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CONDOM
IN SUGAR**

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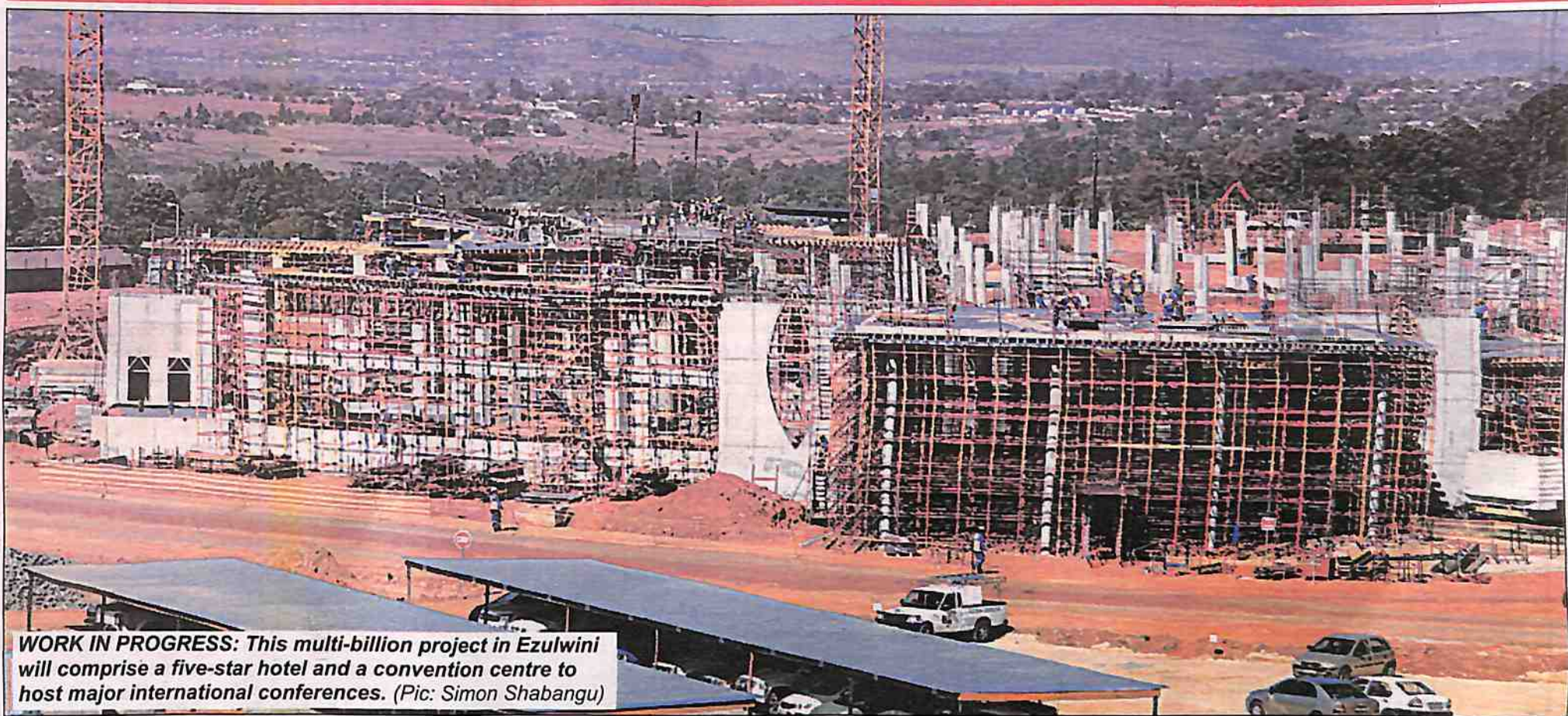
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EZULWINI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE WORKS



WORK IN PROGRESS: This multi-billion project in Ezulwini will comprise a five-star hotel and a convention centre to host major international conferences. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

'ANOINTED SALIVA' PROPHET WRECKS MARRIAGES

Once deported in Botswana now in Swaziland facing immigration charges Nigerian con artist has assumed Swazi surname of Vilakati and plies his trade at a factory shell in Matsapha

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SHOCKER: USED CONDOM IN SUGAR AT SWAZILAND MILLING

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

In a shocking incident, a used condom and a piece of toilet paper were found in a 25kg bag of sugar packed at Swaziland Milling (PTY) Ltd and shipped to a yoghurt manufacturing company, Clover in South Africa.

On the strength of a polygraph examination otherwise referred to as a lie detector test at least three employees have since been sacked by the company in connection with the shocking incident. After the polygraph was administered on the three employees and they were found to have failed the tests they were immediately charged with grossly dishonest practices and intentional damage to company property and image. Subsequent to a disciplinary hearing they were all found guilty and immediately dismissed from working for the company they had on average worked for in over 10 years. They were all dismissed on the strength of deceit that was according to the company sensed by the polygraph test.

According to minutes of the disciplinary hearings, the gory discovery of the bag of sugar containing the used condom and toilet paper was made in South Africa just before the sugar could be used and Clover SA raised an alarm by alerting Swaziland Milling about the discovery through an email. The employees that are directly connected with the packing of the sugar were quickly hauled into a meeting by the Swaziland Milling management, told about the email and called upon to come forward with information pertaining to the incident. After none of the employees came forward with the required information they were then informed that a polygraph test would be administered to them if no information was forthcoming.

Indeed an expert from South Africa

...employees subjected to lie detector tests then fired after South African yoghurt manufacturer Clover SA makes gory discovery in sugar consignment packed by Swaziland Milling



IMPLICATED: Swaziland Milling (PTY) Ltd

was brought into the country to conduct the polygraph on a total of 11 of the company's employees that are employed in the pre-packing division and were working closely to the sugar packed on the date of the incident – March 21, 2016 when the sugar was packed, loaded and transported to South Africa. They were made to sign consent forms before the procedure was entered into. A total of 10 questions were asked to each of the 11 employees with five of them relevant to the incident.

Amongst the questions asked were: Are you going to lie to the questions in this test; before the condom was found in the sugar were you aware of any plans to contaminate the sugar; did you put the condom in the sugar; do you know of an outside party who arranged for the sugar to be contaminated; and do you know for sure the name of the person who put the condom into the sugar? Three of the employees failed the

test and were swiftly suspended and subjected to a disciplinary hearing by the company. As per the outcome of the disciplinary hearing the employees were therefore dismissed and they all further lost their appeal cases. This was after they all challenged the reason behind the use of the polygraph while also arguing that there was absolutely no evidence as to their involvement in the condom and toilet paper being found in the sugar.

The employees confirmed that they were now in the process of taking the matter to the Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC) for redress as they feel they were irregularly dismissed. Meanwhile, Swaziland Milling Managing Director (MD) Leon Jacobs said the former employees were well within their right to take the matter to CMAC just like the company was also within its rights to take the necessary steps to

They can't rely on lie detector test alone – Labour Expert

A labour expert has highlighted that it defeats proper labour practices for a company to rely only on a polygraph test in getting to the bottom of a case they have against their employees.

Reached to give a view on whether Swaziland Milling was right to use the lie detector results to make a case against the sacked employees the labour expert said it was not procedural to use the lie detector alone in winding up the case as there are many factors involved in the polygraph process.

"For one, the employee may be under a lot of pressure as to falter when asked ques-

tions.

They could be scared of the machine for instance as they could be using it for the first time. On the other hand, while they might consent to being subjected to the test, but such can still be under duress due to fear of being victimised if they do not consent. All in all there should be enough evidence to nail any employee for wrong-doing and not just results from a polygraph test," said the expert.

The labour expert further advised the aggrieved former employees to exercise their rights by taking the matter to CMAC for further redress.

It's a globally used tool – Swaziland Milling MD

Swaziland Milling Managing Director (MD) Leon Jacobs has come out to defend the use of the polygraph in getting to the bottom of the case against the three employees.

Jacobs stated vehemently clear that the polygraph was accepted globally and that it had been tried and tested for many. He said he found nothing wrong with using the polygraph on his employees as even in their recognition agreement it was included that such a tool could be used on the employees. He further

argued that the results of the three employees were outstanding from the rest that were also tested and he found nothing wrong with using the polygraph results in winding up the case.

"The polygraph has been used all over the world for many years before and has been submitted in courts as evidence. It is also widely used in the industry. An expert from South Africa was brought in to authenticate the entire process and there was absolutely nothing wrong with it," said Jacobs.

discipline the three. He said his company was not one that treated its employees unfairly as they made sure that all proper procedure was followed in whatever situation.

"There was absolutely nothing wrong with the procedure we

followed as we took all the lawful steps to punish the offenders.

If they feel otherwise they are well within their rights to take all the necessary steps in seeking redress on the matter," he said.

APOLOGY

In our sister newspaper, the Swazi Observer (June 9, 2016), we carried a story under the headline 'Pupil dies after donating blood' where we reported that a pupil from Ngwane Park High School died after donating blood.

It has since been brought to our attention that while it is true that a pupil died from the school but his death had nothing to do with the blood donation exercise that took place on the same day at the school. We wish to apologise to the management of blood transfusion services, the school and all concerned for the regrettable error. **Ombudsman**

Terror alert SA: Don't panic, say cops

By Ackel Zwane

Police have urged the Swazi nation to remain calm in the aftermath of reports of likely terror attacks of mainly United States and British citizens in South Africa.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba said they were following developments closely in that country adding that the intelligence department was monitoring information and if needs arise communication would be flowing. He emphasised that so far there was no need to fear anything.

In the meantime South Africa's

Presidency issued a statement on the terror alert for South Africa after the International Relations Department on Thursday morning said the United States which issued the warning - handled the matter badly.

Warning

The US has stood by its decision to issue the warning. The South African Presidency says the two countries continue to enjoy cordial relations and will discuss the matter as part of on-going cooperation on security. Over the past few days the United States, Britain and Australia have issued travel advisories, urging their citizens to avoid tourist hot spots in South Africa.

The US says it has information pointing to a possible terror attack, in either Johannesburg or Cape Town. International Relations has issued this statement in response,

saying it's unhappy with the manner in which the information was handled. It's describing the information as dubious, saying it was provided by a walk-in source.

It's also accusing some countries of trying to manipulate and control South Africa's counter-terrorism efforts. The statement follows reports that a discredited East African businessman was the source of the alert, but the State Security Department will not confirm this.

The US Embassy in Pretoria is sticking to its original line.

US Embassy Spokesperson, Cynthia Harvey said, "There is no change in status of the Security Message issued on June 4, 2016. It was based on specific, credible, and non-counterable threat information. We have been, and continue to be, pleased and impressed with the high level of professionalism and transparent cooperation with the government of South Africa throughout this period." In February, ANC Secretary General Gwede Mantashe accused the US of trying to destabilise South Africa. NGO's such as the Media Review Network and Cage have also spoken out against the warnings, saying they are an attempt to increase security and surveillance around Muslim communities in South Africa.

ANOINTED SALIVA, HOLY SPERM PROPHET HERE

COVER STORY

By Sandile Nkambule

In a rather 'holy' scandalous occurrence, a foreign nomadic prophet is alleged to be involved in adulterous relationships with Swazi women, and has further been accused of fleecing unsuspecting members of the public.

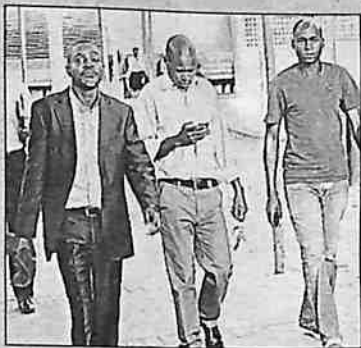
The prophet who has been in and out of countries is alleged to have been deported from Botswana after being accused of fleecing the poor, and found to have about USD 4 million in his bank account after being investigated by the Botswana home affairs ministry before moving to Swaziland.

Investigations carried out by this newspaper revealed that the prophet also allegedly fled Lusaka in Zambia after he was accused of having sexual relations with the female church community.

According to well placed sources, the prophet, Peter Bollaward of the Gory of the Later Rain Ministry, allegedly seduces women with his 'anointed saliva and holy semen' a thing that has resulted in some women who attend the recently established local church having sour relationships with their spouses.

The sources confided to this publication that once the prophet plants his hands on the women they allegedly throw themselves on him, resulting in

● Married men worried about alleged adulterous prophet



PROWLING: Prophet Peter Bollaward and his body guard escorted by a plain clothed police officer during one of his court appearances.

many relationships ruined.

It has also been gathered that the prophet, whose church was once called the Glory of Lazania, was also discovered to be involved in the same shenanigans while in Botswana as he has love relationships with other women outside marriage.

Assaulted

This is the same prophet, who together with his bodyguards, assaulted a journalist while on duty as he was taking pictures of him after making a court appearance at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court for immigration charges.

Further investigations revealed that before regrouping in Botswana, the prophet was once in the country with

former minister Mfomfo Nkambule being one of the congregants before later leaving the church.

This week our news team visited the church which is situated at the heart of the industrial hub in what is supposed to be a factory shell.

From what this publication gathered, the majority of the congregants comprised mostly women although a few males were also spotted.

Arriving in his sleek black Audi A4 for the evening services at about 5:15pm, the prophet who was in the company of three of his aides, waited until congregants started arriving just before 6pm.

While the other three men alighted from the vehicle, the prophet remained in the car up until the factory shell swallowed most of the congregants and by this time it was around 6:15pm, with more and more women arriving in rather expensive cars.

News of the alleged adulterous prophet seem to be known amongst some people within the industrial area who normally clock in for night duty.

When called for comment on his mobile phone, the man on the other line, however, said he was not the prophet advising this reporter that he might have called the wrong number.

Speaking in plain Pidgin, the man insisted he was not actually the prophet and asked where this reporter got his number from.

Prophet investigated

Following serious concerns from members of civil society about the alleged prophet's shenanigans, active investigations have been launched against him.

Although this publication is aware of the department investigating him, this will not be published for now as

investigations are ongoing. It has been reliably gathered that the prophet was found to be in possession of a Swaziland National Identity in which he uses the surname Vilakati, a thing that has raised serious concerns. It has been reliably gathered that the Nigerian Prophet, Peter Bollaward, who was operating as the Glory of the Latter Rain Ministries in Broadhurst,

was detained in Botswana before being forcibly sent back to his country.

He is currently out on bail on immigration charges and was warned to report to the police station each week, as part of his bail conditions.

This publication will keep you updated on the latest developments as regards the matter.

He is currently out on bail for immigration charges

Prophet Peter Bollaward of Glory of Lazania Church was once incarcerated after being charged with contravening the Immigration Act.

The same pastor was also arrested and charged with the same offence last year in August. He was found guilty and fined E500.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent, Khulani Mamba, confirmed the prophet's arrest this year. "He is a prohibited immigrant as he does not have proper authorisation for him to stay in the country," Mamba said. The prophet, who was arrested and charged for being in the country illegally, and his bodyguard assaulted a Times of Swaziland reporter when he took pictures of him at the Magistrate's Court early this year. The reporter, Sibusiso Shange, saw the pastor around the court premises and took a picture of him.

'Home affairs should intervene'

The Swaziland Conference of Churches (SCC) has said this is a serious issue that needs to be addressed by the ministry of home affairs. According to Bishop Steven Masilela of the Conference, although he does not know the prophet in question, he has heard of the allegations and advised that such cases should be dealt with by home affairs.

"The matter you are asking me about is serious and if the allegations are anything to go by, the ministry of home affairs should act on this, we

The duo confronted him and asked why he was taking a picture of the prophet. The prophet and his bodyguard went on to assault Shange. He was reprimanded by the police who were escorting him, and handcuffed him while Shange ran towards the

have been warning against such and members of the public have been fooled to believe that some foreign nationals are true men of God yet they are not, we hold the view that those establishing churches in the country should be screened," Bishop Masilela said.

The conference, according to Masilela, has noted with concern that with each day passing by a person just wakes up and declares himself a pastor, prophet or bishop yet his background is not known and establishes a church.

courtroom with the bodyguard in pursuit.

He went inside the courtroom and the bodyguard went in after him.

He threatened Shange and grabbed him by his shirt and trousers while also throttling him.

Thuli clings on Hospice's car

By Linda Jele

Former Director of the Swaziland Hospice at Home, Thuli Msane, wants to cling to the organisation's motor vehicle despite that she was fired about five months ago.

The organisation won an interim order directing a deputy sheriff to dispossess the motor vehicle from Msane.

Allocated

She is alleged to have left with a Chevrolet Captiva SUV she had been allocated by the organisation to use as she carried out her duties as its head honcho. Msane was fired on February 10, 2016 after being found guilty by a disciplinary tribunal. The organisation has alleged that it demanded return of the motor vehicle but Msane neglected to do so.

It has now instituted legal proceedings seeking an order directing her to return the motor vehicle forthwith. The organisation has further sought an order directing the police to assist a deputy sheriff in dispossessing Msane of the motor vehicle.

Msane has filed a notice showing intention to oppose the application.

The Swaziland Hospice at Home is represented by LM Simelane and Associates in the matter.

The Acting Director Mefika Zwane, in an affidavit, claimed the non-governmental organisation was the registered owner of the Chevrolet Captiva SUV registered MSD 082 AM.

He claimed the motor vehicle had been officially given to Msane in 2010 while she was director of the organisation.

"The motor vehicle was assigned to the respondent (Msane) to enable her carry out her duties as the director of the organisation," Zwane said.

Terminated

He said when Msane's services were terminated, by letter dated February 10, 2016, she was also notified to hand back the motor vehicle together with other assets of the organisation that were in her possession. She had been given six days to have handed over the motor vehicle, from the date of service of the letter terminating her services.

