly as he tries to blend into the commuter crowd, this is an 'exhausted'-looking Shrien Dewani on a rare public outing after being cleared of murdering his wife on their honeymoon.

The millionaire businessman, dressed in a tracksuit and trainers, was spotted on the London

Underground as he made his way home on Friday afternoon.

It is one of only a handful of occasions that the 36-year-old has been seen publicly since returning to Britain following the collapse of his trial.

Onlookers said it appeared as though Dewani, who they described as looking 'exhausted',

had been working out and was carrying a gym bag.

They said he avoided eye-contact and shifted nervously in his seat on the train. Since Dewani's return to England in August last year he has kept a low profile, rarely straying far from the family home near Bristol.

*Daily Mail*



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# MORE WOES FOR BLAQUE CREATIONS AS... J KING LEAVES THE STABLE

Stories by Phesheya Kunene

**MORE** woes for Blaque Creations stable as it has lost yet another gem, who was surely taking the country's music industry by storm.

The artist, J King, who is well known for his hip hop which has earned itself the name 'Makoya rap', has parted ways with Ama20-20 originators.

Bearing no smile on his face, the gifted rapper said he has had enough with the never-ending empty promises from his former bosses, which he said started way back in 2013 when he signed with the stable. The stable was founded by two brothers, Sipho and Bobby Makhanya.

"When I signed my contract in 2013, which was valid for three years, I was to produce two albums and I did my part as I have more than 30 tracks with a failed attempt to compile even one album under Blaque Creations," he said in a clear sincere tone.

He added that this was just a fraction of the story as he narrated his saddening tale.

"I have been shown brilliant strategies towards growing my brand, but with no execution for all the three years. I guess the underlying fact is that all the promises that were made to me were not delivered, three years is a long time to realise that you are not reaching your goals," he narrated rather heatedly.

In recent times, the Blaque Creations brand has hit rock bottom as the stable has hogged headlines for the wrong reasons. Their Ama20-20 show has not made things easier for the co-founders as it failed to light up the entertainment scenes in all its recent attempts made by the show organisers.

## Controversy

The stable is not new to such controversy as in the past years another top artist, Diba Diba walked out under unclear circumstances. Moreover, J King said he had also been noticing the alarming exodus of artists from the stable and this also contributed in his decision to jump ship.

"When you start out in a stable with more than five artists in 2013 and become the lone artist by 2014 you tend to have hope for the best



from your management, but when that hope vanished, I decided to leave too," he said.

On the other hand, Sipho, who is responsible for communicating with the media, said they did not have the energy to discuss such matters as there was more to it than meets the eye.

"We are not interested in entertaining this matter for now as there is more to this than just the said artist walking out of Blaque Creations. We have been in the industry for many years now, so entertaining such things would be immature on our side," he said.

The artist has been a hit in the hip hop world with hits such as 'Top Guluva', 'Amakoporosh' and 'iVibe', which have rocked our local towns.

## He knows the real issues pushing him away – Sipho

**WHILE** trying by all means to be diplomatic, co-founder of Blaque Creations said J King knows the real issues that saw him calling it quits with his stable.

Makhanya said he did not want to discuss these issues as the time was not right for them.

"To be honest there is nothing to say, no comment is a better option for us. I am currently busy with business and studies on the side and I want to focus on those things. There is just too much negative energy regarding this matter," he said.

He added that as a stable they knew that there were jealous people who were behind this.

"We are fully aware of what is happening, there is bad influence from jealous people. We also have a lot of issues to discuss with the said artist, whom we want to

deal with privately. Nonetheless, we wish J King all the best in his career," he said.

He added that the stable was on the verge of being rebranded this year and assured their fans that despite all the negativity, they would bounce back stronger and better.

Responding to these allegations, J King said he did not have much to say, stating that as far as he knew the Makhanya brothers were the exact culprits who had been influencing him in the past three years.

"I signed a contract with them and went public with it and now I am leaving. It is fitting that I do the same thing, which is letting the public know. And nobody is influencing me, they have been influencing me for over three years and now, I have decided to captain my own ship," he said.

## J King to release new single 'Ma- 11' soon

**THE** gifted kasi hip hop singer said since he left Blaque Creations, he is still at the drawing board drafting his way forward, with the help of some people.

"However, I will not be silent during this phase as I will be releasing a new single titled 'Ma-11'. 2016 is all about re-inventing the brand.

"People will hear new music from me, I will get out of my comfort zone and do a lot of music and music videos and also do a lot of local features.

"And also, one thing I did not do in the past is showing up on local gigs because I was pursuing a career in Engineering at TUT, but I completed in December last year," he said.



## Designer Carol nominated to partake in Dubai fashion week

By Phesheya Kunene

**THE** fashion designer behind the designs Carol Crocs Creations - Carol Ngwenya - has started the New Year on a positive note after being nominated to represent the country in Dubai in March 23 to 27.

The Arts and Culture office seems to be staying true to their vow of enriching local talent as they recommended over five local fashion designers to be nominated to participate in the week-long fashion show.

## Shows

The event is known as ALITI Africa-Dubai Fashion Week (AADFW). The event will take place at Sheraton Dubai Creek-Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates. Some of the events that are set to take place during the fashion week will include an open exhibition and runway shows.

What has made this news more interesting for the local fashion

designer is that the organisers of the show in Dubai have already started advertising her on their marketing platforms, such as their website.

An overly excited Carol said she was happy to be nominated to represent the country in Dubai.

"I am excited to be nominated, as this is a big international event. This will give me great exposure. I am also positive to represent the country well and create opportunities for the international market for our fashion industry," she said.

## Opportunity

She added that this was also a great opportunity for working towards vision 2022.

SNCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini was full of praise for the fashion designer, saying he was hoping she would represent the country well and also win something while there.

"We wish her all the best as we had recommended over five fashion designers. I urge companies to come forth and sponsor her expenses as she

## ...Needs sponsorship of over E15 000

**AS** much as fashion designer Carol Ngwenya is overjoyed about her nomination, the reality the lack of funds keeps bothering her.

The fashion designer will need at least E16 000 for her dream to come true. The sponsorship break down goes as follows; E7 100- Air-travel, E2 000 - travel allowance, E6 000- registration fee and E750 - Insurance. She is appealing for public's support.

"As the fashion industry is still developing in the country, my representation of the nation in Dubai will put Swaziland on the map. Being placed on the international market is in line with working towards a developed country in

alignment with His Majesty's vision for a developed nation by 2022. With such exposure, I will also contribute towards the development of the Swazi economy as the exposure will attract a bigger market locally and outside the country.

"This will also inspire other local designers to strive to achieve more in the industry," she said as she explained why she should be sponsored.

She added that she was determined to do her best and bring something back home.

The SNCAC, through the CEO Stanley Dlamini, has also joined the campaign of asking for sponsorship and they were hoping she would secure one very soon.

needs the sponsorships for her to realise her dream," he said.

He added that Ngwenya would show what Swaziland was made of through her designs and conduct and advised her to behave well and thrive for success.

The intention of the event is not only to boost the exposure and reputation of African designers in United Arab Emirates and subsequently the rest of the Middle East, but to also further strengthen Middle Eastern and African business relations.

# #FILLUPMAVUSO SAGA

## Gino Kash in nasty confrontation after his heartfelt blog on rapper

Stories by Phesheya Kunene

**ARTIST** Manager and founder of Team Purple Entertainment stable Gino Kash got more than what he bargained for as he was labeled a hater after a heartfelt blog he posted online about the fill up Mavuso goal by rapper Illa Penboy.

A local artist manager has been left with more questions than the answers, he tried to bring forth on his personal blog on which he explained why he thought Illa Penboy's goal would be hard to achieve.

Instead of understanding Gino Kash's point of view, Illa Penboy's followers came hard on the promoter calling him a hater with some going to the extent of insulting him for his brutally genuine opinion.

"We all know who is behind the FillUpMavuso campaign and that is none other than Illa Penboy, who is a local hip/hop artist and also a co-founder of leading fashion house, Imitsanyelo WeFashion Front. Illa Penboy's dream to FillUpMavuso started late last year, 2015. The FillUpMavuso campaign has trended on popular social network, Facebook.

This campaign is the talk of the streets amongst hip/hop heads," reads the introduction of Gino Kash post.

This is not what got Illa Penboy's fans irate though but the analysis Gino Kash laid out after his impressive introduction.

The second paragraph seems to be the one that sparked a nasty confrontation directed at the artist manager, who has also worked as a promoter for the controversial Mofaya energy drink.