"It is my submission that up to date the respondent has not delivered the motor vehicle to the applicant.

I submit that the respondent has no legal authority to withhold the motor vehicle. The respondent is not the owner of the motor vehicle. Further she is no longer an employee of the applicant.

I further submit that Msane is also not challenging the decision to terminate her services," her stated.

He further alleged Swaziland Hospice at Home had not been served with a notice of appeal by Msane challenging the decision to fire her.

The organisation had been rocked by financial irregularities and a number of issues bordering on maladministration. The matter was postponed to June 24, 2016.

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SCRUMPTIOUS: Her Majesty the Indlovukazi hosts dinner for Swazi students in Taiwan.



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Mangwaneni	Mangwaneni, SEC HQ, Edamu, Phansi Kwe Highway, Mvakweli	Closing Date	11-Jun-16	15-Jun-16	19-Jun-16	23-Jun-16
		Opening Date	13-Jun-16	17-Jun-16	21-Jun-16	25-Jun-16
Nkwilini	Lomkiri, Zone 2/3/4, Christian University	Closing Date	11-Jun-16	15-Jun-16	19-Jun-16	23-Jun-16
		Opening Date	13-Jun-16	17-Jun-16	21-Jun-16	25-Jun-16
Mablwala	Zone 6, SAIM, Upper Checkers, SWSC Flats	Closing Date	11-Jun-16	15-Jun-16	19-Jun-16	23-Jun-16
		Opening Date	13-Jun-16	17-Jun-16	21-Jun-16	25-Jun-16
Msunduzi	Corporation, Thokoza, Korinte, Gobhlo, Macobolwane, Ext 3, Mobeni Flats	Closing Date	12-Jun-16	16-Jun-16	20-Jun-16	24-Jun-16
		Opening Date	14-Jun-16	18-Jun-16	22-Jun-16	26-Jun-16
Mountain Inn	Mobeni, SWSC Depot, Mbabane City Depot, Malagwane, Bahai	Closing Date	12-Jun-16	16-Jun-16	20-Jun-16	24-Jun-16
		Opening Date	14-Jun-16	18-Jun-16	22-Jun-16	26-Jun-16
Mountain Drive	Mountain Drive	Closing Date	13-Jun-16	17-Jun-16	21-Jun-16	25-Jun-16
		Opening Date	15-Jun-16	19-Jun-16	23-Jun-16	27-Jun-16
Fonteyn	Fonteyn School, Fonteyn Stores, Mdlangwini, Sibhoteleni	Closing Date	13-Jun-16	17-Jun-16	21-Jun-16	25-Jun-16
		Opening Date	15-Jun-16	19-Jun-16	23-Jun-16	27-Jun-16
Mseni Drive	Mseni Drive, Litete, Sifundzani High School, Luvivane, SPTC Flats	Closing Date	13-Jun-16	17-Jun-16	21-Jun-16	25-Jun-16
		Opening Date	15-Jun-16	19-Jun-16	23-Jun-16	27-Jun-16
Pine Valley	Pine Valley Road	Closing Date	13-Jun-16	17-Jun-16	21-Jun-16	25-Jun-16
		Opening Date	15-Jun-16	19-Jun-16	23-Jun-16	27-Jun-16
St Marks	St Marks Primary, All Saints, St Marks High School, Mbovane	Closing Date	14-Jun-16	18-Jun-16	22-Jun-16	26-Jun-16
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Somhlolo Road (Lower)	Profund, Sifundzani Primary	Closing Date	14-Jun-16	18-Jun-16	22-Jun-16	26-Jun-16
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Somhlolo Road (Upper)	Queens gate, SCOT, Sandla, Kent Rock, 35, Alliance Church, Selection Park	Closing Date	14-Jun-16	18-Jun-16	22-Jun-16	26-Jun-16
		Opening Date	16-Jun-16	20-Jun-16	24-Jun-16	28-Jun-16
Ncoboza Road	Hlanganani, Mabhalala, Assemblies of God, Dalriach West	Closing Date	14-Jun-16	18-Jun-16	22-Jun-16	26-Jun-16
		Opening Date	16-Jun-16	20-Jun-16	24-Jun-16	28-Jun-16
Lower Checkers	Manzana Zone 1, Mbabane Central High	Closing Date	14-Jun-16	18-Jun-16	22-Jun-16	26-Jun-16
		Opening Date	16-Jun-16	20-Jun-16	24-Jun-16	28-Jun-16
Motshane	Motshane Clinic, Motshane Training Centre	Closing Date	15-Jun-16	19-Jun-16	23-Jun-16	27-Jun-16
		Opening Date	17-Jun-16	21-Jun-16	25-Jun-16	29-Jun-16
Ngwenya	Ngwenya Industrial Area, Village, Border Gate, Atlas	Closing Date	15-Jun-16	19-Jun-16	23-Jun-16	27-Jun-16
		Opening Date	17-Jun-16	21-Jun-16	25-Jun-16	29-Jun-16
Makholokholo	Makholokholo, Situbeni, Nkoyoyo (Malayinini, Maplazini), Mpolonjeni	Closing Date	15-Jun-16	19-Jun-16	23-Jun-16	27-Jun-16
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Golf Course	Malunge, Eveni, SWSC Staff Quarters	Closing Date	16-Jun-16	20-Jun-16	24-Jun-16	28-Jun-16
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Thembelihle	Thembelihle, Beverly Hills, Woodlands, Mbuluzi, Castle Hotel, Dingabantu, Mbandzeni Street	Closing Date	16-Jun-16	20-Jun-16	24-Jun-16	28-Jun-16
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Sidwashini	Qobonga, Sidwashini South, Ndingilizi, Dark City, Manzana	Closing Date	16-Jun-16	20-Jun-16	24-Jun-16	28-Jun-16
		Opening Date	18-Jun-16	22-Jun-16	26-Jun-16	30-Jun-16
Mbangweni	Mobeni, Mbangweni	Closing Date	16-Jun-16	20-Jun-16	24-Jun-16	28-Jun-16
		Opening Date	18-Jun-16	22-Jun-16	26-Jun-16	30-Jun-16

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TIRED: MTNERS enjoying a moment in the shade after hard work during the ongoing MTN Y'ello Care Campaign at St Joseph's yesterday. (Pics: Thandeka Ndlangamandla)



EDUCATION OUR PRIORITY: Macmillan Marketing Manager, Gcinaphi Sikhondze, also had something to say.



MINGLING: Thobeka Kunene from Family Life Association of Swaziland (FLAS) having a moment with the pupils.



Y'ELLO: Some of the teachers in yello MTN T-shirts and Macmillan bags listening to the proceedings.



WORKING A SWEAT: Afrisam Staff offloading some of the material needed for the drainage.



LITERATURE: Some of the books donated by Macmillan for the pupils to read.



ENTERTAINERS: The school choir rendering a song.

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Thank You



HRH Lomangisi S Dlamini-Shabangu

To those who supported us. For those who we got closer to, those who we stuck around with, and unfortunately, become distant from- thank you. Thank you for being there for us when we needed you the most.

We would like to take this opportunity to also thank the following The Royal family, Assemblies of God, Ngwenya, Wonfor & Associates, Observer, Nedbank, Parliament, B3, Baka Tembe and thank you to everybody who supported us financially and spiritually.

Special thanks also goes to the doctors and staff from the following hospitals: Mbabane Clinic, Manzini Clinic, Mbabane Government Hospital, Good Shepard and Smart Clinic.

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National Emergency Response Council On HIV/AIDS

URGENT TENDER NOTICE:TENDER REF : PP/GOODS/5/2016 "SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SHELVING FOR CENTRAL MEDICAL STORES (CMS)"

Subsequent to the tender notice floated in May 2016, regarding the above quoted tender **MAY ALL PROSPECTIVE TENDERERS TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

1. The submission date for the tender has been postponed from Friday 18th June 2016, 10am to **MONDAY 27th JUNE 2016, 10AM.**
2. There shall be a compulsory site meeting at Central Medical Stores (CMS) Matsapha Industrial Site on **Tuesday 14th June 2016, at 1430hrs.**

THANK YOU
TENDER BOARD

LET'S STOP ASIANS TAKING OUR BUSINESSES – SENATOR

Stories by Ackel Zwane

Princess Phumelele, a Senator, has called for the country to tackle the Asian problem where mainly Indians, Pakistanis and Bangladeshis have taken over small and medium businesses in both rural and urban Swaziland.

The princess is calling for a national indaba well beyond parliament to establish the immediate interventions not only to stem but also reverse the situation she says is a threat to nationhood in that it impacts negatively on the economy.

She supports her view with as much as basic observations that Swazi owned shops are closing down en-masse while the Asians are taking them over with impunity because of many loopholes in the governance system. Her other immediate concern is that of the Asians hiring mainly girls whom they further allegedly sexually abuse while giving them slave wages because they have no other available decent employment avenues.

"The girls in these shops are the ones that talk about their plight at the hands of the employer. Let us talk more about this in parliament because the Swazi economy is not developing any further because of such malady."

The princess further notes that it is common knowledge that the Asian business owners do not bank their revenue but instead take it out of the country illegally.

She says previously shops and other small businesses in Swaziland were owned by people of very diverse nationalities such as Afrikaners, Britons, Portuguese, native Africans, Greeks, Italians but suddenly the Asians have swept their carpet from under the feet. She notes that the rural areas are now flooded by applications for grocery businesses with the land being slowly taken by the Asians

and in the process displacing Swazis.

"The native Swazi businesspersons are now renting out their premises to the Asians because these offer attractive rentals but in the long run with devastating effects in that the Swazi ends up being marginalised and permanently taken out of business including the transport business sector.

Incesting

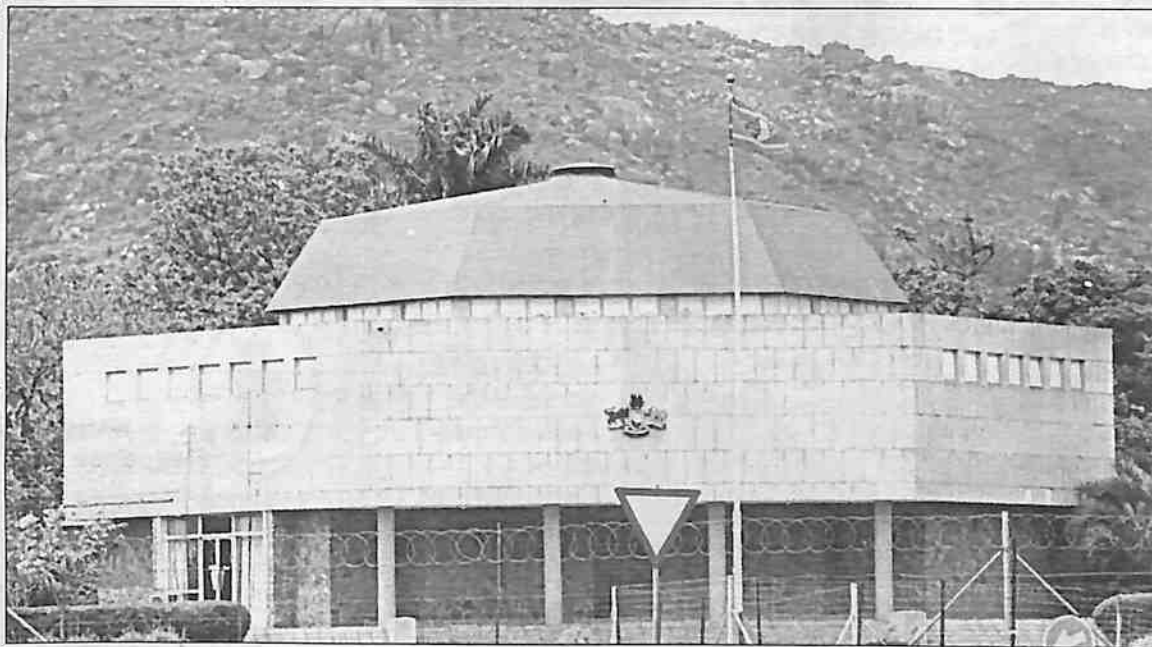
"Others argue that the Asians bring better stocked shops, are better organised compared to Swazis but this finally weighs heavily on the economy because they drain from it without investing in it in real terms."

The Asians now find their way into chiefs by acquiring land and citizenships through *kukhonta*, a system that is grossly being abused because there is no one called to account, she says.

"When we ask about this we are told there is a loophole in the constitution that allows foreigners to acquire land in the name of investment. There are also problems at home affairs where permits are being sold with individuals pocketing the money for themselves and letting loose the controls. There is a loud cry out there and Swazis say we are doing nothing in Parliament."



APPLY BRAKES: Senator Princess Phumelele.



WALK THE TALK: The Parliament House at Lobamba.

Cops catch illegal aliens, courts make them pay fines

Police have said they conduct raids regularly but because of some problems regarding deportations the courts simply fine them as little as E500 for being found illegally in the country and are released back into the country only to be caught in another raid, and so goes the process.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Superintendent Khulani Mamba, says the most recent raids caught 13 illegal aliens around Lobamba and Ezulwini who were found with no work permits and others had overstayed, subse-

quently all were freed by the courts due especially to another more cumbersome problem which he could not indulge himself in, that of deportation.

Deportation

It is said it becomes more expensive for government to deport illegal aliens because over and above keeping them in prison pending deportation government must finance their passage back to their countries and these are from Asia, very far away.

Sources within the justice ministry department say government therefore remains contented with just making the culprits pay the fines.



WE DO OUR PART: Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Superintendent Khulani Mamba.

Home affairs denies selling of permits

"We do not have a shop where we sell permits to aliens only that they come to apply for them and may be they at times bring false papers."

Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Anthony Masilela, says there are several types of permits the main being the Temporary Residents Permit (TRP), there is also the study permit, the permits for company directors depending on the need of each applicant and these carry alongside them different fees also depending on duration of stay.

He adds that if, for instance they are issued with a 24-months permit, they then return three months before expiration for renewal and are often granted. While admitting that some may submit false papers at application, that remains illegal and not for them at home affairs to approve or condone.

He further explains that they conduct impromptu inspections where they arrest those who are holders of non altogether.

"Home affairs does not grant those leave to stay in the country illegally, they are arrested." He says even those who claim to have opened other businesses in a different address they are advised to declare and obtain the necessary papers operate or to stay at a particular area. Masilela acknowledges that the law

has been lax in that illegal immigrants instead of being deported are often fined and return to stay in the country illegally. He notes that it is relatively very expensive to deport illegal aliens especially

because the state must not foot only the bill of the deported person but also for the one to accompany them to their countries.



WE DON'T SELL: Home Affairs PS Anthony Masilela.

PEOPLE SMUGGLING ON THE RISE – NOMPUMELELO

Head of Secretariat at Prevention of People Trafficking and People Smuggling Nompumelelo Lukhele, clarifying the difference between smuggling and trafficking says people smuggling is on the rise confirming that her office has handled cases involving Asians.

She says as a matter of fact most cases of trafficking involve foreigners in that Swazis are generally trafficked outside the country. She explains that trafficking entails debt bondage in that those smuggled are then billed

and unable to free themselves until they render services to settle the debt.

"We come across cases of smuggling that are reported as human trafficking but on interrogation it turns out they are not trafficked because they are often intercepted before reaching their destination where they were to be exploited. We find them in the process of transportation or at smuggling level hence most Asians fall under the smuggling bracket, the statistics issued by Immigration are also not specific to our definitions," she adds.

'TERROR THREAT COULDN'T BE COMING FROM BUSINESS'

Commerce Minister Gideon Dlamini says his ministry is only at the end of the process of regulating the acquisition of all necessary documentation that vet the credibility of foreigners doing business in Swaziland.

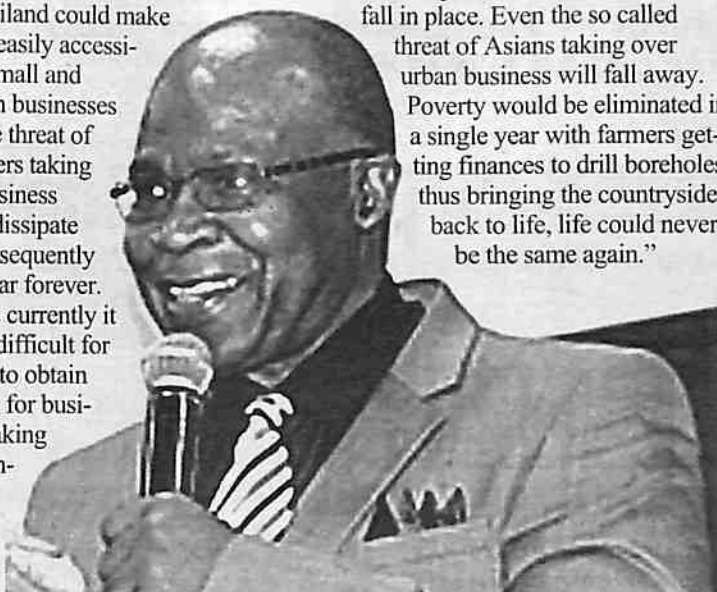
He adds that as the case of the security situation in neighbouring South Africa as first alerted by the United States government to its citizens of threats of terror attack, this cannot be solely blamed to be coming from the commercial sector.

He says in order for them to accept applications and issue permits they check all that has already been provided at earlier stages of the process such as identity papers (IDs), citizenship, work permits and so on, processes that involve other stages such as the ministry of home affairs, the chiefs and the King's Office which oversee the issuance of the King's Consent on Swazi Nation Land through Swazi Commercial Amadoda. "Most of the processes are not initiated by us, the applicants come to us already with papers having been vetted elsewhere. *Ita kitsi vele seyinonile*. At Commerce we promote investment and trade and we don't regulate. I can't call people from outside to come and invest in

the country and then later issue threats against them. It is not within our mandate to check whether they bank their money here or take it out through trunk boxes across the borders, that is not ours, ours is promotion of business. In the event the regulations are bent it won't be even Commerce to effect an arrest or make due diligence."

On a parallel note Dlamini believes if Swaziland could make capital easily accessible to small and medium businesses then the threat of foreigners taking over business would dissipate and subsequently disappear forever. He says currently it is very difficult for Swazis to obtain funding for business making an example of the Loan

Scheme Guarantee with the Central Bank of Swaziland which he says is very minimal yet it has the potential, if increased, to break the cycle of foreigners eating away from local business opportunities. "Our people have ideas on where to invest and are knowledgeable and with the availability of finance and removal of similar barriers coupled with the provision of mentorship then all other things will fall in place. Even the so called threat of Asians taking over urban business will fall away. Poverty would be eliminated in a single year with farmers getting finances to drill boreholes thus bringing the countryside back to life, life could never be the same again."



NOT FROM BUSINESSES: Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini.

'STOCKPILES' OF SMUGGLED ASIANS IN SD

Investigations have revealed syndicates with branches in Swaziland are involved in the smuggling of Asians into the country and beyond.

Most of them are housed in business premises where they masquerade as operators or relatives of the licence operators within the premises while they are used as cheap or slave labour to pay for their passage into the country. It is only after fully paying for meals and passage including forged travel documents that they start working for start-up capital to open their own businesses especially in the rural areas.

Having stayed in Swaziland for a relatively lengthy period during the repayment time, they acquire basics in the siSwati language and English to be able to mingle freely with the populace, hence the recent upsurge in the numbers in rural areas and high density peri-urban centres. Some have been able to marry Swazi girls in order to take advantage of the *kukhonta* system of acquiring land and citizenship status. In Manzini a known baron at Lihaga building ran a successful smuggling den of the Asians. It was alleged that on arrival they submitted all their documents to the baron and were sourced out to work for other Asians until they paid back their passage fee, feeding, housing, clothing and other related costs.

One such person to make the revelations was the late Baghdad Khan who became one of the first Asian migrants to undergo *kubutseka* and become a member of the regiments in order to seek protection as he was now a threat after he threatened to expose the syndicates.

CRIME

Senior officials from 11 Southern African Development Community countries dealing with criminal justice also comprising immigration authorities, the police, prosecutors and ministers of justice early last month noted that despite the existing regulations of legal migration systems, people in the SADC region move continuously for a range of reasons - to seek employment, to escape poverty, to reunite with their families, and to flee internal conflict.

However, the difficulty in accessing legal channels for migration often forces individuals to rely on the services of smugglers to reach their destination. Migrant smuggling generates large profits for the criminals involved as it is a low-risk and high-profit crime. The participants of the workshop voiced particular concern over the increased trend of unaccompanied minors smuggled into the region and the exposure of women and children to sexual abuse during smuggling. Reports delivered during the workshop also showed that Southern Africa serves as a transit and a destination for people on the move from other regions in Africa, as well as Asia.

While South Africa was identified as the main destination in the region for smuggled migrants, the participants agreed that due to the scope and

implications of irregular migration, no single country could address the crime on its own.

Smuggling of migrants is a security challenge in the Region because it undermines the states' ability to protect national borders and puts the lives and safety of migrants at risk, while generating enormous profits for criminals, in turn fueling corruption and organised crime.

"In the absence of a specific law on smuggling of migrants, it is difficult to apprehend smugglers.

We only have immigration laws which are quite lenient and deal only with illegal entry, illegal stay, and illegal exit from the country. We end up only apprehending the smuggled migrants, and not the criminal networks behind the smuggling," highlighted a participant of the workshop.

The Regional Workshop, the first one of this kind, was organised by the SADC Secretariat and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime in order to discuss regional trends and patterns of smuggling of migrants and to share ideas for a possible regional response to this challenge.

It was delivered within the Regional Programme for Southern Africa, supported by the UNODC Global Programme against the Smuggling of Migrants and the European Union-UNODC Global Action to Prevent and Address Trafficking in Persons and the Smuggling of Migrants - a project UNODC is working on in partnership with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Siteki Pakistani bashing reveals rot

Wasim Ranjhi, one of the accused persons in the bashing of a fellow national is fighting battles about how law abiding he is. In his case against the King he says "I humbly submit that I am a law abiding citizen and I have never been questioned and or charged with any offence since my arrival in the country."

However he does not explain how he was able to reside in the country illegally for four years. He also claims in court papers that he is a shareholder in a pharmacy business together with his brother and this pharmacy is in Siteki. However this is not reflected as he claims in his temporary residence permit.

Information

According to his acknowledgement of renewal for permit class F, the following information was received; Surname: Waseem; Forenames: Akram, Ranjha; Nationality: Pakistani; Swazi Region: Manzini Region and this information was filed on November 21, 2011 but the renewal was submitted on May 24, 2016 long after he had been arrested and appeared in court on May 12, 2016.

Similarly in the case of Ehsan Ahmed he claims to have been employed by Ranjha but there is no attachment in terms of his residents permit papers, if he has any, that he is indeed an

employee of Ranjha in his wholesale business.

In his bail application papers he alludes that "it is inconceivable that I can skip bail and settle in another country because I am in the process of acquiring Swazi citizenship having arrived in the country in around June 2012."

He has not attached proof of

this claim but also it is common knowledge that citizenship is applied for before one leaves his country of origin and not after residing in the other country for four years.

Claims

Furthermore he claims that "I have renounced my

Pakistan citizenship as I am desirous of acquiring full Swazi citizenship and I am now fully settled and firmly rooted in the Kingdom of Swaziland. But renunciation of citizenship is done after approval of citizenship not through the process of acquisition.

He further adds another startling revelation "I humbly submit that I am not currently in possession of my travel document obtained in Pakistan as same was confiscated by Swaziland Immigration Department during my application for Swazi citizenship." Now procedurally Immigration does not confiscate alien's passports because they belong to their countries of origin.



BASHED: The victim lays in agony after a thorough thrubbing.



BLOOD THIRSTY: Asian nationals who assaulted a fellow countryman in Siteki, heralding fears of violent attacks from these aliens.



Stockholm Convention
on persistent organic
pollutants (POPs)



REDUCTION OF EXPOSURE TO POPs

INTRODUCTION

The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) is an international law. Swaziland acceded to the Convention on 13 January 2006 and is now bound by this international instrument (treaty). Parties to this Convention are required to eliminate or restrict the production, use and trade of POPs

1. ABOUT THE CONVENTION

The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) is a global treaty to protect human health and the environment from chemicals that:

1. remain intact in the environment for long periods,
2. become widely distributed geographically
3. accumulate in the fatty tissue of humans and wildlife.

There are also Unintentional POPs (uPOPs) released from the open burning or incomplete combustion of material. They are mainly unintentionally produced by-products that are formed during certain combustion and chemical industry processes

2. SOURCES OF uPOPs in SWAZILAND

The level of activity of open burning fires in the country is relatively large and biomass burning is likely the main source for dioxins and Furans (uPOPs).

Open burning covers a wide range of different uncontrolled waste combustion practices, including

1. dumpsite fires,
2. pit burning,
3. fires on plain soil
4. barrel burning.



4. IMPROVING INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES

The emission of POPs and uPOPs can be reduced by the application of BAT and BEP such as cleaner technologies and practises in industrial production and processes.

1. Recycling uses 60 % less energy than manufacturing from scratch.
2. Recycling about one tonne of paper saves about 17 trees

DID YOU KNOW?

3. WHAT ARE THE HEALTH IMPACTS ASSOCIATED TO EXPOSURE TO POPs AND uPOPs

Exposure to Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) can lead to serious health effects including:

- cancers,
- birth defects,
- dysfunctional immune reproductive systems especially in woman
- greater susceptibility to disease
- Diminished intelligence.



5. STRATEGIES AND MEANS TO AVOID, REDUCE OR MANAGE WASTE

1. Source reduction

bulk purchase of products can reduce the need for individual product packaging

2. Composting

Diversion of organic waste to animal feed or other similar productive use, modulated by a concern for spread of disease.

3. Reuse

Where parts or entire devices can be recovered, washed, repaired or reclaimed as fabricated articles the need for disposal can be reduced.

4. Recycling

Many waste streams contain valuable, reclaimable items. Metals, glass, clean dry paper, corrugated board, cloth, plastics and wood are recyclable streams

5. Incineration

In Incineration using best available techniques, especially with energy recovery, and open burning may co-exist where applicable.

6. Modern landfill

Modern landfills are engineered, typically safer, more sanitary and less prone to anthropogenic combustion



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French envoy applauds SD for human rights record

Stories by Simon Shabangu

French Ambassador to Swaziland, Bruno Clerc, has applauded Swaziland for the positive steps taken to ensure the fostering of investor confidence to the growth, development and promotion of good governance, the rule of law and the respect for human rights.

He said the country had done significantly well in those areas despite the many challenges faced by the whole of the Africa continent. He said his country was committed to help Africa face any threat and challenge which could jeopardise its stability.

The ambassador made the remarks when presenting his letters of credence to His Majesty King Mswati III at Lozitha Royal Palace on Thursday.

The ambassador said his country appreciated the King's will to see Swaziland develop to a first world country in the year 2022. He said his country was always ready to continue sup-

porting Swaziland in its endeavour.

"In your speech from the Throne this year, you reaffirmed your commitment to attain first world status by 2022. We appreciate the will of Swaziland to foster strong investor confidence to encourage growth and development and promote good governance, the rule of law and the respect of human rights. My government welcomes the vision Your Majesty set out in his speech to parliament, of a modern developed society," he said.

He said his country believed that promoting the role of women was also key in achieving a fully sustainable development for the country adding that his country applauds the efforts Swaziland has achieved in promoting women in this country.

The ambassador also assured His Majesty that France would continue to support the African continent through their contribution to the European Union which helps develop Africa, including Swaziland.

"Through the European Development

Funds, France supports the development of Swaziland. Through the 11th EDF 62 Euros funding which runs until 2020, France has contributed great at a level of 20%. Despite the challenges faced by Europe, my country wishes to continue supporting development to

Africa, particularly in the fields of health and education. AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria constitute for the many countries in Africa a major threat. France is the second contributor to the Global Fund to fight these three diseases," he added.



ROYAL HANDSHAKE: His Majesty King Mswati III meeting Ethiopian Ambassador to Swaziland Mulugeta Kelil Beshir who presented his letters of credence on Thursday at Lozitha Palace.

King encourages nation to learn French...

Meanwhile His Majesty King Mswati applauded the contribution made by the French Embassy through the Alliance Francaise of teaching Swazis the French language.

He said learning other languages widely spoken in Europe and in most parts of Africa was key.

As the country moved towards transforming to a first world status, communication is very key hence there is a need for people to learn other languages, especially French, saying it comes after English in as far as coverage is concerned.

His Majesty also applauded the French Government for the contribution made to Africa through the European Union. France was one of the countries that made a significant contribution to the fund targeted at developing Africa.

He said leadership of France had Africa close to the heart hence they always made positive contributions and had good intentions of seeing the continent develop.

"We are happy that France is offering French lessons to the locals and note that a number of people are now able to speak and write French. It is key for Swazi people to learn the language for communication purposes.

"We hope you will expand this programme so that it benefits even more people. As Africa we need to improve in the area of learning languages to ensure we communicate well with the global community if we want to see a better Africa. Languages like English, French and

Portuguese, among others, are widely spoken hence it is key that we learn these languages," His Majesty said.

He added that Swaziland and the continent at large looked up to the European continent, especially countries like France, for assistance as they aspired to become a strong force to reckon economically.

Swaziland is hopeful to benefit from France with technical assistance as it strives to reach the first world status. Meanwhile His Majesty told the Ethiopian Ambassador to Swaziland Mulugeta Kelil Beshir who also presented his letters of

credence that the two countries had enjoyed good working relations for many years.

"The two countries are members of many international bodies including the African Union through which we are working hard at leadership to ensure we improve for the better the living standards of our people," he said.

The King said working together was the only key to making a better life for the people and also improving the continent at large.

He said Swaziland strove to become a first world country in 2022 and hoped to get support from good friends like Ethiopia.

Thank you

The Simelane and Zwane families would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to all those who supported and contributed spiritually, financially, physically and otherwise during the sad and untimely loss of **Sibongile Simelane nee Zwane**.

May the almighty God bless you all

Announcement by the Simelane family



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: UNISWA FOUNDATION

The Foundation is an independent body corporate governed by a Board of Trustees composed of men and women of good standing and captains of industry who are positive and insightful about the vision of the University. Its mandate is to raise funds for capital projects and sustainability of the University.

The UNISWA Foundation seeks to appoint a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who will provide leadership in its management and operations. Accordingly, applications are invited from suitably-qualified candidates to lead this dynamic organization to secure resources to address the needs of the University. In this context, the incumbent is expected to engage the University's stakeholders and others into a strategic partnership that will enable the University to actualize its vision of providing leadership through excellence in education.

Reporting: The incumbent shall report to the UNISWA Foundation Board of Trustees and the Vice Chancellor.

Responsibilities:

The incumbent shall assist the Board of Trustees in fulfilling the UNISWA Foundation's mandate enshrined in the Notarial Deed of Trust. Specific responsibilities shall include:

- Raising funds to create a self-sustaining financial base for the construction and renovation of facilities, financing of teaching and research programmes, scholarship/bursary and other requirements;
- Engaging the University's stakeholders and others into a strategic partnership to actualise the University's vision;
- Ensuring the economic buy-in of University stakeholders and other strategic partners;
- Securing financial resources to support development academic programmes for the University;
- Overseeing the overall management and operations of the UNISWA Foundation;
- Any other duties assigned by the Vice Chancellor and the UNISWA Foundation Board of Trustees.

Qualifications and Experience:

- At a first degree in Marketing or related field from an accredited University and an entrepreneurial flair;
- Several years of experience in a senior management position with responsibility for delivery; and
- A senior degree in a relevant field and an understanding of University governance and challenges will be an added advantage.

Competency Profile and Attributes:

- The Board anticipates that the core competency for the incumbent will include, but not necessarily limited to, strategic planning and management, project management, and marketing skills;
- The incumbent will need to have a passion for education, be goal oriented, self-motivated, go-getter, pro-active and have proven ability to deliver;
- Analytical and well developed project writing skills;
- Appreciation of the value proposition offered to stakeholders and partners; and
- Sound interpersonal relations with good public speaking skills.

Remuneration and Benefits:

A competitive package will be offered to the right candidate.

Applications should include the following: (1) a detailed Curriculum Vitae, (2) certified copies of academic and professional qualifications, (3) the names and email addresses of three referees and should be sent to:

The Vice Chancellor
C/O University of Swaziland
Private Bag 4
Kwaluseni, Swaziland or email to vc@uniswa.sz

Not later than Friday, 24th June, 2016

El Nino lessons

GOVT LAYS BARE PLAN

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

Once bitten, twice shy. This adage holds true for government who has planned ahead of the next season following the El Nino induced drought that swept across the entire region and particularly the country in the past season resulting in the deaths of approximately 65 000 cattle.

In reaction to the situation that left many Swazis shell-shocked with the livestock deaths especially in the most affected areas in the Lubombo and Shiselweni regions, government has made a provision for any possible drought season in the future by making available hay that will be sold at affordable prices to cattle farmers. Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati yesterday revealed government's plans to support livestock farmers that will require hay bales in case the drought situation arises again. He said the hay bales will be sold to the farmers at a subsidised price of E300 per 250kg round hay bale.

"As we are all aware the previous season has not been a good one for agricultural production and most of our farmers made tremendous losses. This year we have been informed that El-Nino effects are over.

We therefore believe that we will be having a normal rain pattern. In this regard, His Majesty's Government has deemed it fit to assist farmers with production inputs to help them recover from the effects of the drought. We will recall that the country lost approximately 65 000 cattle as a result of the drought and we do not want to see a recurrence of the same situation," he said.

The minister pointed out that the hay bales will be produced locally and from neighbouring countries and sold to farmers at the subsidised price. He said the hay will be stored at the Cotton Ginners in Big Bend and that payments and collection will also be done at the same place.

... assures continued subsidy to crop production

Government has further assured its continued support to crop farmers by providing input subsidy to farmers even in the coming planting season.

Government's aim is, for starters, to attain 130 000 metric tons of maize for the country to be food secured. Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati yesterday highlighted that the input subsidy that government has provided over the past two seasons will continue even for the 2016/17 cropping season. He hoped that adequate rainfall would be received this time around for production to take place resulting in improved yields.

He said this year it has been decided that their scope in terms of subsidised crops is increased instead of limiting such to maize, but to include other crops that can have a meaningful contribution to national food

security.

"In addition to the tractor hire subsidy, government will provide compound NPK fertiliser, LAN topdressing and seeds for maize, sorghum and beans.

The quantities to be subsidised will be for one hectare per farmer. Since this is not a full subsidy, participating farmers will be expected to contribute as follows: Maize – E2 000 per hectare for six bags NPK 37, four bags LAN and 25kg seeds; Sorghum – E2 000 for six bags NPK 37, four bags LAN and 6kg seeds; Beans – E2 500 for six bags NPK 37 and 60kg seeds," he specified.

The minister further requested farmers to start planning for the upcoming season and make early payments to avoid delays in receiving their inputs so that they catch up with the first rains that usually provide sufficient moisture for planting.