"Even though the campaign has drawn public interest, Gino Kash, artists' manager at Team Purple has got a different view about the whole initiative pioneered by Illa Penboy.

This is not to say they've got differences. Gino Kash, who manages local rapper, Trippy King Twenty, posted on his Facebook timeline to say FillingUpMavuso with 7 000 people was not impossible.

He mentioned that God always wanted the best for his people, but the buzz made by Facebook with the seven sign is not enough of a marketing strategy.

For that reason, the manager took a stand to say

'I have no negative motive against his show'

**RESPONDING** to the allegations of being jealous of Illa Penboy's progress, Gino Kash said he did not have any negative motive behind his sentiments directed to the upcoming show.

"I respect Illa Penboy's dream of filling up Mavuso with 7000 people. The rapper has the ambition and wants to change the hip/hop industry. I



**NOT BOTHERED:** Rapper Illa Penboy has had his campaign criticised by many.

admire the way Facebook has the seven sign trend but I felt it was not enough of a strategy to pack up Mavuso with 7 000 people. My sentiments are justified from an event organiser perspective, well, criticism is part of change, it makes me observe, learn and understand the next party," he said.

He added that he had not taken the critics to heart while adding that he will definitely make it a priority that he attends that show. He wondered why people thought he was jealous.

"Why am I jealous? What has been achieved? What is there to achieve by being jealous? Well my advice is that with marketing, there are no hesitations. He must thrive to get people to respond to ticket sales," he added.

Fill up Mavuso is impossible," reads the second paragraph.

Another twist that got people calling the promoter a hater are his quotes he made on the post.

**Nation**

"Lord I pray he had everything, finance, sponsors, covered before chasing after this dream and telling the whole nation. I hope it's not a brand attention seeking move.

Yes none such as bad publicity but be careful what you associate your brand with.

Your brand should deliver," he said on the post.

Amongst other things, Gino Kash highlighted the issues of not announcing the dates of the show, not releasing tickets and their prices and a proper marketing strategy.

He said all this had the potential to backfire against the rapper as 7 000 is too big a number for a local artist to attain, especially when social networks were the only platforms targeted for marketing.

Rapper Illa Penboy, who is undoubtedly the hottest rapper currently declined to comment on the issue, saying he did not have time for those having a problem with his upcoming show.

**OPINIONATED:** Gino Kash.



### FACEBOOK COMMENTS

**LCM the poet** - If we do not dream, no one will dream for us.

**Shlangu Cherubbimie Mncina** - That is a failure I would withdraw if I was under his management kangumsebeni wakhe yini, coz HE IS SUPPOSED TO MAKE THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE

**Thamie De-Gang Ndlovu** - I have read his statement and I formed an informed position that lo manager lo is jealous. He might be entitled to his opinion as freedom of speech would have it, but he really is no dreamer and is going to kill artists under his stable. N\*\*\*\* pls...give the pen boy a chance. I am no Hip-Hop fanatic but personally I will buy myself a VVIP ticket for his show. Support Swazi talent arrghh man...

**Steven Ndwandwe** - I thought I

would let it slide, but then again thought that some people might need clarity on this matter,

**#FillUpMavuso** So Illa Penboy has been getting a lot of heat after announcing his #7000 people FillUpMavuso project.

While some have been supportive and posting the 7 sign pictures on social media and generally giving a positive response.

While on the far extreme we have the cynics who were not shy to label "FillUpMavuso" as "IMPOSSIBLE" and reduced it to a marketing stunt which is shaping up to be an epic failure. To everyone who is for this concept, like me, I would encourage you not to lose heart and remember to do your part towards the success of the event. Which for most is, buy your original ticket early and show up on the day of the event.

## Couples quiz booth at Swazi Plaza for Valentine's Day

By Phesheya Kunene

**IT** has become a growing trend at Mbabane's premier shopping, fashion, food and leisure complex, the Swazi Plaza and Corporate Place that it treats couples.

Both lovers and friends will this weekend receive splendid surprises, as prizes will be dished out in a game show designed for Valentine's Day.

This was revealed by Swazi Plaza Properties Marketing Manager Gugu Mswane, who said her establishment was desirous of making 'special days' a bit more special, as a way of thanking loyal customers and visitors to both Swazi Plaza and Corporate Place.

"We have embarked on numerous interactive activities in the past with both our tenants as well as shoppers, in a bid to make both the Swazi Plaza and the Corporate Place the ultimate and preferred venues for shopping, eating out, gaming as well as accessing commercial activities like paying out of utility bills, banking, among others," said Mswane.

"The popularity of these activities have challenged us to think out of the box, and bring shoppers and guests even more innovation and engagement, hence the Valentine's game show that will be coordinated by FACE Consultancy," she said.

Mswane said FACE

Consultancy will set up a quiz booth where shoppers will be invited to visit and play a game in pairs.

"This is open to lovers and friends. They will be given erasable boards and writing pens, then three questions will be posed to each participating pair to see how well they know each other," she said.

She said those who collectively get all three questions correct will be given a chance to select and pop one red balloon, from a given four balloons. Only one in each set of four would have a prize coupon.

The marketing manager went on to outline the prizes as vouchers for two to eat out at a particular restaurant at the Swazi Plaza & Corporate Place, and the winners will get a free complementary rose.

Red roses are usually viewed as a symbol of healthy love among couples and friends.

She emphasised that only pairs would be allowed to participate and that they must be genuine friends or lovers. They will be given only one chance to participate.

Noteworthy, Swazi Plaza Properties are also part of sponsors for the #MduraHellaFunny stand-up comedy show and KnowIt!! Game show is scheduled to take place at the Swaziland Theatre Club Friday evening.



# THE WOMAN WHO CRUSHES WATERMELONS WITH HER THIGHS

... jokes her fearsome strength scared off pro-rape creep 'Roosh the Douche' from Australia

- Fitness guru Kortney Olson crushed a watermelon with her thighs
  - The Gold Coast crushed the fruit in a five second Facebook video
  - She took aim at 'pro-rape' blogger Daryush 'Roosh' Valizadeh
  - He saw my watermelon video and cancelled plans,' she said
  - The video has had more than 5 700 000 views on Facebook
- Kortney Olson (pictured left and right) is not afraid of anybody.

**SIDNEY -** She was Australia's first female arm wrestling champion, but Kortney Olson's strength extends beyond her bulging biceps.

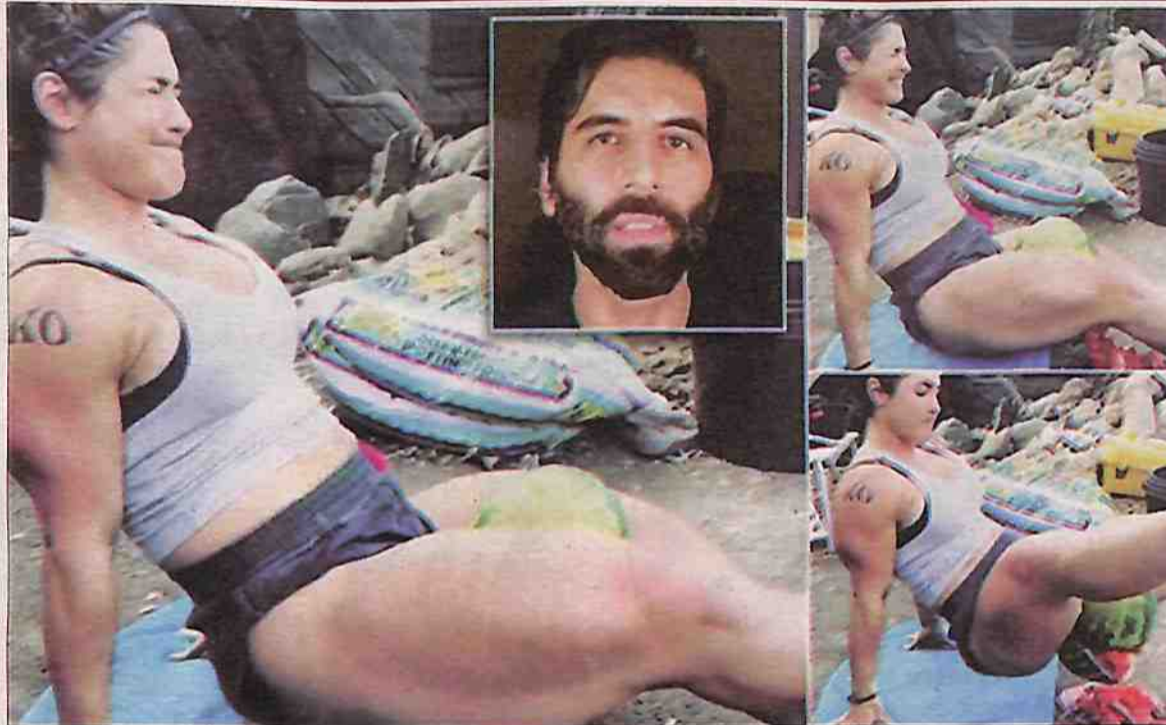
The Gold Coast fitness guru has shared a video of herself crushing a whole watermelon with her bare thighs in an incredible show of strength.

She posted the video alongside the hashtags #YourHeadHereHomeboy and #RooshTheDouchie in an apparent attempt to scare 'pro-rape' blogger Daryush 'Roosh' Valizadeh who planned to visit Australia.

When 'Roosh the Douche' abandoned his trip, she wrote: 'he saw my watermelon video and cancelled plans'. Show of strength: Kortney Olson posted a video to Facebook of herself crushing a whole watermelon with her thighs

'Quads of the Gods': The fitness guru was able to turn the fruit in to juice in just five seconds

#RooshTheDouchie: She said her watermelon video is what prompted 'pro-rape' blogger Daryush 'Roosh'



**FITNESS GURU:** Kortney Olson (pictured left and right) is not afraid of anybody. The Gold Coast fitness guru has posted a video to Facebook of herself crushing a watermelon with her thighs - and said the show of incredible strength is was prompted 'pro-rape' blogger Daryush 'Roosh' Valizadeh (inset) to abandon his plans to visit Australia. A video shows a muscular Miss Olsen crush the fruit in just five seconds. (Daily Mail)

Valizadeh to cancel his plans to visit Australia.

Kortney posted the video to her Facebook page on February 5 and it has gone on to be viewed more than 5 700 000 times.

She captioned the video with a watermelon emoji and a series of hashtags.

#watermelonGRRRL #legs #likeAgrrrl #watermelonhigh-squeeze #quadssofthegods #legsfor-

days #yourheadherehomeboy #rooshtedouchie #returnofthequeens #LDB #legdaybitch,' she wrote.

The video received more than 15 000 comments, with many making cruel or sexual remarks about Kortney's physique.

Kortney addressed the negativity in a Facebook post on Wednesday.

'Apparently my video has attracted a bunch of insecure, jealous little boys,' she wrote.

'So I can answer all of your messages at one time: YES! I'm married to a man. NO! I'm not a lesbian.

Fighting back: 'Apparently my video has attracted a bunch of insecure, jealous little boys,' she wrote

'NO! testosterone has some non-reversible side effects I'm not prepared to deal with.

'NO! I'm not competing in physique again, it was a massive waste of time and money. 'And finally, YES! I'd



**INCREDIBLE:** She was able to crush three watermelons in just 14 seconds on live television



**NEW MEANING TO LEG DAY:** The fitness guru was able to crush the watermelon in just five seconds.

love to change the world with you by empowering more women to be and do whatever the hell they want to.'

Not alone: Olga Liaschuk, 30 from Kyiv, Ukraine is also known for crushing watermelons with her thighs

Brute strength: Olga is the Guinness world record holder for breaking the fruit with her legs

Kortney is not the first woman to prove her quad strength by crushing a watermelon with her legs.

Olga Liaschuk, 30 from Kyiv, Ukraine, crushed three watermelons with her thighs in just 14 seconds on live TV. Olga is the Guinness world record holder for breaking the fruit with her legs in the fastest time.

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By Tenele Dlamini

A Shisanyama hotspot will be launched at Esibayeni Lodge's Lover's Picnic Sunday, 14th February for all couples to come and celebrate the day of love, Valentine's Day.

According to SwaziBoy's Mthunzi 'Shadow' Zwane, the establishment's beautiful green lawn will be dramatically turned into a romantic picnic spot, for all the couples and those who are there to witness the new Shisanyama.

"With a pool bar set up Ronde Vu is definitely going to be the new hot spot for your Sundays for it has a fully stocked up bar and Shisanyama area, which will cater for all people from different backgrounds.

"We shall be open every Saturday and Sunday only from noon up until 10pm. Live music and DJs will be the order every Sunday," said Zwane.

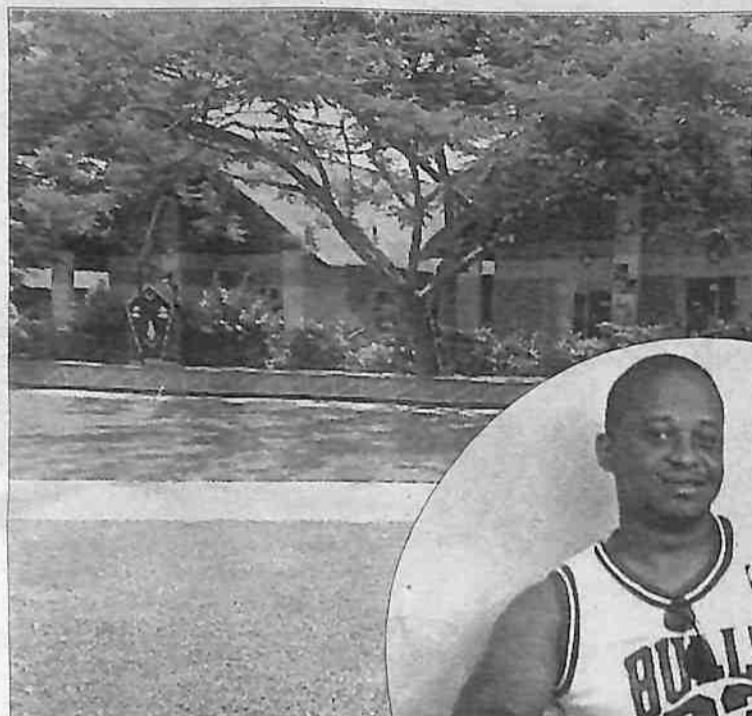
#### Line-up

He added that this Sunday they would be hosting a show, with an opening act of non-other than Tiyas King and his band who just recently pulled a massive show at the popular venue.

"Tiyas will be doing all his love songs from all his albums and he is also expected to come up with a few surprises since its Valentine's Day.

"Also lined-up will be DJ Ntombz, who will be dishing all R'n'B love songs and neo soul music.

# SHISANYAMA SPOT TO BE LAUNCHED AT ESIBAYENI'S LOVERS PICNIC



**HOT SPOT: SwaziBoy's Mthunzi 'Shadow' Zwane.**

DJ Ntombz has promised a very romantic set to serenade all the lovers.

Later on, Mistosoul will take all who have come to witness this event up until closing time with

some groovy tunes.

Cover fee will be E50 for singles and E80 for couples. It was also

confirmed that a surprise gift would be given to all the ladies upon arrival at this not to be missed show.

## Love Is In The Air at Theatre Club Saturday

By Simon Shabangu

THE Mbabane Theatre Club will be transformed into an intimate and love hub as Streetjoy Promotions hosts a pre-Valentine's show dubbed 'Love is in the air' this Saturday.

The event as confirmed by the Director of Streetjoy, a seasoned DJ Terrence Ginindza, is a result of a partnership with The Calabash Restaurant, Phela- Live Wellness Centre and MK Entertainment. He said the event would be a night of love hence they had also lined up relevant performances by the now famous Spanela Jazz Workshop and renowned old school and love songs DJ Mkhululi among others.

He said the idea behind this show came after realising that couples usually ate out on Valentine's Day and hardly had such events to attend. He said they also observed that on the day of Valentine, the eateries were usually packed and this resulted in them not enjoying the evening of love. "We have, therefore, come up with this concept of a Pre-Valentine's event which will be the first and we want to treat lovers to the best of a night. The Mbabane Theatre Club will be transformed into an intimate atmosphere to suit the type of event we are bringing to Mbabane. The whole of the theatre club will be utilised to accommodate more people. The auditorium, the foyer, the pool area and the restaurant will be transformed to look the part" Ginindza said.

He added that preparations for the event were at an advanced stage adding that they are now ready to roll



out the red carpet and welcome the couples and fun-lovers alike. He also added that there are prizes on offer.

"The Calabash Restaurant is giving away a three course dinner meal for two, to a lucky couple to attend the event while Phela- Live wellness centre is giving away one month membership to a lucky couple. Tickets are already out.

"They are available at the Mbabane Theatre club and at Phela-Live wellness centre at the Gables or people can call 7605 6472 for reservation. VIP tickets are selling at E300 per person which includes buffet din-

ner while ordinary tickets are selling at E150 per person which includes finger snacks. I must add that it is critical for people to make reservations as we have a limited numbers of tickets" he added.