"Farmers can also pay at the Cotton Board offices in Manzini and collect their hay from Big Bend. We will also facilitate where possible in bringing hay closer for those who have paid for it," he added.

The minister announced more good news for cattle farmers as he said government would continue to assist cattle farmers in severe dry areas by providing water with tankers for the cattle. He explained that this would be a stop-gap measure while the drilling of boreholes in areas where ground water is a potential source is being explored as a sustainable option.

Meanwhile, while the recent rains witnessed around the country were not likely to reverse the irreparable damage to crop production and livestock mortality already experienced in the country over the last year, there is hope after all.

This follows recent reports that the worst of this year's historic El Niño may be behind us. Scientists with the

United Nations World Meteorological Organization are now saying that the weather phenomenon has "passed its peak", but that does not mean the weather havoc is over. The drought caused by the El Nino has had a negative impact on the livelihoods of so many people in the country and region, now and into the foreseeable future resulting to the Prime Minister Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini declaring the country's current drought situation a national emergency. He said almost the entire Swazi nation was affected by the present drought, though to varying degrees and that government would need a total budget of E1.4 billion over the next five years to mitigate the situation.

The 2015/16 El Nino has been linked to below average rainfall in southern Africa, while last year's Indian monsoon was well below average. This climate phenomenon which has helped push global temperatures to record levels and caused extreme weather, floods



RESPONSE PLAN: Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati and Director of Agriculture Nelson Mavuso.

Minister announces increase in price of cotton

Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati has announced an increase in the price of top grade cotton from E5.85 to E6 per kilogram in the coming planting season.

The increase translates to a 2.5% price increase. The minister said the increase has come into effect despite the unfavourable conditions in the world markets. He said the price of cotton is a key driver in the motivation of growers to commit to cotton production. He said they are optimistic that the new price will motivate cot-

ton farmers to continue producing the crop for income generation and economic growth.

"Cotton remains a major cash crop for farmers in the dry middle-veld and low-veld of Swaziland. The industry struggled during the previous season and cotton production has gradually decreased in the last two seasons due to drought. We recognise the effort put in by cotton farmers who have ensured a continued existence of the cotton industry and produced under challenging conditions in an effort to sustain their livelihood," he remarked.

and droughts, is one of the most powerful ever, experts have revealed.

El Niño is the result of interaction between the ocean and atmosphere in an area of the Pacific that occurs irregularly between every two and seven years, affecting the climate and increasing global temperatures.

While figures provide evidence

that the recent El Nino is one of the strongest on record, similar to events in 1997-98 and 1982-83, it is too early to tell if it is the strongest ever recorded. Last year was the hottest year on record globally, with temperatures pushed 0.76C above average by man-made climate change and the strong El Nino, and scientists warn this year is likely to follow suit.

River sand, plaster sand theft on the rise

By Sandile Nkambule

The extraction and sale of soil from Swazi Nation Land (SNL), especially on mountains is on the rise with some people being taken to task by local traditional authorities.

So serious is the issue that some have gone to the extent of selling the gravel soil at lucrative prices to members of the public, companies and municipalities.

According to some traditional authorities, the trend has been fast becoming despite that environmentalists have been warning against same.

Concerned residents under the Logoba Umphakatsi said they were shocked when the local Mjinga Mountain was dug up

- Impact on environment a cause for concern
- Environment crime laws to be tough



ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME: The extraction and sale of soil (gravel) on Swazi Nation Land continues to be on the rise. Part of the Mountain at Logoba was dug up leaving the area with massive dongas.

with the gravel soil trafficked to various places leaving a large donga that is now posing danger to local residents.

School children using the mountain as a route to and from schools between Sichelwini and Logoba are at danger according to the

concerned residents as massive dongas have turned into dams which during rainy days become full to the brim. "we have had a case of a child who fell down the donga injuring herself on the leg while we found a group of school children swimming inside the stagnant water in the now dongas turned ponds at the summit of the mountain," said Mandla Dlamini a local resident who normally grazes cattle at the summit of the mountain. Information gathered by the Observer on Saturday is to the effect that some members of the Inner Council were part of the extraction of the soil at the summit of the mountain a thing that was later stopped after the matter was reported to the elders.

Already there are cases of illegal sales of soil (gravel) which are currently dealt with by some traditional authorities within the coun-

try as such matters have even been reported to the Environmental Authority.

According to a recent statement issued by the Environmental Authority, environmental crime will now be prioritised with all those found to have committed such crimes, brought to book.

The statement mentioned that such cases which include the illegal extraction of soil, illegal cutting of trees and others will now be taken seriously as the laws will bite dipper.

Land Management Board (LMB) Chairman Clement Dlamini has condemned such acts which are on the rise.

Dlamini said his office is all out to deal with such issues as they are currently in an exercise to root out all illegal sale of SNL and such cases of extraction and sale of soil.

Manzini student employee goes on foreign trip, workers outraged

Stories by Ackel Zwane

An employee of the Municipal Council of Manzini currently on two-year study leave has returned to take a company vehicle and travel on an all expenses paid trip to arrange for inter-municipal games to be held in Mahikeng while there is a sporting committee in place mandated for such preparations. As a result, this has sparked indignation among the members of the sporting committee who met on a Friday two weeks ago after discovering the employee who is also a football player of a prominent Mbabane club was given the task otherwise reserved for the committee as per customary arrangements each year. It is said he had been part of the committee but was replaced when he had to go for a course outside the country only to return during this vacation to take a Council vehicle without even their knowledge and going to Mahikeng posing as representing the committee. He was in the company of a female employee who is also instrumental in arranging for ladies' games.

This scandal has promoted workers to make an agenda item during the ongoing performance management and development system (PMDS) whereby some employees favoured



SPOILING FOR TRUTH: Manzini municipal workers gather at the Zakhele Community Hall on Tuesday for feedback on the turnaround strategy, performance system and retrenchments.

by Council are rewarded outside work performance as per the intent and purpose of PMDS. This development has also revived wounds among employees of Council after a botched trip to Durban on an experience exchange expedition whereby those who attended had no one to receive them at eThekweni municipality because they were not expected. As a result only a handful of the chosen favoured team that went to Durban benefitted and the rest whose turn was to come finally never came. At this money spending spree each employee pocketed E2 000 for free spending and now the rest of those who missed out want their turn or at least the money.

"On the issue of the trip to Mahikeng we wish to state that the officer in question is still an employee of Council.

He undertook the trip on the full mandate of Council. Management has the prerogative to select befitting employees for trips undertaken on behalf of Council. As such, we see nothing wrong with the employee having taken the trip. In fact, we wonder what qualifies this matter as one of public interest because this is a purely operational matter which involves employees of Council who were tasked with carrying-out a legitimate responsibility with full mandate from Council," says Mathokoza Thwala, the Public Relations Officer.

Intern takes over as consultant

Workers are also outraged at an employee who joined Council as an intern but is now working on the turnaround strategy.

This matter took centre stage during the workers' briefing session held at Zakhele Community Hall on Tuesday during the lunch hour.

It was said the intern remained when the others returned to their learning institutions but later given a short-

term contract before being elevated to take head on the turnaround strategy.

The workers are now questioning the procurement procedures followed when the intern was elevated because this job was not advertised as per procurement procedures for government jobs.

More disturbing is that he is alleged to be enjoying lucrative pay packages to the level of head of department.

...Council says it's all lies, he's just a facilitator

Thwala, on the other hand, denies the intern has been elevated to head of department, saying he is only a facilitator.

"First of all we wish to mention that when the turnaround exercise was officially launched during an all-staff meeting held in April 2016, it was clearly stated that it would be carried out using available internal resources.

As a result, an in-house steering committee was established and it is the one carrying out the exercise in full consultation with internal stakeholders such as the workers' union and staff association.

We wish to clarify it is NOT true that the officer you are referring to has been elevated

to the position of head of department. The Municipal Council of Manzini is a professional organisation that respects the principles of corporate governance; and there is no way elevations of that magnitude can happen overnight.

The true position is the role of the officer you are referring is more of a facilitator and performs duties for the steering committee that is leading the implementation of the turnaround strategy.

We also wish to state that it is not true that consultations are not happening relating to the turnaround exercise. A number of consultations with the workers' union and staff association have been held already; and more are still to happen."



IN NUMBERS: Burning issues on the table are the turnaround strategy which carries along with it exit voluntary offers that workers claim are being forced down their throat. (Pics: Ackel Zwane)



Swazi, SA army officers linked to illegal border crossings

By Sandile Nkambule

● Both armed forces alleged to be collecting illegal revenue from as little as E10 to R50 to allow illegal crossing to either country

In the latest illegal cross border reports, the Swazi army and their of South African counterparts have been linked to illegal border crossing.

It has been reported that the South African borders are porous, but exactly how and where it is done, is unknown to many.

In a time when passport control is tightening worldwide, the borders of South Africa and Swaziland are actually most porous.

According to a report published by Two Oceans Vibe, from South Africa into Swaziland there are several illegal crossing spots along this strip of fence that lines the road between Pongola and Piet Retief. Swaziland is on the other side of the fence, but it is not just Swazis who use it, as many Mozambicans and other nationalities like this route because it is considered less risky.

It has been gathered that most of the illegal immigrants allegedly stop at some crossings, guarded by soldiers, two South Africans and

two Swazis where more taxis drop off people from the South African side, who want to cross illegally into Swaziland.

The illegal immigrants are reported to always look terrified, with each of them casting a sharp look along the stretch of road before alighting from the taxis, obviously looking to see if there are no approaching police cars. The taxis would thereafter leave immediately after dropping off their passengers.

Large

"Once a large group has assembled, about 95 people in all, they approach the soldiers. The Swazi soldiers are humble young men in their early twenties.

One of them twists a bit to adjust the firearm on his back, while he asks everybody to produce their identity documents and children's certificates for those travelling with children. There are indeed 28 children travelling with adults in the group. Both soldiers check through the documents quickly and hand

them back to their owners," the report states.

With those illegally crossing having identity documents, it becomes cheaper as they pay less while most Mozambican nationals who do not have IDs, their exit or entrance becomes more expensive as they pay more.

After every document has been checked, the report states, the group anxiously waits for orders from the soldiers and when the directive finally does come, a white container is pointed by the soldiers where each of the illegal immigrants must go past with R10, R20 and R50 notes and lots of coins scattered at the bottom of the container.

"It is, however, exceptional for the children as they do not pay, each individual in the group goes past the container, dropping off whatever they can afford.

There is no stipulated figure. Some admit they evaded this informal 'container tax' by pretending to throw something in. Everyone is

let through into Swaziland regardless," the report further states.

Meanwhile from Swaziland to South Africa on the other side, a group of about 25 people were allegedly found looking to cross into the Republic.

They dealt with the two South African soldiers who searched their bags and requested to see their identity documents. Again there are a few people who did not bring their IDs and they were requested to step aside.

Everyone is let through, except the people without IDs. They all contribute whatever they can afford, as they cross over to Pongola and the soldiers are alleged to get goodies in return if those illegally crossing do have money at that time.

According to the report, one South African soldier was reported as confessing that, this is a good deal, and travellers pay far more at other illegal border crossings. "For us it's become more of a routine

that our counterparts from other countries also observe," the soldier was quoted as saying. It is clear the soldiers from both sides of the border work together. Many of the people who make the illegal crossing are regulars. Perhaps they have children in the neighbouring country, or perhaps they are elderly and cross to receive welfare and health services. None of them possess passports.

Many South African and Swazi children attend school in either country and they use these crossings. Likewise many children from other countries cross illegally to get to their schools in South Africa. The soldiers know what damage denying people the pass would do to such youngsters' future.

All the soldiers can do is search for drugs and weapons. Without these, one is guaranteed a safe, and simple pass.

Immediate comment from the army public relations officer could not be obtained as he was reported out of office by his secretary, however, a soldier who preferred to remain anonymous confided to this newspaper that such indeed happens along the countries border lines.



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SPECIAL THANKS: Manzini Deputy REO Nhlanhla Dlamini delivering his speech during the MTN 21 days Y'ello Care campaign held at St Josephs yesterday. (Pics: Thandeka Ndlangamandla)



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REMARKS: St Joseph's Primary School Principal Wilfred Cindzi thanking MTN for what they have done for the school.



WORKING HARD: Afrisam staff hard at work as they were constructing a drainage system for the school.



SIYABONGA: The gumboot dance left everyone begging for more during a marvelous performance.

FRAMEWORK FOR JUDGES PAY, NOTHING FOR MAGISTRATES

By Ackel Zwane

The justice ministry has denied that judges salaries were increased, saying they remained as they have been in the past year but instead there is a "framework created through negotiations between teams representing the judiciary and the executive, aimed at creating uniformity and certainty in the terms and conditions of service for the honourable judges."

This is in reference to a newspaper article citing a notice announcing salary pay raise for judges, a notice that says nothing about the magistrates. However, the magistrates claim an exercise was concluded to review their salaries and allowances but the results have not been gazetted as the matter is said to be still with cabinet.

Already there are reports that only the magistrates are lagging behind in the review of their remuneration while their counterparts at the directorate of public prosecutions are already on comfortable turf.

"An internal exercise was done and concluded with recommendations made to cabinet. We made



PUBLISHED FRAMEWORK: Minister of Finance, Martin Dlamini.

our submissions but are still expecting the necessary outcomes," said a principal magistrate when asked on whether they had also been given pay raises.

He added that the process was somehow interrupted by the coming of the independent consultant who tabled his report on salary review for the entire civil service. "So far there is nothing, we are

waiting for what is being cooked for us." This put paid to speculation that this could have an effect on the performance of magistrates as they work with colleagues who are handsomely rewarded for nearly equal efforts on daily basis.

Acting Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Justice Vusie Dlamini, said "the framework was a result of a review in the judges' terms and conditions of service brought about by the lack of uniformity and certainty for the honourable judges which had caused disharmony within the judiciary for a long time."

Prescription of Salaries and Allowances of judicial officers Notice 2016 effective from last week prescribes that the Judicial Officer means chief justice, Supreme Court judge, High Court judge, Industrial Court of Appeal judge, Industrial Court judge and any other judge of any court established in terms of the law.

The current framework was allegedly published by Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini and is cited as claiming that it revokes Notice No.177 of 2013, on which salaries of judges were based.

In October 2013 then Chief

Justice Michael Ramodibedi, together with judges of the High and Industrial Courts were awarded over 30 per cent in salary increments. That was contained in a gazette dated October 11, 2013 whereby the CJ was to receive E584 473, an increase from E370 000 he was getting per year; an increment of 36.6 per cent and a monthly salary of E48 706 before allowances. The Legal Notice 177 of 2013 was issued by the minister of finance but signed by the then principal secretary Khabonina Mabuza.

In 2014 the ministry of finance stopped the allowances of the judges who presided over cases during the recently ended May session of the Supreme Court.

The affected Judges were Chief Justice Michael Ramodibedi, resident Judge Bheki Maphalala, Justices Seth Twum from Ghana, Ahmed Ebrahim from Zimbabwe, Benjamin Odoki from Uganda and Stanley Moore from Guyana.

Ramodibedi filed claims for the judges before the session commences and he claimed it was standard practice in most countries. This was contested within the ministry.

IDE Educational Technology lessons resume at UNISWA

By Nozipho Sibiya

Educational Technology for effective teaching contact sessions at the University of Swaziland Institute of Distance Education will commence this month.

Professor SRastogi (PhD) - IDE Research and Evaluation Gciniwe Sibandze confirmed yesterday that

School teachers who enrolled, registered and attended the orientation session of the distance education programme titled 'Educational Technology for Effective Teaching' jointly offered by the Commonwealth of Learning, Canada and University of Swaziland (UNISWA) through the Institute of Distance Education (IDE) on April 2 - 3, 2016 are officially notified that the compulsory contact sessions are commencing this month (June).

"All participants in this programme should have received grouped SMS that specify dates on which each participant is expected to attend. Moreover, participants should note all contact sessions will start at 9:00 am and end at 4:30 pm on the stipulated dates and will be held at UNISWA, IDE."

She requested all participants to adhere to the dates and times indicated in their grouped instant messaging (SMS).

Further, and most importantly, she said participants should bring the self-instructional handbook they received previously (at orientation), as it is the main entry pre-requisite to take part in the contact sessions.

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ANGRY 'HOLY WATER' PASTOR RAZES PARTNER'S CHURCH

- Pastor had allegedly entered into partnership to run church at Mbikwakhe, conflict arises over leadership of church as holy water pastor decides to demolish church structure
- Church members left in the open as hired TLB grader brings down structure

Stories by Sandile Nkambule

He had partnered with a local pastor to run a church as he offered 'holy water' and anointed oil to the congregants after both pastors signed a 'holy deal' that was blessed by the congregants.

However, in a rather shocking move, the 'holy water' pastor did the unthinkable when he, after a misunderstanding over the leadership of the church with the founding pastor at Mbikwakhe, came all fires blazing and brought down the church structure in broad daylight.

The incident that has shocked Mbikwakhe community happened after the two engaged in a heated argument over the leadership of the church, since both wanted to be at the forefront despite that they had agreed to partner.

According to sources close to the matter, the holy water pastor whose name is known to this newspaper, but cannot be published for now since no formal charges have been pressed against him by his former partner, the two had all along been getting well.

In fact, the sources said the holy water pastor approached Pastor Matse of the Mbikwakhe church, making a proposal that they both partner and run the church as he had a financial muscle and to crown it all, came along with the holy water and anointed oil, which would be used during church services, be given to congregants.

Upon reaching the agreement, the sources said all had been going well between the two as they ran the church together, resulting in the holy water pastor eventually erecting a church structure as Matse, the founding pastor, had all along been using a tent for his church's services.