Ginindza said also added that the event was scheduled to start at 7PM until late stressing that they have a jam-packed line-up which includes among others RnB sensation Marlo, Futhi and partners who will be offering ballroom dance. Others will be DJs Mk (Mkhululi), Mbusi Motsa and the man himself Xtra Luv among others.

## ENTERTAINMENT EXTRA

# Fans are fussing over Joe, Pearl!

JOHANNESBURG - Metro FM's Phat Joe and Pearl Thusi have been off the air for about three weeks now.

And although fans have been making a noise on social media to have them reinstated, SABC spokesman Kaizer Kganyago has said they will only be allowed back on air once all their issues with the radio station have been dealt with.

The hosts of The Real Phat Joe, which airs on the radio station on Saturday mornings,

were apparently suspended for making fun of colleague Bonang Matheba and her relationship with rapper AKA.

When asked about listeners who campaigned for the two to be put back behind the microphone, Kganyago said: "We don't campaign when looking for a job. It's an issue between employer and employee."

Pearl referred all queries to her manager and the station's programmes manager.

Phat Joe's phone rang unan-

swered when the SunTeam tried to get hold of him.

Sunday Sun reported two weeks ago that some listeners were sick of Phat Joe and Pearl bashing Bonang and complained

to the station.

At the time, Kganyago confirmed they had been taken off air due to a disagreement with management.

Stand-in presenters have been hosting the show since their suspension, including house duo DJ Naves and Spectacula and William Lehong.

However, the hashtags #BringBackPearlThusi and #BringBackPhatJoe have been trending on Twitter since they were taken off the air.

One user called MrSkota wrote: "Stop embarrassing other kids by making them broadcast to zero listeners."

"We only listen to Joe and Pearl on Saturdays."

Another listener, Thato Malau, tweeted: "#BringBackPhatJoe. Stop punishing us. We have had enough now. We apologise on his behalf." [dailysun.co.za](http://dailysun.co.za)



**OFF AIR: Pearl Thusi.**



## ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP



### Abramovich unsure about Simeone

LONDON - Diego Simeone's chances of landing the Chelsea job have taken a massive setback because Roman Abramovich has serious misgivings about the Atletico Madrid coach's playing style.

The Argentine, who won La Liga in 2014 with Atletico and led them to the Champions League final, is on the shortlist to succeed Jose Mourinho at Stamford Bridge.

Simeone, who turned down Manchester United when they fired David Moyes in 2014, has earned respect in the game for finding a way to compete with Spanish giants Real Madrid and Barcelona.

But their workmanlike style is too similar to some of the miserable football served up by Mourinho's Chelsea when they won the Premier League title for the fourth time last season. Atletico are currently second in La Liga, three points behind leaders Barcelona, but Simeone has squeezed the pips out of the squad since he replaced Gregorio Manzano in 2011. Chelsea made another attempt to persuade Pep Guardiola to join them when Abramovich fired Mourinho in December, but the Catalan had already made up his mind to join Manchester City.

It leaves Chelsea with a dwindling list of candidates, although Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri and Italy's national team manager Antonio Conte are currently favoured at senior level. *Daily Mail*

# Liverpool crash out of Cup

LONDON - This time there was no Steven Gerrard to drag them back from the brink.

Liverpool's young ones fought almost to the last kick, to additional time of additional time, but it was too much for them in the end. West Ham won, with a header from Angelo Ogbonna in the 121st minute.

Hardly revenge for that 2006 FA Cup final defeat, but the dream continues.

Had West Ham lost, this would have been the last FA Cup tie at Upton Park, which shuts its doors for eternity at the end of this season. Now there is a last-16 visit to Blackburn to look forward to and after that, if they win, who knows?

This is a campaign that West Ham will want to end in style — much as they ended this match.

It was a magnificent effort from Slaven Bilic's side, despite the weakened nature of Liverpool's starting line-up. In the second half West Ham lost Winston Reid to what appeared to be a hamstring injury, Cheikhou Kouyate to a clash of heads, plus Joey O'Brien.

Andy Carroll and Enner Valencia both suffered injury scares after that as West Ham were hobbling towards the finishing line.

It was the perfect moment, then, for the unusually quiet Dimitri Payet to play his best pass of the night, an inswinging free kick from the right. He placed it perfectly on Ogbonna's head and the ball nestled in the far corner of the net, Simon Mignolet beaten. Liverpool looked shattered. They had fought for this, played their part in a magnificent cup tie, but it was not to be.

Payet is already in contract negotiations midway through his first season at West Ham. There is talk of a £38 million offer from China, of exorbitant salary demands, too. This was a reminder of what he can bring, the pure quality he can deliver to a club with big ambitions. There is a lot of money in the Chinese market; but where would West Ham find another like him?

The same could be said of Philippe Coutinho and Liverpool. *Daily Mail*



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- Tender No. 2 Protective Clothing
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- Tender No. 4 Transport Hire
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#### For Expressions of Interest:

- Tender No. 14 Provision of Security Services
- Tender No. 15 Catering Services
- Tender No. 16 External Audit Services

Tender documents are available for sale at a none refundable price of E 300.00 at the Ngwenya Town Board Offices during normal working hours between 8:00 AM and 4:45 PM Mondays to Fridays as from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

The closing date is 19 February 2016 at 12:00 Noon.

All completed Tender Documents, endorsed with an appropriate Tender Number and Description and addressed to Town Clerk must be placed in the Tender box in the Ngwenya Town Board offices at Ngwenya Village.

Bona fide proposals should comprise the following documents:

- Company profile
- Valid copy of current trading licence
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- Form J
- Ngwenya Town Board receipt as proof of purchased tender
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Interested persons should submit their applications and CV's before the close of business on the 19 February 2016 by email: Human.Resources@sz.sabmiller.com or deliver to the HR Office. All applications should be clearly marked 'GRADUATE TRAINEE: SALES'.

## De Kock, Amla lead SA to victory

JOHANNESBURG - Not even another century from Joe Root in another score of 300 plus could stop England from being blown away by South Africa in a third one-day international here that keeps this series very much alive.

When Root propelled England to what seemed an above-par 318 for eight they appeared to have one hand on a rare Test and one-day series tour double after their opening victories in Bloemfontein and Port Elizabeth.

Yet Root was to be utterly upstaged by another young star of the world game in Quinton de Kock, who took England's bowling apart and made their batting effort look totally inadequate with a breathtaking hundred of his own.

So masterful was De Kock in dominating an opening partnership of 239 with Hashim Amla, who made his 22nd one-day century, that England were well beaten even before they took three consolation wickets, South Africa can-

tering home with 22 balls in hand.

This was De Kock's 10th one-day century and, at barely 23, he has plenty of time to surpass the greatest keeper-batsman of them all who he is so starting to resemble in Adam Gilchrist, who made 16 hundreds in 50-over cricket.

More importantly, he is becoming a key figure in the future of a South African team who, in being second best to England for so much of this tour, are desperately in need of new heroes like De Kock and Kagiso Rabada.

England simply had no answer and will reflect on the limitations of an attack that they want to give as much experience as possible to here in order to find out about them well in advance of the big 50-over tournaments.

There are no such worries about England's batting. Root has been showing signs of fatigue in recent weeks and at some point England will have to decide whether he really can carry on playing in all forms of the game. *Daily Mail*



**WIN:** Roy looks disappointed as South Africa celebrate his wicket, following a sloppy piece of running.

## DORTMUND, BREMEN THROUGH TO SEMIS

MUNICH - Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang claimed his 30th goal of the season on Tuesday to help fire Borussia Dortmund into the German Cup semifinals with a 3-1 victory at VfB Stuttgart.

Gabon striker Aubameyang and Germany winger Marco Reus, who have provided 45 of Dortmund's goals in all competitions this season, netted before Henrik Mkhitaryan claimed their late third.

Dortmund are now in the semifinals for the third season in a row while spirited Stuttgart had their five-match winning streak, dating back to mid-December, ended.

Pep Guardiola's Bayern Munich will attempt to join Dortmund in the last four when they play VfL Bochum on Wednesday while minnows Heidenheim host Hertha Berlin.

Dortmund took the lead at Stuttgart's Mercedes-Benz Arena when Reus fired home off the crossbar with just five minutes gone.

Stuttgart fought back and levelled when Lukas Rupp's shot deflected off Mkhitaryan and into the Dortmund net on 21 minutes to the home fans' delight.

The visitors regained the lead when Reus set up Aubameyang for his third in as many Cup games this season, and his 30th in all competitions, on 31 minutes as Stuttgart failed to cope with Dortmund's pace.

With time running out, Aubameyang broke clear and pulled Stuttgart goalkeeper Mitchell Langerak off his line to allow Mkhitaryan a simple tap-in on 89



**CELEBRATION:** Mkhitaryan being mobbed by his team-mates following his late effort against Stuttgart. (*Daily Mail*)

minutes.

Earlier, veteran Claudio Pizarro helped seal Werder Bremen's 3-1 quarter-final win at ten-man Bayer Leverkusen by playing a key role in their shock victory.

## Flavour

There was a strong Latin American flavour at Leverkusen's BayArena as Bremen booked their place in April's semifinals.

Mexico's Javier Hernandez put Leverkusen ahead, then Bremen's Argentinian centre-back Santiago Garcia levelled before Brazilian defender Wendell was sent off for

Bayer just before the halftime break.

After Wendell's dismissal, Peru's 37-year-old striker Pizarro scored Bremen's second by converting the resulting penalty, then set up their third.

"We did very well defensively and we reacted as a unit after conceding a goal," beamed Pizarro.

"Now we get to go further in the Cup."

Leverkusen took the lead when ex-Manchester United forward Hernandez continued his record of scoring in each round of the cup.

It was his 22nd goal for Bayer this season in all competitions. *AFP*

## Allegri clams 'no interest' in Chelsea

JUVENTUS - Juventus manager Massimiliano Allegri says there is 'nothing' in Chelsea's interest in him.

The 48-year-old Italian is on a shortlist of potential candidates to replace Guus Hiddink at Stamford Bridge, with the Dutchman in interim charge of the Blues until the end of the season.

However, Allegri, who has won the Serie A title with both AC Milan and Juventus, said on Tuesday he was not on his way to the reigning Premier League champions.

Speaking at a youth tournament on Tuesday, he told Sky Italia: "There's nothing to it. I cannot either confirm or deny something that doesn't exist."

## Competitions

"I want this matter over and done with now. What's important for me right now is to get to the end of the season with Juventus and try and win some silverware."

Juventus have won 17 of their last 18 matches in all competitions and are two points behind Serie A leaders Napoli, who they play on Saturday.

They are also through to the last 16 of the Champions League, where they face Bayern Munich, and in the semi-finals of the Coppa Italia, with Inter Milan their opponents.

Chelsea are looking for a new man to take over at the helm of the club after sacking Jose Mourinho in December and Allegri is being considered along with Diego Simeone and Antonio Conte. *Daily Mail*



## Ashley Cole makes LA Galaxy debut

NEW YORK - Ashley Cole made his LA Galaxy debut on Tuesday evening as his new side earned a 0-0 pre-season friendly draw with Mexican outfit Tijuana.

The former Chelsea and England star looked sharp as he helped Galaxy maintain a clean sheet before being substituted in the 58th-minute at the StubHub Center.

Cole, who terminated his

contract with Roma by mutual consent last month bringing to an end a disappointing 18-month spell in Italy, made a number of lung-busting runs along the left flank while sharing the field with new teammates Steven Gerrard and Robbie Keane.

## Rustiness

Although the 35-year-old didn't show any signs of rustiness, Cole believes he's still

got a way to go before he feels fully fit.

Speaking after the friendly stalemate, Cole said: "I don't feel 100 percent sharp in terms of getting into the attack or dealing with runners, but fitness is going to come."

"We've got two pre-season games left and I'm going to have to work on the training field to get fitter."

*Daily Mail*

## Djokovic dominant for now - Henman

LONDON - Novak Djokovic's domination of 2016 is not as inevitable as it might appear, former British No 1 Tim Henman believes, even if the other members of the 'Big Four' will have to raise their game and hope the Serbian falters.

Djokovic won 11 titles including three of the four majors last year and has a 12-0 record this season, having thrashed Rafa Nadal, Roger Federer and Andy Murray to win the title in Doha and a record-equalling sixth Australian Open crown.

So impressive was the 28-year-old at Melbourne Park that many pundits believe a first calendar year grand slam in the men's game since Rod Laver in 1969 is on the cards.

Henman, while conceding there is now a gap between Djokovic and the other top players, does not think it has become a gulf.

"They can definitely challenge. Murray is at highest ranking in his career, he's No 2 in the world. He's playing great tennis," the 41-year-old Henman told Reuters in an interview.

"But obviously Djokovic is playing a little bit better at the moment. Roger was in the final of US Open last year and he was in the final of the Wimbledon last year. Djokovic stopped him in his quest to win more grand slams."

"They are still very, very close."

Henman thinks Federer, who won the last of his 17 major titles in 2012, and Murray look most likely to prevent a Djokovic grand slam sweep this year as Stan Wawrinka did at the French Open last year. *Reuters*



**PARIS** - According to German-based football website, Transfermarkt.com, Kermit Erasmus' market value has doubled since joining French club, Stade Rennais.

The Siya crew reported in this week's issue of Soccer Laduma that Orlando Pirates are believed to have pocketed around €500 000 (R9m) in return for the sale of Erasmus to

Rennes following his move to Europe last month.

The 25-year-old has now leapt into the top 10 list of South Africa's most highly-valued players on Transfermarkt.com, with his value going from €700 000 (R12m) to €1.25m (R22m) following his move.

Dutch-based midfield duo, Kamohelo Mokotjo and Thulani Serero, remain the most highly-val-

ued South Africans on the German website at €3m (R54m) each, while Anele Ngcongca follows behind them at €2.5m (R45m).

Bernard Parker €1m (R18m) remains the highest valued Absa Premiership-based South African, a figure shared by European-based players such as Darren Keet, Tokelo Rantie and young Lebogang Phiri. *Soccer Laduma*

## JOHNSON PLEADS GUILTY OF SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH GIRL (15)

**LONDON** - England footballer Adam Johnson pleaded guilty yesterday to one count of sexual activity with a 15-year-old girl and one count of grooming.

The 28-year-old faces two other charges of sexual activity with a child aged under 16 years.

The Sunderland winger's trial is being heard at Bradford Crown Court. All counts relate to a teenage girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons.

Johnson, wearing a black suit, white shirt and grey tie, today spoke only to confirm his name and enter two guilty pleas.

Johnson's partner Stacey

Flounders - mother to their one-year-old girl - was present in court, sat alongside Johnson's father.

Johnson had initially denied all four charges against him, but yesterday he changed his plea to guilty on two of the counts. The jury which was sworn in yesterday was told that Johnson has pleaded guilty to two charges. Jurors heard that the case will open tomorrow, and Judge Jonathan Rose warned them that they can only consider evidence which is presented in court. "You may see reference to this in the press but it's the evidence in court that you will gather," he said. *Daily Mail*



**GUILTY:** England footballer Adam Johnson (centre, inset and right playing for Sunderland) pleaded guilty to sexual activity with a child. He also admitted a charge of grooming, but denied two other charges of having sex with an underage girl. (*Daily Mail*)



**SET:** Gary Neville is set to join up with the England squad.

## Neville to be in dugout for England friendlies

**MADRID** - Gary Neville is set to join up with the England squad for next month's clashes with Holland and Germany despite his Valencia woes.

Neville is fighting to save his job as manager at Mestalla after a difficult start to life in Spain.

Nevertheless, the former Manchester United defender is planning to meet up with Roy Hodgson for the game in Germany on March 26 and the clash with Holland at Wembley three days later.

Neville, though, will miss today's 40-man get-together at St George's Park to focus on his troubles in Spain.

The 40-year-old was expected to team up with Hodgson for the gathering but has pulled out as Valencia's season approaches crisis-point.

Neville is without a La Liga win in nine games since arriving

in December, his side now just four points above the relegation zone.

Hodgson's assistant believes he can juggle his role as Valencia boss and England coach.

And the rookie boss is determined to be involved in next month's prestige friendlies as Hodgson finalises his plans for Euro 2016.

Speaking when he took the job in Spain, Neville said: "We've got the two games in March, in an international break when Valencia don't play. I wanted to complete my job through to the European Championship."

"Valencia will be my priority 95, 99 percent of the time. That doesn't stop me having phone conversations. I have a lot of hours in the day, I have no trouble fitting that in." *Daily Mail*

## Real Madrid will win silverware under Zidane - Raul

**MADRID** - Raul has backed his former Real Madrid team-mate Zinedine Zidane to deliver trophies at the club in his role as manager.

Zidane replaced Rafa Benitez in December on a deal which sees him take charge until at least the end of the season.