Although the structure had not yet been completed but had been roofed, the church services were eventually held under that structure up until the fateful day on Sunday when the holy water pastor pounced.

"For some strange reasons, the two had misunderstandings that emanated from nothing but the leadership of the church. Apparently the new partner felt he was the one to lead the church while the founding pastor held a different view, hence the heated arguments over same," said our sources.

Without suspecting anything out of the ordinary, it was on Sunday when the holy water pastor pounced, leaving congregants



HOLY DEMOLISHING: An angry pastor shocked congregants and residents of Mbikwakhe area when he razed his partner's church after misunderstandings over leadership of the church. These are the remains of what used to be the roofing of the structure. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo)



NEW LOOK: The tent has been set up on the concrete floor and pulpit that was left open after the demolition.

and Mbikwakhe community in shock. He showed up leading a TLB grader to the church premises that are adjacent to a home-stead nearby.

Making his intentions known, the pastor is said to have instructed the grader to waste no time, but bring down the church structure which was within an hour razed to the ground.

Some of the church members who reside nearby, reportedly rushed to the scene but could do nothing, save to watch helplessly as the church building was brought down. Nothing but the concrete floor and pulpit

were last.

Since the founding pastor was not around when the incident happened, he is said to have been called through his cellphone before he rushed to the scene only to find that the church structure was no more.

Visited by our news team this week, debris of the old structure were found at the scene with some brethren just having finished setting up a tent in preparation for church services which they hold both during the week and on Sundays.

The corrugated iron sheets and other building material that was used in the construction

NO COMMENT - 'UMKHOKHELI'

- Says she is still dumbfounded following incident
- Founding pastor husband reported out of the country

Contacted for comment following the demolition, the founding pastor's wife (umkhokheli) Make Matse, said she could not say anything for now as she is still dumbfounded.

Make Matse said only her husband who, however, is currently out of the country could be in a position to comment. He is expected back home tomorrow.

Expected

The news of the demolition have been already communicated to Pastor Matse in South Africa, while the church is expected to hold its services tomorrow under the erected tent.

When asked whether malicious damage of property charges have been pressed against the holy water pastor, Matse said all would be answered by her husband.

However, the Observer on Saturday gathered that there have been no formal charges laid against the pastor.

CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES SHOCKED

- Bishop Steven Masilela says real church leaders do not practice such
- Says pastors should have dialogued, resolved whatever differences amicably as opposed to such an act

Following such increased incidents involving rival pastors in the country, the newspaper sought clarity on how the churches mother body views such an act.

Swaziland Conference of Churches (SCC) Bishop Steven Masilela, expressed shock on the 'holy brawl' that has resulted in one of the two destroying the church structure.

Masilela said they condemned such an act as it sets a bad precedence, sending the wrong message about the church.

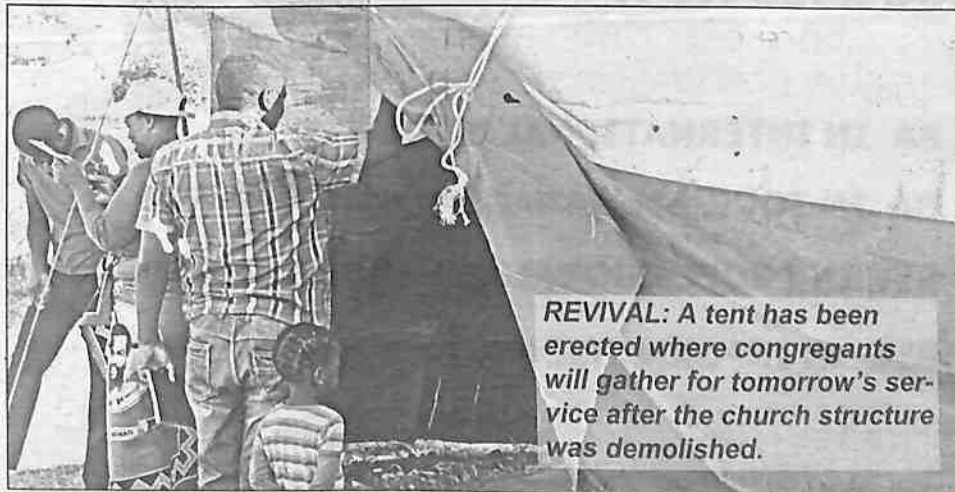
Problems

He said real church leaders do not do such as all whenever problems arise, they always seek God's intervention not violence.

"We are shocked at this to say the least and advise that in the event there are differences between church leaders, such should be sorted out amicably with the parties involved engaging in dialogue and ask God's intervention, not this," Masilela said.

He said their office remained open for those church leaders who might have problems and need assistance, as such cases send the wrong message about the church.

of the church were taken by the holy water pastor as only the rubble in roof trusses were found on site.



REVIVAL: A tent has been erected where congregants will gather for tomorrow's service after the church structure was demolished.



DONE: The inside of the tent.



DONE DEAL: Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) signing ceremony held yester in Botswana. EPA will boost growth and economic integration. EU Ambassador Nicola Bellomo has congratulated the minister of trade and the Government of the Swaziland on this important occasion. (Courtesy pics)

EU SIGNS EPA WITH SOUTHERN AFRICA

This development-oriented agreement is the first of its kind with an African region pursuing regional economic integration.

The European Union and six countries of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) yesterday signed an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), the first of its kind between the EU and an African region pursuing the objective of economic integration. The signature took place in Kasane, Botswana.

The agreement was signed by Commissioner for Trade Cecilia Malmström, on behalf of the EU. In a comment, Commissioner Malmström said: "Trade is a tool to spur economic growth and sustainable development. It's also an important factor for integrating regions and forming stronger bonds between countries."

"With the Economic Partnership Agreement we are signing today, we want to base our trade relations with our partners in the Southern African region on commonly agreed, stable rules."

"Trade has helped lift millions of people from poverty throughout the

years. Thanks to agreements like this one, we are preparing the ground for that process to continue."

Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Neven Mimica, added: "Fully utilising the economic potential of the private sector and further strengthening the trade is critical for the new global development agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals. Today's agreement can help us to tap this potential."

The Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland – the so-called "SADC EPA group" – is a development-oriented free trade agreement.

This is the first such agreement to be signed between the EU and an African region pursuing the objective of economic integration.

Other regional agreements could also soon be signed with West Africa and the East African Community. At the signature ceremony in Botswana, Commissioner Malmström held a speech on the benefits of the agreement.

The EPA takes account of the dif-

ferent levels of development of each partner.

It guarantees Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, and Swaziland duty-free, quota-free access to the European market. South Africa will also benefit from enhanced market access, going beyond the existing bilateral arrangement.

Flexibility

Furthermore, the agreement increases the flexibility of Southern African producers to put together products components from various countries, without the risk of losing their free access to the EU market. It also provides for a number of protective measures, for instance, for nascent, fragile industries or for food security reasons.

The Southern African markets will open gradually and partially to EU exports, in an asymmetric way. In the process of diversifying their economies and broadening production, imports of certain goods are important for Southern African countries – certain industrial parts, seeds and machinery, for instance. The import duties on many of these so-called intermediary goods will be significantly reduced, making



PARTNERS: On Thursday, EU Ambassador, Nicola Bellomo, met with the Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development, Mduduzi Dlamini, to discuss a wide range of issues, including EU support to Swaziland.

the products more easily accessible to Southern African entrepreneurs.

For the South African market specifically, particular advantage has been granted to EU producers of traditional quality products with a worldwide reputation – for example, wines and food products – that will now get the exclusive right to use their traditional names, or 'geographical indications', in South Africa.

Correspondingly, several South African geographical indications will, from now on, be protected on the EU market, such as different types of South African wine such as Stellenbosch and Paarl, along with Rooibos tea and other products.

By signing the agreement, all participants commit themselves to act towards sustainable development, including by upholding social and environmental standards.

The EPA also establishes a consultation procedure for environmental or labour issues and defines a comprehensive list of areas in which the partners will cooperate to foster sustainable development. Civil society will have a special role in monitoring the impact of the agreement.

In addition, a detailed chapter on development cooperation identifies trade-related areas that could benefit from EU financial support.

The EPA creates joint institutions to support dialogue, smooth handling of all trade issues, and moni-

toring of the impact of the trade deal. The EU will work with its SADC partners to ensure smooth implementation of the agreement, together with regional and national development cooperation bodies.

The EU Council of Ministers took the decision to authorise the signature of the Economic Partnership Agreement on June 1.

Following the signature, the agreement will now be submitted for approval to the European Parliament, and for ratification in the 28 EU Member States according to national ratification procedures and in the Southern African countries.

BACKGROUND

Trade and Economic Partnership Agreements are an essential pillar of the ACP-EU Cotonou Agreement. The SADC EPA Group consists of six out of 15 members of the Southern African Development Community (Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland and South Africa). Angola has observer status and may join the agreement in the future.

The EU is the largest trading partner of the SADC EPA group. In 2015, the EU imported goods worth almost €32 billion from the region, mostly minerals and metals. The EU exported goods of the nearly same value, mostly engineering, automotive and chemical products.

Victory for hippy millionaire's unemployed ex-wife

LONDON - In a landmark court ruling, a woman has won a £500 000 share of her ex-husband's fortune - more than two decades after they divorced.

Kathleen Wyatt, 55, had earlier demanded a £1.9 million payout from Dale Vince, 53, although she did not lodge a maintenance claim until more than 25 years after they had separated, and nearly 20 years after their divorce.

The Supreme Court

... as she wins £500 000 (£10 838 121) share of fortune even though he only made his money a decade after they broke up

awarded her a £300 000 share of his fortune and he was also ordered to pay £200 000 towards her legal costs in the Supreme Court.

Vince is a former New Age traveller who became a millionaire businessman through his company Ecotricity, which he launched years after the couple parted.

Vince, who last year said his ex-wife was "cashing in

on an old lottery ticket" described the ruling as "mad".

Relationships

He said: "I feel that we all have a right to move on and not be looking over our shoulders."

"This could signal open season for people who had brief relationships a quarter of a century ago. It's mad in my opinion."

Judges were told the cou-

ple met as students, married in 1981 when they were in their early 20s, and lived a New Age traveller lifestyle.

They separated in the mid-1980s and divorced in 1992.

In the mid-1990s, Vince began a career in business and went on to become a green energy tycoon after launching a company called Ecotricity - a business group now worth at least £57 million.

Ms Wyatt lodged a claim for 'financial remedy' in 2011.

The success of Ecotricity - which supplies energy to more than 100 000 customers - has made Mr Vince considerable wealth, and he now lives in a £3million 18th century Georgian fort and drives a custom made electric supercar. He remarried in 2006.

Daily Mail



VICTORY: Hippy millionaire Kathleen Wyatt.

THE PICTORIAL LIFE OF ARCHIE MOTSA

By Sandile Nkambule

He gained popularity by becoming the man representing the King during each year's State Opening of Parliament rehearsals at Lobamba. Archie Motsa will be remembered by many as a humble and down to earth person.

Motsa spent most of his working life in Parliament where he died while serving

Motsa spent most of his working life in Parliament

as the Principal Administrative Secretary. Motsa has been described as one of the long serving parliament employees having been engaged by the Legislature in 1994.

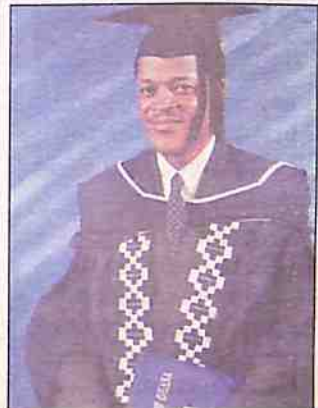
This means Motsa has been serving government under the Houses of Parliament for the past 22

years, and has, according to the Parliamentary Service Board (PSB), Senate president, speaker in the House and staff, been viewed as one of the loyal, dedicated and committed staff members. We take you through the pictorial life of Motsa up until his demise.

May his soul rest in peace.



PEOPLE'S PERSON: Swaziland's Representative to Ethiopia Promise Msibi, Prince Guduza and Chief Protocol Officer Mphiwa Dlamini and the late Archie Motsa during this year's Official State Opening of Parliament at Lobamba.



HONOURS: The late Archie Motsa during his graduation at Ghana University in this undated photo. (Courtesy pics)



OFFICIAL OPENING: Here Motsa was captured during one of the Official State Opening of Parliament at Lobamba car parking lot.



GUARD OF HONOUR: Motsa during one of the parliament rehearsals.



FIRST AID: Motsa used to be part of the Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross volunteers during his youth.



WELL TRAVELLED: The late Motsa attending one of the international meetings.



WILL BE MISSED: The late Archie Motsa posing with his family in this undated photo.

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Non-stop illegal diamond mining at Dvokolwako

● Desperate residents continue to sneak into the minefield, collect and surf sand for precious stones

● Deployed army personnel chase off diamond looters who always run for dear life

By Sandile Nkambule



LOOTING ZONE: Illegal miners continue to loot the precious stones at the defunct diamond mine at Dvokolwako despite the presence of the army, this is a section of the minefield. (Pics Sandile Nkambule)

Despite the presence of the Umtsofo Swaziland Defense Force (USDF) personnel who were deployed to secure one of the country's precious natural resources, diamond, desperate members of the public continue to loot diamonds at Dvokolwako.

The Observer on Saturday has reliably learnt that people still want to lay their hands on the precious stones at the defunct mine which was shut down, about a decade ago in the Hhohho region, as they are eager to make quick cash owing to the scourge of unemployment.

Dvokolwako residents and those from surrounding areas are said to be the most popular as they sneak into the minefield especially at night where they collect and later surf the sand around the mine in search of the stones that are said to be in the market and in demand by Asian nationals in neighbouring South Africa and Mozambique.

It was established that a syndicate of Asian nationals based in South

Africa are actually promoting the continued attempts by local residents to loot the diamond at the mine by providing a ready market, as they want nothing but the precious stones in return for quick cash.

Decade

The mine was shut down about a decade ago with South African Business mogul Roux Shabangu reported to have been ready to take over the mine.

With the area and mapping of the mine known to them, some locals are said to be using simple methods to extract the precious stones which are believed to be later smuggled to neighbouring South Africa.

These foreign national are said to want nothing more but diamonds and pay cash as no questions are asked, it has been reliably gathered. The country attained a certificate

from the Kimberly Process Certification Scheme, which allowed Swaziland to trade in diamonds some time in 2011.

After its shut down, interested business people including South African business magnate Roux Shabangu had indicated that they want to take over the mine and hopes from locals have all along been baked that job opportunities would be open once operations at the mine resume.

However there has been no positive reports as regards the reopening of the mine which is one of the country's major natural resource with two other prominent mines, the Mpaka Coal and Ngwenya Iron Ore mines also having been shut down.

According to well placed sources, with the knowledge that the precious stone's value can change peo-



DEFUNCT: The entrance to the defunct mine at Dvokolwako.

ple's lives, the looting at the defunct mine is far from over as people will continue to loot.

"The fact that they continue to search for the diamonds, despite the presence of the army, is proof enough that the looting is far from over," the sources said.

This week the Observer on Saturday visited the Dvokolwako mine on a fact finding mission and found on site was a lone plain clothed soldier who confirmed that they have a tough time chasing away people who try to steal precious stones.

He said the illegal miners normally sneaked in with all sorts of containers in the dead of the night, as they first identify the areas the soldiers are patrolling at and once they know the other perimeters are unguarded, they sneak in and steal the

stones. "Diamond looters here continue to sneak in search of the precious stones, but we usually detect and chase them away, and knowing that the area is guarded by the army they run for dear life, although some normally scan the area in order to detect where we are positioned, taking the opportunity to sneak in at the areas we are not at," he said.

Owing to the ratio of the soldiers to the mine, the illegal miners take advantage as about three of the army officers cannot position themselves at all corners of the minefield.

In most cases when the looters are caught, they are punished and released, leaving behind the containers they had brought, while others are chased off while attempting to sneak into the minefield.



SIGNS OF LIFE: The portion of land that is now being fenced by the Department of Geology.

Geology sets up camp on site

A portion of land that had been cleared and fenced near the defunct Dvokolwako mine has brought hope to locals who hold the view that the defunct mine might be reopening.

However it has been gathered that the presence of the Geology Department at the defunct mine does not mean that it will be reopened.

In an interview with some locals, they said they have been taking note that officers from the department are frequenting the area with the piece of land having been already cleared and is now being fenced.

"When we saw the government vehicles and personnel from the department of geology, we were sure that there will now

● The movement of government vehicles from the Geology department has brought hopes of mine reopening at Dvokolwako

● Department's presence however has nothing to do with mine opening

be activity with the hope that the mine was about to reopen, we have been waiting for years for the mine opening but all in vain," said some of the residents.

Fencing poles have already been erected around the piece of land and efforts to get information on what would be done on the land were unsuccessful as the Geology officials referred further queries to the Ministry whose Principal Secretary could not be reached by the time this report was compiled.

Mine had been expected to reopen last year

Last year government promised that the mining sector will improve with an investor that would be mining diamonds which are based at Dvokolwako mine.

As reported by our sister paper the Swazi Observer daily recently, Commissioner of Mines Samuel Ntshalintshali had said there were about six prospective applicants interested into diamond mining at Dvokolwako adding that a team would look into the applications and decide on the ultimate investor, stating that most of the applicants were from South Africa.

The eventual investor to be granted mining rights must be able to extract the diamond, contribute to the surrounding community and also invest in processing the mineral locally.

Ntshalintshali could not divulge as to how much capital the investor must have but said they were looking for someone who would meet all the requirements and had capacity to undertake the mining job. He said for the Dvokolwako mine, they were talking of at least 15 years production life.

There are diamonds in Swaziland and government has indicated that the diamond industry must be vibrant in the near future.

Worth noting is that the country has completed certain processes for the

● Government had said there were about six prospective applicants in the diamond mine at Dvokolwako



ANY HOPE?: Part of the the land that has been cleared by the Geology department.

diamond industry. The country last year finalised the procurement process for the Kimberly Process Certificates which translates to the fact that Swaziland is legalised to operate in diamonds.

Dvokolwako mine has been operational up until 1997 but could not proceed as the investor had to do underground mining, in 2008, there

was another applicant and was given a licence and in 2012, that interested investor was supposed to forward capital but could not thus government decided to revoke the licence.

From 2012 to 2014, they worked on deregistering that potential investor who failed to abide by the requirements, with the licence already available.

GMO: ANOTHER HEATED DEBATE OVER GLYPHOSATE

...as EU refuses to back a limited extension of the pesticide glyphosate's use, threatening withdrawal of Monsanto's Roundup and other weedkillers from shelves if no decision is reached by the end of the month.

By Ackel Zwane

While Swazi legislators were taken on a study tour of the benefits of genetic engineering to farmers in nearby South Africa last month with a view to influence amendments in the current legislation regulation biotechnology, a debate is heating up about the suitability of the technology worldwide following European Union's position on temporary licence extension for chemical used in weedkiller, to study concerns over cancer risks. The motion in the EU Parliament this week failed to get sufficient majority in voting.

On the Swazi front, however, while there are environmental concerns, cotton farmers look more into the benefits of importing the technology because already the country is importing from food and other agricultural products that have used the same biotechnology in other countries but is not using the technology itself.

Daniel Khumalo of the Swaziland Cotton Board argues that traditionally Swazis do not look into their problems adequately but rush to



SOMETHING AGRICULTURAL: BT cotton in a farm.

tackle how other people are shaping up into embracing or rejecting new and upcoming technology as is the case with Europe's position on pesticide glyphosate.

Technology

He says the law does not compel Swazis to accept Roundup but allows for means to regulate and take informed decisions on the technology as to what comes in or not come into the country. "We must be

able to control anything coming into the country than simply blocking outrightly any technology on the market out there. We want the law to guide us and create forums on how to handle the technology, that is where the law is taking us. IN the EU they are able to control or vote because they have the relevant laws to guide them."

He adds that Swaziland has a somewhat hostile biotechnology law that does not allow the technology to come in altogether but there is the risk of the same technology being smuggled into the country and once that happens it would be virtually impossible to control its use.

He cited the Lukhatseni outside Siphofaneni BT cotton test project which was allowed with specific provisions for the ministry of agriculture to see how far the biotechnology could be rolled out further. He says the ministry was given limited permission simply because of the hostile Biosafety Act of Swaziland.

However, Khumalo observes that in other countries this technology improved cotton production immensely.

Spray

He says it comes with a gene that controls pests and subsequently cuts costs with huge margins and makes the farming undertaking of even small farmers more viable than ever.

He notes that conventional cotton takes six months in the field and weeding is done four or five times at E50 per hectare per person per day which translates to E500 a week and in a month this could total E2 000. At this cost the farmer is already counting losses but the technology means the farmer no longer has to weed manually, which translates to reduced costs of spraying and subsequently eliminating the burden of weeding. He says the environment will also be happy because of reduced chemicals resulting from reduced spraying of

chemicals to kill pests. The chemical to eliminate the weed is E90 per hectare instead of the E500 and, therefore, the farmer makes huge savings.

As for spraying it the plant requires eight to 10 times for the conventional seed but with the technology it is reduced to only twice but he admits there are some problems in the region in that it favours other diseases because of the temperatures. "Even if the cotton is grown conventionally it depends on how much effort a farmer puts in to prevent diseases.

Money

This gene has come with all the protection measures. Once the plant bears fruit the harvest is definite because it does not depend on how much effort I put to keep away pests, which requires spraying and spraying means killing the environment by putting in more chemicals." Conventional cotton has a gross margin of E1 200 while BT cotton grosses E10 000 per hectare.

He admits this is not a magical cotton, saying farmers are aware there are concerns in other countries where it has been introduced such as Roundup no longer kills just the target weed but other plants; there is also the concern around Superweed; concerns the chemical could be targeting certain pests but what about other insects such as bees.

"Everything has its own risks, the law is to manage the risk in order to make the country precautionary in dealing with biotechnology while at the same time reaping benefits of the technology, that is why we need to enact an enabling law."

EU nations have refused to back a limited extension of the pesticide glyphosate's use, threatening withdrawal of Monsanto's Roundup and other weedkillers from shelves if no decision is reached by the end of the month. Contradictory findings on the carcinogenic risks of the chemical have thrust it into the centre of a dispute among EU and US politicians, regulators and researchers.

The EU executive, after failing to win support in two meetings earlier this year for a proposal to renew the licence for glyphosate for up to 15 years, had offered a limited 12 to 18 month extension to allow time for further scientific study. It hopes a study by the European Union's Agency for Chemical Products (ECHA) will allay health concerns. Despite the compromise, the proposal failed to win the qualified majority – the support of member states representing at least 65% of the EU's population – needed for adoption, an EU official said. Seven member states abstained from Monday's vote, 20 backed the proposal and one voted against, a German environment ministry spokeswoman said. The controversy overhangs German chemicals group Bayer's \$62bn offer in May to buy US seeds company Monsanto. Germany was among those which abstained from Monday's vote and has in the past opposed Monsanto's genetically modified seeds.

Monsanto case

Since 1996, corn hybrids with the MON810 insect-protected trait have provided valuable economic, agro-economic and environmental benefits to millions of farmers throughout the world. Regulatory authorities and other third parties have conducted extensive analysis demonstrating that MON810 is safe to humans, animals, non-target organisms and beneficial insects.

However, in several European countries, politicians – using scientific arguments rejected by the EU's own Food Safety Authority (EFSA) – have taken decisions to illegally ban the planting MON810 corn hybrids despite a robust safety assessment and a long history of safe cultivation and consumption.

As consumers ourselves, the safety of the foods we serve to our friends and families is important to everyone who works at Monsanto. Consequently, the safety of the products we sell to farmers is our top priority, and we confidently stand behind the safety and healthfulness of each of our GM seed products.

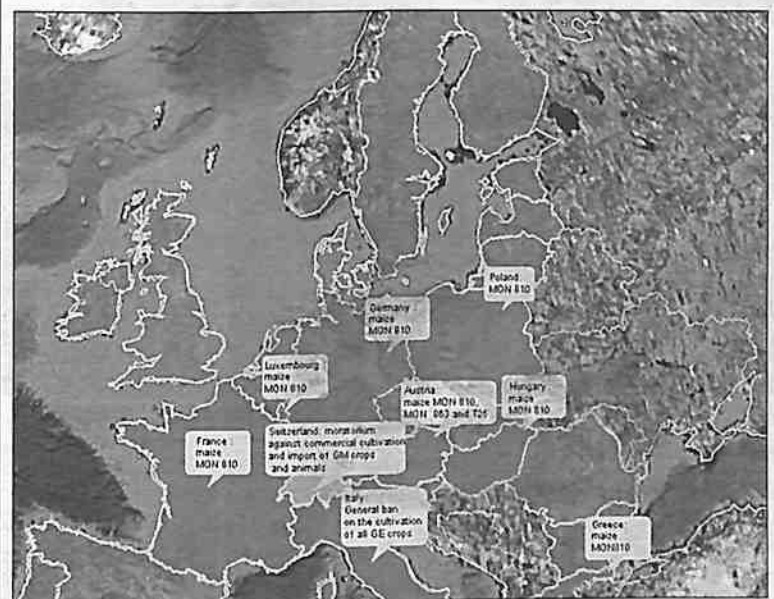
One question we've been asked is: if they are safe, why have MON810 insect-protected corn hybrids been banned in some countries in Europe?

MON810 corn hybrids are one of just a couple GM products approved for planting in the European Union. Despite thorough scientific reviews and approvals by the scientific regulatory authorities in Europe, politicians have elected to ban the product in some European countries – preventing their farmers from planting these hybrids. The bans result from political decisions, contrary to the scientific evidence and against the existing European market approval. In fact, over the years, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has examined each of the scientific publications which member states used to justify their decisions to ban MON810.

Multiple health societies, hundreds of independent scientific experts and dozens of governments around the world have determined that foods and ingredients developed through GM are safe.



SENSITISED: MPs in a cotton field in SA.



Country with national ban

Country with national moratorium

Country with no ban

CRIME WATCH



PRASING THE LORD: National Commissioner of Police, Isaac Mmemo Magagula posing with church leaders during the Police Sunday Service held at Bakhandleki Church in Zion, Mfabantfu on May 29, 2016.

POLICE SERVICE ADVOCATING FOR LOVE IN COMMUNITIES

The Royal Swaziland Police Service (RSPS) is urging the Swazi Nation to embrace love for one another in order to overcome problematic crimes in society.

This was revealed by the National Commissioner of Police, Isaac Mmemo Magagula, during a Police Sunday Service held at Bakhandleki Church in Zion, Mfabantfu, on May 29, 2016. Magagula stated that as there was need for love in order to drastically reduce crime and other social problems facing society. He revealed that within the period from January

to May 2016, 47 brutal murders have been recorded around the country, which is a disturbing figure considering the population size. He further interpreted this as a reflection of the anger and vengeance consuming people due to the absence of love.

The national commissioner revealed that the Sunday Service, which was held courtesy of the Christian Police Association (CPA), was aimed at praying for crimes such as brutal murders, rape and gender based violence that are haunting the communities and the police service. Also present during

the service was Ludzeludze Member of Parliament Bambumuzi Sithole, as well as members of the police executive.

The theme of the service was "Love your neighbour as you love yourself" which was extracted from the Book of **Leviticus 19:18**. This theme was chosen after observing that society is plagued by criminal activities and social problems which show that love amongst people is lacking much against the teachings of the Bible.

The national commissioner expressed gratitude towards Bakhandleki Church for the allow-

ing the police service to praise and worship with the congregation.

He stated that the Police Sunday Services were an extension of the various outreach programmes through which the police service forges partnerships aimed at waging an effective war against crime. He alluded that the police cannot achieve much in their quest to bring crime and all its social maladies under control without the assistance and support of various sectors in society.

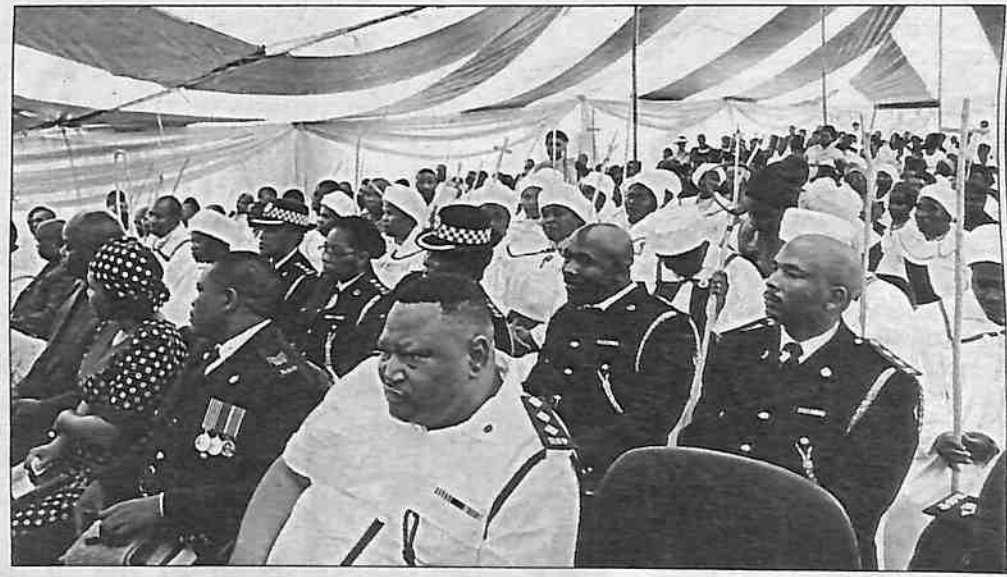
Magagula further commended Bakhandleki Church in Zion for having a programme that supports

the destitute in society.

He stated that the alleviation of destitution in society would bear positive results in reducing crime levels in the country.

He revealed that the police service through its Christian Police Association, was involved in various humanitarian and charitable initiatives.

During the Police Sunday Service, the national commissioner donated E5 000 on behalf of the police service. Subsequently, Bakhandleki Church in Zion presented NATCOM and his wife with two goats.



**HIS MAJESTY'S
CORRECTIONAL
SERVICES**

CORRECTIONAL WHEEL



BEING A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER IS A CALLING

Before launching to the details of this topic, allow me to share with you this short moral story.

Passing by a construction site, a man asked three bricklayers what they were busy with.

The first said he was earning a living to feed his family. The second said he was throwing bricks together to build a wall. The third explained that he was helping to build a church for the glory of the Lord.

Having read this, what is your perception of the job which pays your salary at the end of each month? Are you doing it to earn a living, or you are doing it because it is the only job you found yourself stuck with due to the escalating rate of unemployment? I don't want to believe Correctional Officers have a warped idea of the responsibilities that come with the nature of their chosen career. I would want to believe all officers hold their job in high esteem as the third bricklayer. He demonstrated clear understanding of the fact that he was not only providing service to serve his interest but to benefit the authority that created life and the authorities of the institution that provided the job that pays his salary every month end.

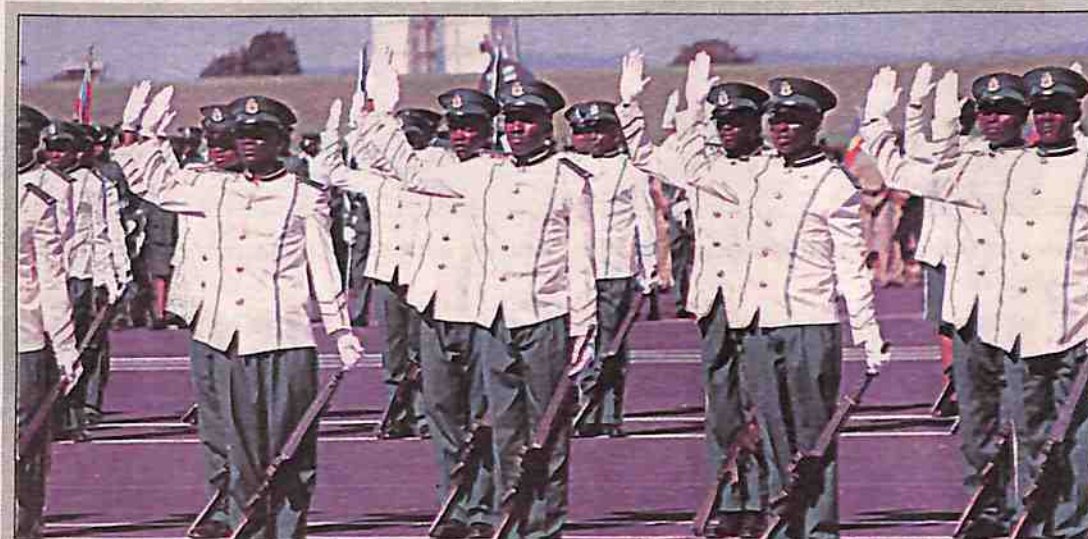
Corrections as a vital component of the Criminal Justice System, is a high calling.

It is more than just a means for earning a living to those who chose it as their career path. No wonder all recruits who have successfully completed their training course at the Correctional Services Staff Training College in Matsapha are requested to take an oath of service before assuming official duties as correctional officers.

Rankings

It is prudent to highlight that this procedure is mandatory. However, the good thing though, no one is forced to take the oath. This very important process in the career path of correctional officers happens in the presence of the Head of State, government leadership, high ranking correctional officials, guests, nation, families, relatives and friends of the graduating trainees. What is the significance of the Oath of Service in the future deployment of a correctional officer?

Before attempting to answer this question, it is important to take a closer look at the very nature of this work itself. A deeper assessment of this job reveals that it was designed by God to be more than drudgery but a duty to fulfil the very purpose of man kind. This therefore calls for those to be hired to serve in this profession to be



SOLEMNISED: Correctional Officers taking the oath of service during the event of a previous passing-out parade at the Correctional Staff College.



CONCENTRATION: HMCS Commissioner General, Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase (r), Commissioner Phindile Dlamini and Deputy Commissioner General Raymond Nkambule (l) monitoring progress of the preparations for the forthcoming Correctional Services Day and Passing-out Parade slated for next Friday.



OATH OF SERVICE: Correctional Officers taking an oath of service during a previous Passing-out parade.

persons of high integrity. These should be individuals committed enough to put the interests of the country and that of the nation before theirs.

Salary

This is why they are called public servants because their job entails serving the interests of the public and the superiors who availed to them the employment opportunity.

This means earning a salary should be least in the priorities of the employees and those seeking employment in a discipline service.

Whilst the duty of Correctional Officers is to ensure public safety by facilitating the rehabilitation of convicted offenders as well as overseeing awaiting trial inmates in correctional centres, it is imperative to note that officers cannot have the ability to perform their duties successfully if they lack the essential attributes that make up an ideal correctional officer.

The Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase when addressing officers describe these very important qualities as; discipline, loyalty, willingness to take lawful orders from superiors,

respect and honesty.