And the former Madrid striker believes the Frenchman is perfect for the role because of his glittering career - which saw him win the Champions League in 2002 and the World Cup with France in 1998 and the Euros two years later.

"He knows what people really want.

Why not dream of ending this year with something to shout about?" Raul said to beIN Sports.

"And, failing that, he will have to be given time so that next season all the work he is doing can bear fruit."

Upon his unveiling as manager, Zidane vowed to win a trophy this season.

### Expelled

Madrid were expelled from the Copa del Rey for fielding Denis Cheryshev when he was ineligible, leaving Zidane competing for La Liga and the Champions League.

They trail leaders Barcelona by four

points domestically and Luis Enrique's side have a game in hand, while Madrid are due to face Italian club Roma in the last 16 of Europe's elite club competition.

"I think that the message Zidane has to offer will get through to the players, because he was a world-class player," Raul said.

"He'll go down as one of the best ever because of what he won and how he played and he'll be able to make the players buy into his message, having inherited a squad brimming with talent."

*Daily Mail*

## Chippa could be taken to PSL DRC... Again

**CAPE TOWN** - Chippa United could be taken to the PSL's Dispute Resolution Chamber for allegedly failing to pay Hlabane Kutumela's salary, as per his contract with them.

The player has been expected to leave Chippa for Black Leopards, after struggling for game-time at the Port Elizabeth outfit. However, the Siya crew has gathered that the proposed player's switch from the Eastern Cape to Limpopo failed to materialise.

According to the player's representatives, Chippa have allegedly failed to cooperate in the matter. The Siya crew is in possession of the documents showing communication between Kutumela's representatives and Chippa boss, Siviwe Mpengesi.

Kutumela officially joined Chippa prior to the start of the 2015/16 season, having signed a valid contract with them commencing from 01 July 2015. The player's representatives told the Siya crew that any failure by the club to cooperate on the matter

Part of the correspondence sent to Chippa read as follows:

8. On or about the 01st December 2015, in an act of repudiation, an agreement to terminate employment by mutual consent was furnished to our client for signature. The agreement was supposed to commence on the 01st December 2015.

9. Our client challenged the terms of your proposed agreement to terminate the agreement by mutual consent through his representative in an email furnished to your office on the 07th December 2015. Our client to date has not received courtesy of your reply thereto.

10. A proposed amended and signed agreement to terminate by mutual consent was furnished to your office

on the 24th day of January 2016 as a sign of good faith. To date, our client has not obtained the courtesy of your reply to his proposal. Our client has further not received his salary for January, which was due on the 31st January 2016.

11. We are of a firm view that our client through his representatives has done everything in his power to settle this matter with your company, without any success.

12. It is prudent that we reiterate the fact that the local transfer window has now closed, our client is unemployed and is left destitute with no income to fend for his family. Both parties have a duty to uphold

the principle of sanctity of contract and fairness in dealings.

13. In the circumstance, our client left with no choice but to enforce the terms of his employment agreement with your company as follows:

13.1 As per norm and standards within the company, that he be furnished with a one-way ticket to Port Elizabeth on Sunday the 14th February 2016;

13.2 That our client be allowed to join the rest of his teammates from Monday the 15th February 2016;

13.3 That our client be paid all arrears salaries for January 2015 and January 2016 with immediate effect.

will lead to them taking legal action through the PSL's DRC. In other news from the club, Chippa coach, Roger Sikhakhane, has also taken

legal route against the side. The club has allegedly stopped paying his salary, although he is still under contract with them. *Soccer Laduma*

# INYATSI SWAZI FRONTIER COMES THROUGH FOR NGINAMADOLO

By Qondile Ntiwane

**CYCLING** – THE Swazi Frontier MTB Challenge team has come through for the community of Nginamadolo and constructed a classroom and other structures.

The structures, including a kitchen, storeroom and a toilet were built using the benefits of the three-day race held in October last year.

Lesley Foss, who is one of the race organisers, said the mountain bike race had an active social footprint which focused on using race proceeds to benefit schools along its race route.

## Centre

"Several years ago, a local community member showed us a small wattle and daub structure that was used to provide some basic education for about 30 pre-school children who were joined by another 35 children every day for lunch. That same structure doubled as an adult education centre every afternoon."

"We have saved money and donations generated by the race over several years so we could make a lasting contribution to this community in the form of a solid structure that may be used for



**READY FOR SERVICE:** Inyatsi Swazi Frontier Officials, Nginamadolo community members and Waterford Kamhlaba students posing after the painting of the classroom over the past weekend. (Courtesy Pics)

years to come", she said.

She said they were assisted by Inyatsi Construction as well as Logico, the race's previous title sponsor.

"Inyatsi Construction worked with a local sub-contractor that employed local community members to assist with the building thereby providing employment

and transferring skills.

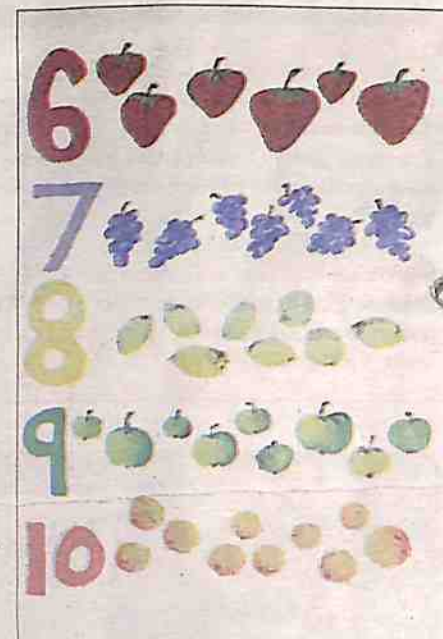
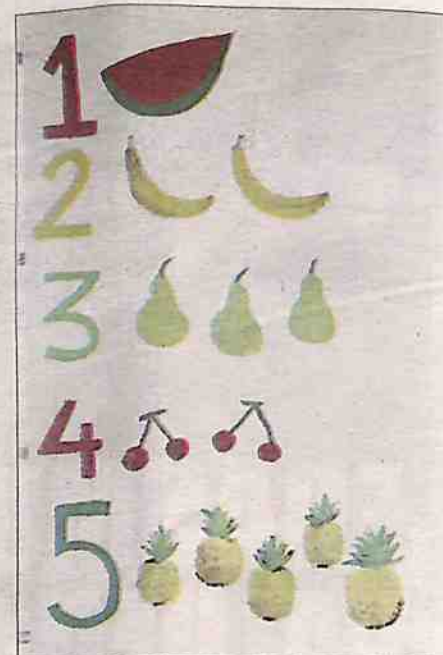
## Function

"The care point performs a vital function in this community since it offers education as well as a daily meal for local children. It is run by a group of women led by Priscilla Mkhonta, at the request of the chief," she said.

He also expressed gratitude to

Waterford Kamhlaba students, who volunteered to paint the interior of the care point as one of their community service projects over the past weekend.

The Inyatsi Swazi Frontier mountain bike stage race takes place every October. The next race is scheduled for October 13-15, 2016.



**ALMOST COMPLETE:** The almost complete structure built through the proceeds of the three-day Inyatsi Swazi Frontier MTB Challenge. The structure will be opened towards the end of this month.



**BEFORE AND AFTER:** The inside of the classroom before and after it was painted with educational decorations.



**FOUNDATION PHASE:** Constructors hard at work during the early stages of the project.



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# SURPRISE BABY SHOWER PICS FOR LEOPARD FAN



**HAPPY DAY:** The ladies in a jovial mood. This was during Leopard fan Zanele Mavuso's baby shower held at Thama Restaurant over the weekend. (Pics:Sanele Jele)

**BIG SMILE:** Zanele displaying a cake during the event. The cake was accompanied by a surprise gift worth E3 000 from other Leopard fans.



**TOGETHER:** Zanele and the other Leopard fans having a good time.



**JOYFUL:** Zanele posing next to her the gift worth E3 000.



**POSE:** The ladies posing for the lenses.



**MINWANA PHEZULU:** Lunga Mtsetfwa, Njabuliso and Zanele posing with some of the well-wishers.



**FEAST:** Ntobeko Nhlabatsi and Lungile Nhlabatsi enjoying their meal during the event.



**EXERCISE:** The ladies took some time to do some light exercises.



**THAT'S A REP:** It was fun all the way.



# HLASELA BHUBESI ON THURSDAYS

...with Sibongiseni Zondi  
(Red Lions Brand Ambassador)



## FIGHTING ON

**MA-BHUBESI** we greet you on yet another beautiful Thursday. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to read your favourite football column. We hope you will enjoy the read.

### MATCH POSTPONED

Ma-Bhubesi, as you already know, our SwaziBank Cup round of 32 tie against Tinyosi FC was postponed by the High Court due to a pending case on the legitimacy of our opponents.

We will not dwell on the case ma-Bhubesi as the courts are dealing it with but we do hope that this matter will be sorted very soon and we get to play whoever our opponents are. We are prepared and looking forward to our first match in this season's Sidlala Kanje!

### MHLANGA, THWALA TAKE OVER

Ma-Bhubesi, you also know by now that we have relieved coach Ernest Mavuso off his duties. We love Mr Mavuso and he is a fantastic coach but as you know ma-Red Lions, football is a business and our results this season have not reflected



**ROARS:** Red Lions FC players celebrating in a recent match.

the talent in our squad and haven't met the expectations we have of the team.

We would like to thank Mr Mavuso for his utmost dedication to the job.

In charge of the first team duties now are Technical Director Dumisani Mhlanga and Assistant Coach Christian Thwala until an announcement is made by the club in due course. We would like to

wish both of them all the best as they lead the team. *Hlasela Bhubesi!*

### BANELE LIVING THE DREAM

Goalkeeper Banele Dlamini is living the dream.

Since making his debut for the team in the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup last 32 tie against Vovovo on December 5, the young goal-minder has started every match ever since. He tells us of his excitement.

"I would like to thank the Red Lions family for the opportunity and trust they have in me.

Being on the bench at the start of the season helped me because I was able to work hard on my game. Right now I am getting better at coping with the pressure even though mistakes do happen. As a team, we have to continue fighting till the end and try our best to get maximum points. The spirit and commitment in the team is high."

### SOLO'S PROMISE TO THE FANS

Striker Solomon Oladele promises the Red Lions faithful that he and his teammates will fight till the end of the season. "My promise to our fans is that as a team we will start winning games.

I must admit that my performances have not been like last season but I will continue trying my best to help the team win games so that we go further up in the log standings."

### ZAKHALE HAPPY TO BE A LION

Our new goalkeeper Zakhele Dlamini is excited to be part of the Red Lions family. "I feel at home.

The welcome from everyone at the club has been fantastic.

I would like to also thank my former team Green Mamba for giving me the chance to join Red Lions.

I will try hard to help the team win the SwaziBank Cup and also preserve our Premier League status.

I would like to thank the Red Lions supporters for supporting us and further urge them to continue doing so. We love them."

### FINAL WORDS

Ma-Bhubesi, we would like to apologise for the inconvenience caused by the postponement of our match on Saturday. We will update you as to when the match will be played as soon as we have the update from the organising committee. Thank you for your continued support ma-Bhubesi! Please also remember to observe all road safety rules; do not drink and drive and wear your seatbelts at all times.

Please make sure to tune in to the SBIS Sports Show every Mondays and Fridays at 6: 15 am to get important updates from our brilliant PRO Comfort Shongwe. Gagashi kaMaphindela is out. Until next week, God bless you all. *Hlasela Bhubesi!*

## Buffalos lift first Seven7's rugby trophy

Stories by Sanele Jele

**RUGBY - THE February Seven7's rugby tournament was played at the Enjabulweni Sports Ground this weekend with six clubs participating.**

The Eagles coming off their last big win in the November Seven7's, where they beat the Buffalos in a fast and dramatic final, seemed in high spirits and wanting to repeat the November win. But it was not to be for the new look Eagles missing many of their key players, but the side was up for the challenge. The Vondos, who came last in the November Seven7's, were out for blood and to prove their performance in November was a once off and the past.

All the games were played in perfect rugby conditions and made for the fast players. The Buffalos seemed to be everywhere on the pitch and ran the ball at the Elephants. The game was played at pace with neither side slowing the play down. At the final whistle it was to be the Buffalos game, running in three tries and converting two. Buffalos won 19-0. The second semi-final proved just as fast and furious as the first as Vondo's took on Rhinos.

The experience of the Vondos older players came into play with them



**THE BEST:** Buffalos were crowned champions of the Seven7's rugby tournament after beating the Elephants 19-0.

swinging the ball wide and attacking the space. The Rhinos did not give up from start to finish, but a yellow card in the second half didn't help the Rhinos efforts. The Vondos went on the attack to maximize the seven to six man advantage and their efforts paid off. Vondos beat Rhinos 26-7.

The stage was set for an exciting final between Buffalos and Vondos.

This would be the Buffalos third appearance in a Seven7's final and hopefully the first time they would go home with some silverware.

Stalemate is the only word to describe the first half with both sides

closing each other down on every attack. Half time score was 7-all.

The second half proved to be more of the same, with each team attacking but failing to cross the whitewash to dot down the ball. Praise must be given to the players from both the Buffalos and Vondos, because neither side stopped attacking nor tackling, but a way through could not be found. The last minute of the game was tense as the Vondos battered the Buffalos defence, but was unable to break through.

Buffalos eventually beat 14 v Vondo's 7.

## SRU president happy with improvement

**RUGBY - SWAZILAND Rugby Union President Michael Collinson says when you watch Seven7's you can see the improvement in all six clubs.**

He said young players were coming in leaps and bounds and with every game and tournament they played, they get better.

### Exciting

"How exciting were the two semi-finals games. The Elephants and Rhinos are two teams with a lot of heart and are very fit, they both need to work on their structure and they will be in the final of a Seven7's very soon."

He said the Vondos and Buffalos cancelled each other out in the final with hard running and even harder tackling. "It really was anyone's right to the last minute.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to all six clubs for their efforts, and a very big congratulation to The Buffalos on winning their first

Seven7's. It was a well-deserved win and long time coming. Dvokolwako should be proud of its Rugby Club bringing home the February Seven7's trophy," he said.

Vondo's captain Ncamiso Dlamini said: "It was anyone's final and we just couldn't get through the Buffalo's defence, well done to the Buffalo's and a good win.

Enjoy it while you can."

Buffalo's coach Simanga Magagula said: "We would like to thank all the clubs for being here today (Saturday).

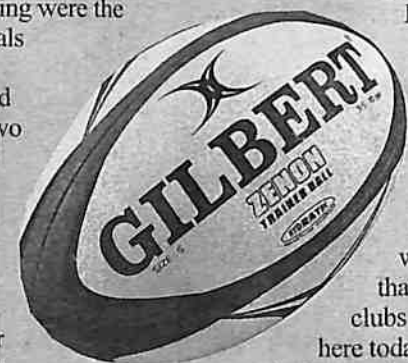
And a special thanks to the SRU for making the Seven7's possible.

### Tough

The tournament wasn't easy from start to finish, but the final was tough for us.

The Buffalos players defended well against a strong Vondo's team. But it was our turn to win.

And we are ready to defend the trophy in the March Seven7's"





WAR: APF arrive today for their CAF Confederations tie against Moroka Swallows. (File Pic)

# APR arrive today for Swallows CAF clash

Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – MBABANE**  
Swallows CAF Confederations Cup opponents APR from Rwanda are expected to arrive in the country today.

The team is expected to jet in through His Majesty III International Airport at Sikhuphe this morning to honour the first leg of the Regional tie.

APR will clash with the Mbabane giants at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) CEO Frederick Mngomezulu confirmed the developments yesterday.

"We are expecting APR to arrive with the first flight and that will be around 7am at Sikhuphe. This is the latest correspondence we have with the team as of this morning (yesterday)," he said.

## Expecting

Mngomezulu also stated that they were expecting the match officials to arrive in the country on Saturday.

He said the game would be officiated by referees from Zimbabwe and a match official was from Botswana.

Meanwhile, Mbabane Swallows CEO Sibusiso Manana also confirmed the matter yesterday.

"We are looking forward to their safe arrival this morning," he said.

Supporters will have to part with E40 to witness the clash between the two sides to kick off at 3.30pm.

Mbabane Swallows will travel to Rwanda two weeks later to honour the second leg of the clash.

## Zim coach signs two-year deal ahead of Sihlangu match

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER – NATIONAL**  
team Sihlangu's next AFCON 2017 qualifiers opponents Zimbabwe's coach Calisto Pasuwa has finally signed a two-year contract with the Zimbabwean Football Association ahead of their clash with the nation's pride next month at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

Pasuwa penned down the new deal which is reportedly carrying a dagging carrot of E50 000 monthly. He signed on Monday afternoon during a press conference held in Harare.

Pasuwa was also handed a brand new Toyota D4D van by the ZIFA officials as they will be soon be intensifying

their preparations for Sihlangu match early next month.