He describes them as cornerstones for both officers and the department's future development. Officers should be conscious of the fact that when taking the oath of service and reciting the oath of allegiance during the passing-out parade, they accept responsibility to be public servants. The gateway to that requires that they submit first to the highest authorities as well as to government leadership and to the superiors of His Majesty's Correctional Services. This job is described as a high calling because it entrusts

officers with the responsibility to provide service to the public based on trust. This means such officers should be faithful and allow their conduct to be guided by a clear conscience during the performance of their duties. Remember the adage 'who guards the guard'. This means those willing to achieve success in this career should be willing to allow a paradigm shift in their mindsets. This will facilitate their smooth transition from the civilian culture to embody the principles of the discipline service. When they have done so, it will not be difficult to understand that theirs is a 24/7 kind of job, that abiding to lawful orders from superiors and complaining later is part of the package of their calling.

They will have no trouble understanding that their conduct should always be above reproach and that inmates look up to them for their transformation into law abiding citizens.

Correctional Officers also have a duty to facilitate offenders' reintegration to society as well as enabling hypher between offenders and victims of crime.

A close analysis of this job reveals that to become an ideal correctional officer is not as a result of some cosmic accident without purpose or value. It is indeed a high calling!

The publication of this article comes at an opportune time when His Majesty's Correctional Services is engaged on intense preparations for the Correctional Services Day and Passing-out Parade to be hosted at the Correctional Staff College next Friday.

The event will be attended by Their Majesties, Prime Minister, cabinet ministers, Parliamentarians, members of the diplomatic corps, Heads of Corrections/Prison Services from SADC region, the nation as well as other important guests from the private sector. The Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase has revealed that 300 recruits who include different professionals and artisans will be graduating on this day.

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INMATES POPULATION

TOTAL POPULATION -	3156
MALES -	2956
FEMALES -	228
BABIES -	10

Analysis & Opinion

Editor's Pen



WITH: Ackel
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Acting Observer On
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No sooner had the unresolved matter of the paralysed University of Swaziland student began to die than the police returned to hog headlines, this time over the unexplained death of a magician last seen with them.

This also comes at a time when the national commissioner had been recovering from a grilling by the Public Accounts Committee over mishandling of cash received by the police at the outstations. The national commissioner was all out to defend his charges where they committed what he considered to be minor misdemeanours regarding processing and safekeeping of the cash, and now the coroner's report on the death of the magician has identified multiple injuries on the cadaver. This, however, does not, at this level, point to anyone in particular as being responsible for those injuries.

There are still a number of unanswered questions as to how the police could not crack this mystery even where there are reports of eyewitnesses who last saw the deceased with the police who had ordered him to alight from their vehicle. Neither the officers nor the vehicle concerned is known to the police authorities, leaving huge gaps that need to be explained. Many a time the police have complained about shortages of transport thus making it even easier for fleet managers to account for the movement of the few vehicles and their whereabouts at any one particular in time of the day.

If our police service can still not account for the vehicle that was spotted at the scene on the day then how much more would it be difficult for police in Mainland China, India or Nigeria, the world's largest populations, to account for their fleet? Now this will call for the tracking device of all police and their vehicles in the country over and above the systems used by the desk or assigned officers.

An account by a street vendor and some workers on the twilight rush hour is to the extent that they witnessed the deceased lying on the ground while the officers on site were said to have been telling him to walk home. There are also claims that he had been part of a fun filled patronage at a popular drinking spot in the capital but still this does not give the public the answers on how he finally died.

Even if the police found him staggering on the way home they should have found criminality in that and on seeing he was injured would have taken him to hospital other than what we heard that he could have been assaulted elsewhere by heaven-knows and later dumped by the police where he finally died.

Officers are expected to stay away from home for long periods of time on national duty and this has necessitated the state to provide them not just with comfortable working tools but also with decent accommodation in order for them to deliver. We

have seen the state providing them with decent accommodation through the institutional housing programme and also with decent pay compared to the rest of the non-disciplined arms of the civil service such as nurses, teachers and fire-fighters.

Demanding

Teachers as we speak are now demanding equal housing allowances instead of them having to share mud huts in far flung rural areas of Swaziland, away from home. Similarly nurses have complained about the discrepancy in working and living conditions for the same pay but in the event they have been found wanting in delivery at the workplace they have been taken to task.

Now this gives credence to the police boss' crack of the whip among his charges in recent times with requests for the law to allow him to deal with them more effectively internally first and foremost, before they are thrown into the abyss of the criminal justice system.

The commissioner, who is the controlling officer of the police service, has been on the receiving end when his officers are ever caught on the wrong end of law enforcement. But this time he must explain to this small yet powerful nation how the police service will ever crack such cases as those

involving cyber crime, data manipulation, the Riverstone Mall heist, the smuggling of Asians into Swaziland, tenderpreneurship, if they cannot crack the case of a simple death on the roadside where there are witnesses who did the watching in the presence of two police officers, a male and a female.

Expose

How are we going to believe the police that evidence submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions is worth its salt, or part of it has been sifted in order to frustrate prosecution efforts that may expose shortcomings within the service? How are we going to absolve the police service from suspicions that it is only those with bad blood within the service that find their way into the frying pan?

What if there are officers that suffer double jeopardy in that after being suspects in malpractice they are either given the boot without due diligence simply because they have crossed paths with superiors or are denied the opportunity to prove themselves otherwise, how are we to believe that this does not happen?

Inquests or probes or investigations are nothing but mere window dressings because we never get to hear what comes of them. At least we would be in the know of what

became of the murdered Mozambican who was suspect in police custody Luciano Zavale or the findings of the investigations into the injury of the UNISWA student who has been left paralysed for life, just to mention two.

This might boil down to the port of entry, that is to what extent is the recruitment process transparent?

Many have joined the police service because of the stinging high unemployment rate out there and not because of the calling into the service of the state, people and property of the motherland. Some have been taken in because their parents are former police officers and not that they have what it takes to be a police officer, others for shaking what their mama gave 'em', a majority are in there for kicking the ball or for being connected to some high places, some may have used the financial muscle, what product do you expect to come out of this concoction, no amount of training or drilling can turn a baboon from its facial caves and don-gas because it will cease being a baboon.

Now when we see the blue uniform we see blood splashes of the dead magician, we look further into the hands of the police service we also see his blood because we have nowhere else to look.

BLOOD STAINS ON THE IMMACULATE BLUE HARDWARE



Dealing with Diabetes



WITH: Nomalungelo
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Diabetes
Swaziland PR

By Mayo Clinic in America

It's another Saturday good readers, for the next three Saturdays we will be focusing on Diabetes Insipidus, which is not commonly known.

Diabetes insipidus is an uncommon disorder characterized by intense thirst, despite the drinking of fluids (polydipsia), and the excretion of large amounts of urine (polyuria). In most cases, it's the result of your body not properly producing, storing or releasing a key hormone, but diabetes insipidus can also occur when your kidneys are unable to respond properly to that hormone. Rarely, diabetes insipidus can occur during pregnancy (gestational diabetes insipidus).

You may assume diabetes insipidus and diabetes mellitus — the more common form of diabetes involving blood sugar — are related. Although the disorders share a name and have some common signs, diabetes mellitus (type 1 and type 2) and diabetes insipidus are unrelated.

Treatments are available to relieve your thirst and normalize your urine output.

Symptoms

The most common signs and symptoms of diabetes insipidus are:

- Extreme thirst
- Excretion of an excessive amount of diluted urine

Depending on the severity of the condition, urine output can range from 2 quarts (about 2 liters) a day if you have mild diabetes insipidus to 21 quarts (about 20 liters) a day if the condition is severe and if you're drinking a lot of fluids. In comparison, the average urine output for a healthy adult varies, in the range of 1.6 to 2.6 quarts (about 1.5 to 2.5 liters) a day.

Other signs may include needing to get up at night to urinate (nocturia) and bed-wetting.

Infants and young children who have diabetes insipidus may have the following signs and symptoms:

- Unexplained fussiness or inconsolable crying
- Unusually wet diapers
- Fever, vomiting or diarrhea
- Dry skin with cool extremities
- Delayed growth
- Weight loss

When to see a doctor

See your doctor immediately if you notice the two most common signs of diabetes insipidus: excessive urination and extreme thirst.

Causes

Diabetes insipidus occurs when your body can't regulate how it handles fluids. Normally, your kidneys remove excess body fluids from your bloodstream. This fluid waste is temporarily stored in your bladder as urine, before you urinate. When your fluid regulation system is working properly, your kidneys make less urine when your body water is decreased, such as through perspiration, to conserve fluid.

The volume and composition of your body fluids remain balanced through a combination of oral intake and excretion by the kidneys. The rate of fluid intake is largely governed by thirst, although your habits can

increase your intake far above the amount necessary. The rate of fluid excreted by your kidneys is greatly influenced by the production of anti-diuretic hormone (ADH), also called vasopressin.

Your body makes ADH in the hypothalamus and stores the hormone in your pituitary gland, a small gland located in the base of your brain. ADH is released into your bloodstream when your body starts to become dehydrated. ADH then concentrates the urine by triggering the kidney tubules to release water back into your bloodstream rather than excreting as much water into your urine.

The way in which your system is disrupted determines which form of diabetes insipidus you have:

● **Central diabetes insipidus.** The cause of central diabetes insipidus in adults is usually damage to the pituitary gland or hypothalamus, most commonly due to surgery, a tumor, an illness (such as meningitis), inflammation or a head injury. For children, the cause is often an inherited genetic disorder. In some cases the cause is unknown. This damage disrupts the normal production, storage and release of ADH.

● **Nephrogenic diabetes insipidus.** Nephrogenic diabetes insipidus occurs when there's a defect in the kidney tubules — the structures in your kidneys that cause water to be excreted or reabsorbed. This defect makes your kidneys unable to properly respond to ADH.

The defect may be due to an inherited (genetic) disorder or a chronic kidney disorder. Certain drugs, such as lithium and demeclocycline (a tetracycline antibiotic), also can cause nephrogenic diabetes

insipidus.

● **Gestational diabetes insipidus.**

Gestational diabetes insipidus occurs only during pregnancy and when an enzyme made by the placenta — the system of blood vessels and other tissue that allows the exchange of nutrients and waste products between a mother and her baby — destroys ADH in the mother.

● **Primary polydipsia.** This condition — also known as dipsogenic diabetes insipidus or psychogenic polydipsia — can cause excretion of large volumes of dilute urine. Rather than a problem with ADH production or damage, the underlying cause is intake of excessive fluids. Prolonged excessive water intake by itself can damage the kidneys and suppress ADH, making your body unable to concentrate urine. Primary polydipsia can be the result of abnormal thirst caused by damage to the thirst-regulating mechanism, situated in the hypothalamus. Primary polydipsia can also be caused by mental illness.

In some cases of diabetes insipidus, doctors never determine a cause.

Nephrogenic diabetes insipidus that's present at or shortly after birth usually has a genetic cause that permanently alters the kidneys' ability to concentrate the urine. Nephrogenic diabetes insipidus usually affects males, though women can pass the gene on to their children.

Complications

Dehydration

Except for primary polydipsia, which causes you to retain too much water, diabetes insipidus can cause your body to

retain too little water to function properly, and you can become dehydrated.

Dehydration can cause:

- Dry mouth
- Muscle weakness
- Low blood pressure (hypotension)
- Elevated blood sodium (hypernatremia)
- Sunken appearance to your eyes
- Fever
- Headache
- Rapid heart rate
- Weight loss

Electrolyte imbalance

Diabetes insipidus can also cause an electrolyte imbalance.

Electrolytes are minerals in your blood — such as sodium and potassium — that maintain the balance of fluids in your body. Electrolyte imbalance can cause symptoms, such as:

- Fatigue or lethargy
- Irritability
- Nausea
- Loss of appetite
- Muscle pains

Preparing for your appointment

You're likely to start by seeing your family doctor or a general practitioner. However, in some cases when you call to set up an appointment you may be referred to a specialist called an endocrinologist.

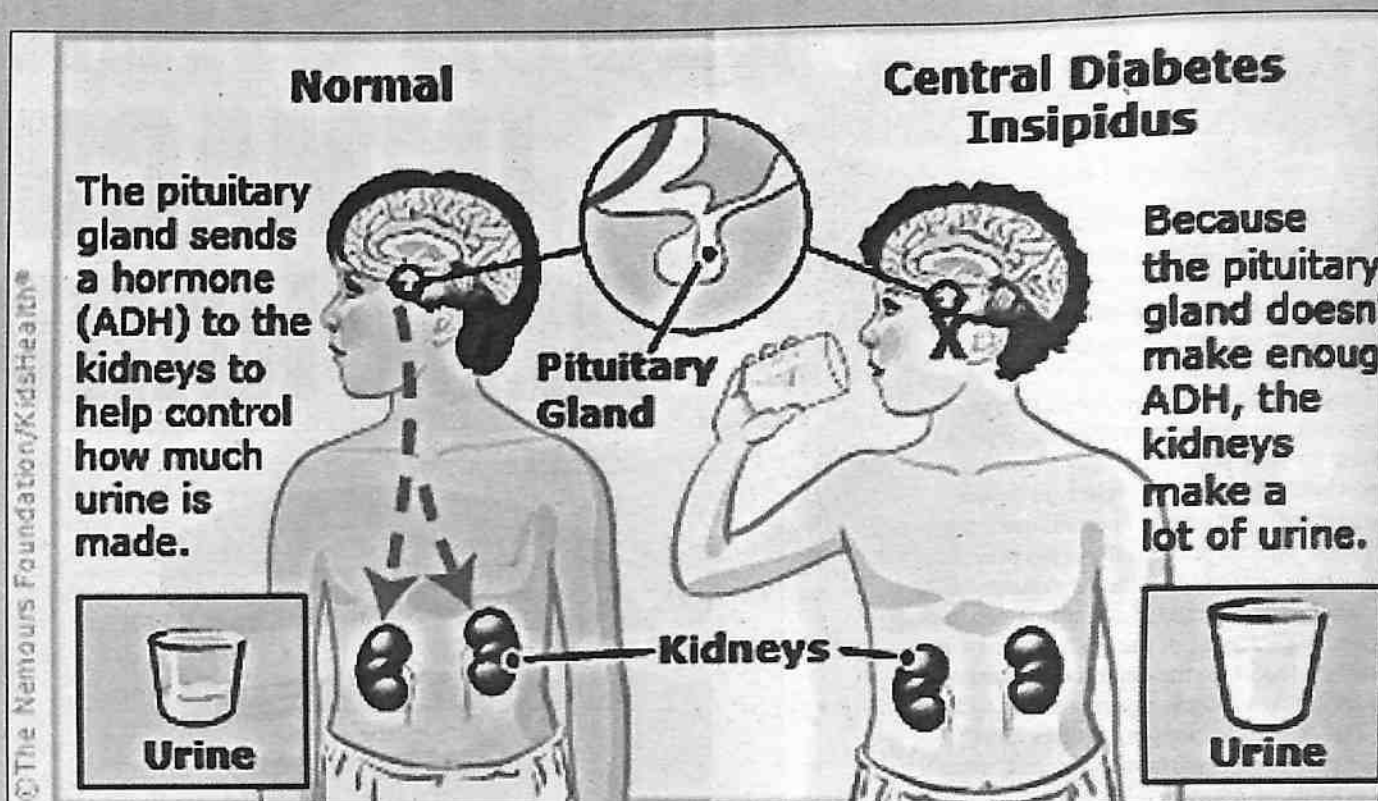
Here's some information to help you get ready for your appointment.

What you can do

- Be aware of any pre-appointment restrictions.

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Lifestyle & Entertainment

YOUNG, BEAUTIFUL AND AMBITIOUS

WRITER'S NOTE

With Phumelele Mkhonta



Personally, I love going out. Yes, I mean turning up!!! And my dear spinners make it even more exciting; thus the reason why I decided to incorporate our legendary deejays in this issue. I just had to show them off; they deserve the fifteen minutes of fame and I am honoured to do that.

Talking about turning up, #FillUpMavuso was not filled, some may call it a flop; but I inquest with my fellow friends to cut Illa some slack. The pictures that are going around on Facebook in our days are hilarious I tell you.

L&E saw it fit to incorporate beautiful ladies who will be elaborating on beauty, style and ambition as women. Yes, self-ambition- NO TO BLESSERS. LOL.

Let me not eradicate the fact that we were graced by David Beckham this week, it is a historic moment for our country.

Personally I wish I also took a selfie with him, but he seems very good in being discreet on his whereabouts.

Did I also mention that I am a sucker for choral music, and it is that time of the year where pupils will be competing. I just had to do a write up on it, for more read on Page 2.

Keep warm this weekend, and hope you enjoy this issue.

Nonkululeko Ndlangamandla

Cover story

L&E had the luck to meet such a free spirited, beautiful and free soul. Such beauty does not go unnoticed; we hijacked pretty Lekoh and had a one on one with her. Getting our fair taste of her beautiful self and persona.

Lekoh, real name Nonkululeko Ndlangamandla, is a 22 year old lady that grew up in Gege (Shiselweni region, Swaziland). She is also sociable and a people's person.

Lekoh is very much interested in modelling, acting and travelling. Currently, she stays at Ngwane Park. She was raised by her mother.

Lekoh has got two brothers and one sister and is the second born. Having completed an educational bridging course at AMADI, Lekoh is set for modelling and education.

MOTIVATION

The beauty describes herself as a motivated youthful woman. Her motivation comes from within.

She is very much confident about herself; believing that she has got a great body that is good for the ramp. She has found modelling as a way of challenging herself to dress well and impress in front of the camera, which is something she enjoys very much. Lekoh draws inspiration from Nandi Alexander, one person that has made a name for herself in the same industry.