The Zimbabwean football mother body were recently handed a E16 million worth sponsorship for the 'Warriors' to ease the financial burden which they encountered last year when their Under-23 squad visited their local counterparts during the Olympic Qualifiers.

The nation's pride have begun their preparations for the eagerly awaited encounter as they reporting to training on Tuesday morning at the Somhlolo National Stadium under the watchful eye of home grown tactician in Harries' Madze' Bulunga.

Sihlangu are currently leading the chasing pack in Group L with four points after four matches.



**NEW DEAL:** Zimbabwe National team head coach Calisto Pasuwa signing a new deal while flanked by Zimbabwean Football Association officials President Philip Chiyangwa (l) on Monday in Harare. (Courtesy Pic)

## Light training for Swallows injured players

**SOCCER – MBABANE**  
Swallows are hopeful that some of their injured players would recover in time for the clash against Armée Patriotique Rwandaise FC as they have started light training.

The two sides will lock horns in the first leg of the CAF Confederations tie slated for the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

The players Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu, Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa, Sifiso Mabila, Colani 'Tyson' Magagula and Sifiso Vilakati, who are doubtful for their Valentine's Day clash started light training yesterday. Interviewed on this matter, Mbabane Swallows CEO Sibusiso Manana said the players were doing light training.

"We are crossing fingers to have the players ready for the Sunday match."

Manana said they needed all their players for this match.



**RECOVERING:** Mbabane Swallows players who were on the injury list have started light training.

## Tense

"It is a tense situation but they have started light training which means there is hope of them making it for the game. We will, however, know their fate on Friday," he said.

The CEO also stated that their preparations for the game were at an advanced stage.

"This is an important game and we are preparing hard for it. We have upped the pace and

hopefully will be ready on Sunday," he said.

A.P.R., as they are commonly known, is a football club from Kigali in Rwanda.

## History

Despite their short history, they are Rwanda's leading football club and have won 13 Rwandan League titles and Rwandan Cup in seven times, the CECAFA Clubs Cup in 2004, 2007 and 2010.

## NFD league resumes this weekend

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER – THE MTN**  
National First Division league race will be in full swing this weekend following a one week break due to the SwaziBank Cup - 'Sidlala Kanje'.

The fixture released by Premier Leagues of Swaziland CEO John Mazibuko will see log leaders Moneni Pirates host third from the bottom side Ludzeludze Brothers at Somhlolo National Stadium tomorrow night.

The match will kick off at 8:30pm in the double header that will also see Amalanda taking on Ubombo Flyers at 6:30pm.

On Saturday, a number of games will be played at different venues in the country with the much anticipated one featuring second-placed Tambuti, who will visit Manchester United at Rocklands Stadium at 3pm.

This will be an exciting

## THE FIXTURE:

Friday at Somhlolo National

Amalanda vs Ubombo Flyers 6:30pm  
M Pirates vs L Brothers 8:30pm

Saturday at Prince of Wales Stadium  
Hellenic vs Kotshingila 3:30pm

Saturday at Mayaluka Stadium  
Madlenya vs S Se-Africa 3pm

Saturday at Rocklands Stadium  
Ma United vs Tambuti 3pm

Saturday at Tambankulu Stadium  
RSSC vs Mbabn Citizens 3pm

encounter because both teams recorded victories in their previous outings.

Other matches will see Mangwaneni based Hellenic up against relegation threatened Kotshingila at Prince of Wales Stadium at 3:30pm while Sikhalo Se-Africa will face off with Madlenya at Mayaluka Stadium at 3pm.

Tambankulu Stadium will host a game between the sugar belt side in RSSC United and Mbabane Citizens on Saturday at 3pm.

## Ngcebo Zulu wants over E30 000 from Highlanders

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER - OFFLOADED** South Africa-born Mbabane Highlanders striker wants over E30 000 from elite league team Mbabane Highlanders, which he accuses of breaching his contract.

The former South African outfit Jomo Cosmos striker was offloaded by the team during the transfer window period last month.

A source close to the matter revealed to this publication that the money demanded by the player was in respect of salaries.



**CONFIRMED:**  
Highlanders  
CEO Celucolo  
Dino Dlamini.

"The player had a contract with Mbabane Highlanders ending in May 2016 and the contract was terminated before this time hence his decision to demand this amount from the team," said the source.

### Letter

The source stated that the player wrote a letter to the team demanding the money and also copied it to National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS).

The player, who was in the country yesterday, confirmed the matter when sought for comment.

"It is true that I am demanding a certain amount of money from Highlanders which is part of my salary. I will, however, be going back home tomorrow and will await a response from the team in as far as this matter is concerned," he said.

NFAS CEO Frederick Mngomezulu said he had not yet seen the letter when sought for comment.

Highlanders CEO Celucolo Dino Dlamini confirmed the letter. "The player is exercising his right. We will wait for the Players' Status Committee to call us," Dlamini said when sought for comment yesterday.

## Sidlala Kanje drama continues:

# ULTIMATUM!

- Hub Sundowns give SwaziBank MC until today to withdraw letter or they take matter to court
- Say MC has no power to call for a replay



By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER - IT** seems another Sidlala Kanje game will start in court as Hub Sundowns have given the SwaziBank Cup Management Committee an ultimatum to either withdraw their letter calling for a replay or be ready to answer in court.

The MC has been given until 11am today to show cause why the team should not file an application in court stopping the said replay.

The Manzini Super League outfit, which has since engaged the services of Dlamini-Kunene Attorneys, want the MC to furnish them with a full explanation of the confusion alleged by the MC following the fixture clash, which saw Malanti Chiefs failing to honour the SwaziBank Cup clash against the side scheduled for the Somhlolo National Stadium last Saturday. They also want minutes of the meeting of the MC of Monday (February 8), where the decision to reschedule the match was taken as well the match officials' reports.

In their letter of demand, Hub



**OFF THEY GO:** Hub Sundowns players leaving the stadium.

Sundowns stated that the MC acted in ultra vires, as they (MC) had no powers to do such as they were only reserved from the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS).

"In view of the above, you are therefore requested to withdraw the letter of the 8th February by no later than close of business Thursday (today). Be informed further that failure to withdraw the letter, our instruction is to move an application to review

your decision," reads part of the letter. Hub Sundowns Director Steve Horton con-

firmed the matter when sought for comment yesterday.

"Yes we have engaged the services of our attorneys and will wait for correspondence from them," he said.

Horton said they had no problem playing against Malanti Chiefs, but stated that the decision was taken to bring justice.

"It is only the DC that has the power to order a replay and not the MC. If there was confusion they should come out clearly and state those responsible for it," he said.

SwaziBank Cup MC Secretary also Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) CEO John Mazibuko confirmed receipt of the letter. "Yes we have received the letter and are still working on it," he said.



**NO WAYS:** Hub Sundowns Director Steve Horton.

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER - MBABANE** Swallows youngsters Richard McCreesh and Sizolwethu Shabalala are the first PLS Reserve League products to be registered in the Orange CAF Champions League.

The two players are part of the Beautiful Birds' squad that will be facing APR from Rwanda in the preliminary round tie slated for Sunday at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

The youngsters were promoted to the senior team at the start of the season after doing well in the Reserve League, wherein McCreesh was named SwaziBank Cup player of the series and top goal scorer.

Sizolwethu was named the Premier League of Swaziland Reserve League player of the season.

The two players have also featured in a number of matches for the

## 'Birds' register youngsters for CAF assignment



**PROMOTED:** Sizolwethu Shabalala and Richard McCreesh.

senior team this season.

The duo has already won two gold

medals with the capital city giants in the King's Super Cup and Castle

Premier Challenge since they got promoted from the development side at the beginning of the season.

Mbabane Swallows CEO Sibusiso Manana confirmed that the two youngsters had been registered for the CAF Champions League.

"We have both youngsters in the squad and it is not by favour, but by merit as they have been working hard since they were promoted to the senior team."

He said they were happy with the players' contribution.

He said they were determined to make the nation proud on Sunday when they take on APR at Somhlolo National Stadium.

"We will be all out for a win on Sunday as the players are responding well to the coach's methods. We hope to have a strong squad for the

crucial match."

Manana invited members of the public to come in their numbers for the match.

"We are pleading with the entire Swazi nation to cram the stadium in their numbers to encourage the boys to do well in the field of play," he said.

PLS Development Communications Officer Dumisani 'DU' Sibandze thanked Swallows for giving the two players an opportunity to play at the biggest stage of continental club football.

"We are grateful to Mbabane Swallows for nurturing young talent and further offer them such a rare opportunity. We encourage other teams to continue monitoring their youngsters and encourage them to take their careers serious," he said.