... ON TRAVELLING

Lekoh is a confessed sucker for travelling as she believes that it awakens creativity and innovation, and offers an opportunity to learn new things as well as that of disconnecting from a regular lifestyle thus finding a new purpose in life.

She also contends that travelling sparks new relationships amongst individuals and social groups, which can benefit the country at large. On acting, Lekoh contends that it can help one to control emotions for real acting is not all about letting your emotions

out, but about knowing which emotion to portray for a particular line.

MODELLING... MODELLING...

Pretty Lekoh is determined to contribute her quota towards developing the local modelling industry. She will achieve such by helping young girls who are willing to start a career in modelling to succeed. Her own experience as a model will go a long way in helping her to fulfil this mission. She intends to go as far as starting her own modeling agency in Swaziland. She has a great feeling that if local modelling agen-

cies can aim for professionalism, models signed under them can also thrive.

Lekoh is committed to transforming herself into a professional, most sought after and experienced model, and also sees herself owning a modeling agency in the near future...where she will be training and educating young girls on modelling and related skills.

It is in Lekoh's future plans to forge long lasting relationships with modelling agencies from other countries. Should everything be a success for this ambitious stunner, we will be introduced to a magazine project and see models serving in more than one country. (By Phumelele Mkhonta)

YOUNG... BEAUTIFUL... AND AMBITIOUS!

"Pretty Lekoh is determined to contribute her quota towards developing the local modeling industry."



TEBE ON BEAUTY THIS WINTER

Tebesutfu Nkambule is a 21 year old strikingly beautiful woman from Ngculwini in Manzini.

She went to St. Paul's Methodist high school and currently studying towards her degree in accounting at Corporate Development Training Centre in Mbabane. Lifestyle and Entertainment sought her advice on style this winter; evidently because of the way she beautifully struts on the streets.

She claims her style is inspired by Dineo Moeketsi.

WINTERS YES

Fur coat with leather boots a bit of turtle neck and a statement neck piece these will keep you warm this cold winter...

WINTER NO

Those cotton boots are a no no ladies... *she giggles*

ON BEAUTIFUL SKIN

I use Hypoderm face wash, it keeps my skin fresh and hydrated I also use E45 lotion because I have a very dry skin it give my face that extra glow

..I also use homemade remedies like avocado mixed with oats and honey. The avocado has natural oil to moisturise and

repair dead skin cells, the oats acts as a scrub and the honey for glow.

ON MAKE-UP

Ladies need to know how to apply day and night

makeup..day makeup should be very light, use natural

colours to insinuate your natural look with night you can then use you red lipstick and blushes and bright eye shadow colours...

PARTING WORDS

Ladies black is beautiful stop bleaching please. (By Phumelele Mkhonta)



A fortnight ago, the SwaziBank announced E380 000 sponsorship for this year's schools choral music competitions, which is an increment of E10 000 from the 2015 instalment.

While the regional eliminations got underway a few days preceding today, it is undoubtedly the Cream of the Crop or Champ of Champs, the A-list, which would be the main focus.

This is where nine excelling high schools would be competing for the top honours this time around next weekend as opposed to the six, which battled it out last year. The last few weeks have been quite busy on the schools choral music front but the long wait is finally over as on Thursday and probably yesterday the regional eliminations were staged across the four regions of the country with the wheat separated from the chaff.

Yes, pretenders and naysayers were shamed with the sanguine ones left standing after the gruelling tasks. The coming Wednesday would see soloists battling it out for the top post prior to the main day involving competing choirs from all four regions next Sunday (June 19). After that we would see primary schools competing for the honours, that is, on Thursday next week leading to the high schools (Mixed B finals) next Friday. It would be a battle of the titans indeed. June 18 would see Mixed A finals being staged with the definitive moment reserved for the last batch being Champ of Champs on Sunday.

This category of choristers (Champ of Champs) is defined as the superior of them all and could even compete at the level of national choral competitions with the standard and strength always ascending over the years. It is no small wonder some of the choristers in the Champ of Champs form an integral part of Swaziland's known choral music giants in Manzini Choir, Sweet Sounds, etc.

The mind boggling question is who would emerge triumphant after the heroics of Vulamasango High School last year? Just like their seniors in the game, His Majesty's Correctional Services Choir, Vulamasango did the department proud when it felled giants in choral music to take home the crown, surpassing everyone's expectations.

But I miss St Joseph's High, honestly I do. This school used to excel in choral music competitions and at some point was forced to go on a routine break by the authorities, a common phenomenon at the time. It was not until the music teacher got a transfer that St Joseph's was to be conspicuous with its absence in the choral music front over the years.

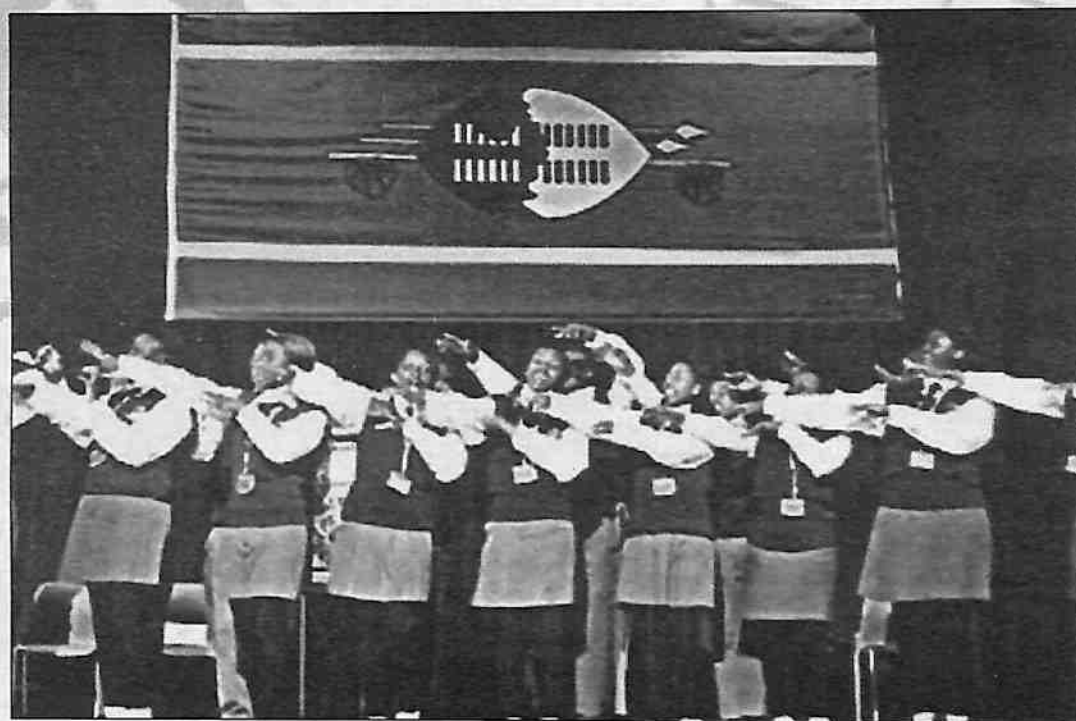
What a loss! Manzini Nazarene High, the ubiquitous and dominant force in the choral music fraternity, could attest to St. Joseph's dexterity and determination as the latter gave the former a good run for their money and they were to heave a sigh of relief when the school, located just outside of Manzini city, was forced by circumstances not to participate in this prestigious event. Other missing habitual partakers in such contests are St. Francis High.

It would seem the current administration is intent in pursuing academic excellence without a thought given to the extra-curricular activities if their posture is anything to go by. Lest we forget, where is Franson Christian High from Mhlosheni in the Shiselweni region? Unlike the proud history of this learning institution, the choristers are now apparently content with being perennial under-achievers.

They have seemingly handed over the

IT'S ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET AND GO

....as school choral music competitions get underway



baton to Evelyn Baring High, no doubt a sad scenario.

Giants

I can't wait for June 19 being Swaziland Schools Choral Music calendar's big day where giants in the trade such as Mhlatane, Lobamba National, Florence Catholic, Manzini Nazarene, Ngwane Park, Lubombo Central, Evelyn Baring, Terisian and Vulamazango High Schools would be battling it out on the Champ of Champs category for the ultimate prize at UNISWA Kwaluseni Sports Emporium Hall. It remains to be seen whether tenor soloist, Zweli Msibi, that Elangeni High School shining star would defend the trophy he won last year with aplomb and astuteness. The youngster represented the country in South Africa where he hoisted Swaziland's flag sky high and in fact conquered the

whole of the region, thus earning himself a ticket to Denmark. Zweli will next month jet out to Denmark for the Wonderful Days Youth Festival where he would spend seven days as part of his winnings in the regional schools choral music soloist competitions.

Crown

All eyes would be on the young lass, therefore, whether he delivers when it matters and in essence defends his crown or the pending trip would distract his focus thus seeing him falter; it's a wait and see situation.

Otherwise the long wait is over as schools battle it out in the various categories of choral music competitions where no less than 38 songs drawn from local and international composers would be rendered and graded.

Indeed the long wait is over and here's to

hoping the competitions would be fulfilled, thrilling and enthralling in equal measure.

Best

May the best, adequately resourced and prepared choristers at both primary and high school level emerge the best. No doubt the audience has been amplified with the youngsters now flaunting their talents not only for the whole country but Southern Africa region as a whole to behold and marvel.

From Mjingo High, Manzini Central's Mfanyana Hall, kaBoyce Hall, Swazi National, Divine Healing Ministries auditorium and now the UNISWA-Kwaluseni Sports Emporium, the Swaziland Schools Choral Music competitions have no doubt evolved and should be envied by all.

(By Njabulo Dlamini)



THE GREAT

THE LEGENDARY DD COOL

The legendary DD Cool, real name Mdum'seni Simelane, was born in Manzini, schooled at St. Marks Mbabane and his roots / grandparents stayed at KoNtshingila kaHlatsi.

The 1st born in a family of six DD Cool is a happily married father of two.

THE JOURNEY TO BEING THE KING OF SPIN

I started deejaying in 1993 and have achieved more than any other Swazi DJ. You will have to wait for my book "Just because I DJ" for the full details but to summarise -

A) First and only General Manager & Resident DJ of House on Fire

B) First resident DJ at Lugogo Sun Hotel

C) First resident DJ at Happy Valley Hotel

D) First resident DJ at Soul & Blues Mbabane

E) Only Swazi DJ to have featured at Simunye Fun Fair, Bushfire, Trade Fair, Siyavuka Arts Festival, Biggest Braai & Pastor Justice's Day of Clean Fun

F) Taught & groomed Swaziland's 1st female DJ Lady Cream

G) Managing LeeBombo

MORE ON DEEJAYING

I started deejaying totally by accident, as a first year university student.

Then I became famous as the first, and only, University DJ. In my fourth and fifth year at Varsity my talent was recognised by then Swaziland best DJ Snoop who would normally invite me to Sibebe Club in Mbabane. Soon after, in the late 90s, I was recognised by Maxi Music in Manzini who would occasionally host Swaziland's Top 5 DJs and I was always on their top 5 list.

In the early 2000s Swaziland's top 4 DJs & 1 top promoter came together to form DJ Pioneers, consisting of DD Cool, Crooks, Wicked, Xtra Luv & Shadow.

I've performed all over Swaziland & can proudly say I'm the only individual DJ who has gone on a one man tour and successfully deejayed all across Swaziland.

I've played in Botswana, Lesotho, Maputo, Durban, Jo'burg, Nelspruit, Pretoria and all over Swaziland.

I've been invited to DJ in Zimbabwe in July 2016, I'm still to say yes or no (I've got a very busy schedule). I play any & all types of music - I've played strictly Indian music at an Indian wedding, Zambian, Zimbabwean, Malawian music on occasion, old school, new school, ragga, reggae, rap,

Hip-Hop, passada, Caribbean, jazz, house, Kwaito, mbhaqanga, you name it.

THE INDUSTRY HAS EVOLVED

Deejaying has obviously evolved over the many years in the industry.

Initially it was cassettes, then vinyl's (records) to CDs, to flash drives, to controllers.

Personally I'm a purist, or maybe let's say old school.

I play good old CDs and there is no laptop on my DJ desk. But that doesn't mean I have anything against other forms of deejaying. So long as the DJ keeps the client & the audience happy.

ADVICE TO KEEN SPINNERS

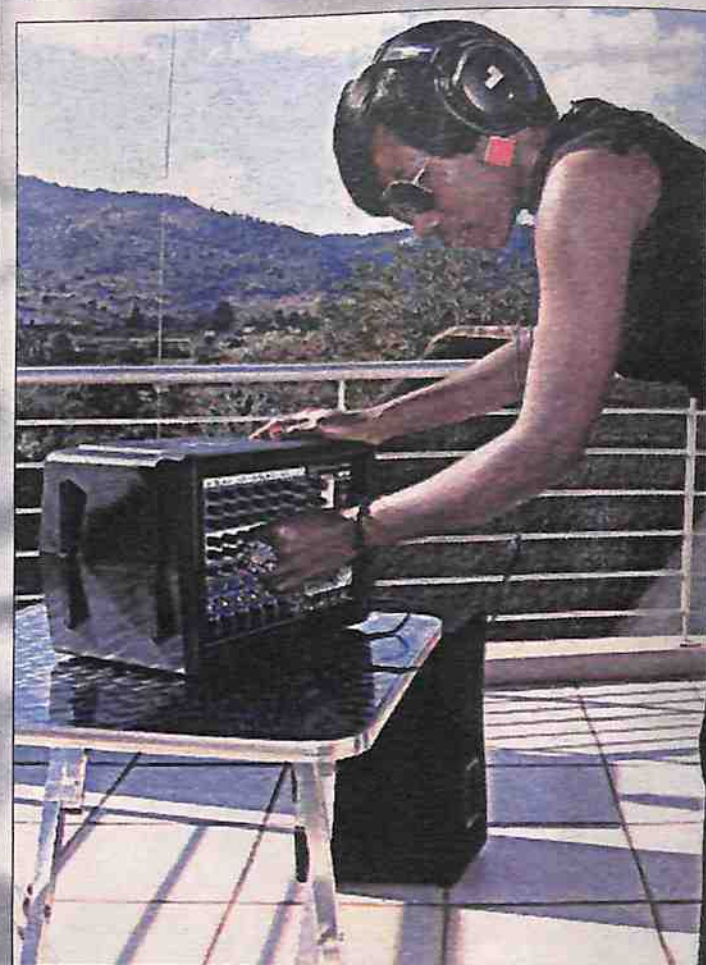
Go to school, finish school. Don't get into deejaying for the fame & fortune, or the lifestyle, but rather for the love of the music. Be unique, and that starts with your DJ name.

ON THE FUTURE...

Production production...! I currently have a new song, "10 out of 10" featuring Silva Cube and Mastandi that I only started promoting this past Monday, June 5.

Promotion promotion promotion...! For the last 2 years I've been managing LeeBombo. On July 1 we shall be launching her CD. Getting to the top is tough, but its even tougher to stay at the top. DD Cool *since 1993.

By Phumelele Mkhonta



ON THE ONE'S AND

Real name Lomagugu Wendy Ndlamandla. I grew up at Mhlaleni with my two sisters Mhlobiso, Xolile and brother Siphosethu.

I was raised by Dolly Nsibande my lovely mom. Too many are shocked to hear this, but I am a teacher by profession

HUMBLE BEGGININGS

I Started deejaying in 2011 August at Sdvashini kaQobonga at Changeroom Lounge, it is now closed. It was where I polished my skills and where people started recognising this lady who had great talent and I was the talk of town. From there I was booked around Mbabane at China City and City by Nite.

I was then booked many times in Manzini at Ocean Waves, Egg yolk, Tinkers and outside town at Siteki Hotel, Highlands Inn Piggs peak to mention a few. Basically my breakthrough was when I had to play with DJ Zinhle from SA and I happened to steal the show. Honestly, I gave her a hard time that night when she played after me as people had turned up already on my set. People knew then that I would be an untouchable female deejay that they had never experienced.

BREAKING INTO THE INDUSTRY

I got into the industry through good friends of mine DJ Mafakumculo, DJ Froggz and Mongi all from Ocean Waves. They gave me lessons on the equipments, orienting me giving me the basics of deejaying; and that is around the time I was relocating to Mbabane. At this time, I met a great guy, mentor, life teacher and a friend DJ Mseto of +268 who introduced me to DJ Ndura, Pilato & FK of Changeroom Lounge at Sdvashini KaQobonga. That was where I practiced and developed my skills and talent. They nurtured me and made me the best DJ that I am today. Special thanks to all the mentioned deejays and club owners, I'm humbled.



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



...By Bhekentansi

Oh....! Love...

I heard it said long time
Ago that love is
Blind.
Others seem to wait for-
ever.
While the lucky see it
come.
I have been blessed by
you.
From the first day we
met.
The electricity in the air
wave.
Too much to forget
Sparks burned up inside
me.
I thought I would
burst....
So... it is true that love is
Blind.
Now I can see that love is
rare and beautiful.
For it is what you are to
me.
You are the love on your
own.
You shine bright...
Bright like a supernova.

By Bhekentansi

DIARY OF A WORKING SINGLE MOTHER

5 Toughest Single Mom Struggles

Single parents probably read the title of this article and think, "Ha! They've narrowed it down to five?" And in fairness, we realise that the challenges of caring for kids alone are innumerable.

But there are some hardships that are unique to the individual, and others that are heard time and time again from our single-mom friends. So this list is an overview of those common single mom struggles, along with some encouragements and suggestions to help you deal with them.

1. Financial strain. The most common life events that lead to single parenthood—death, divorce, etc.—upset more than just your marital status. They upset your financial balance, and leave one adult shouldering a load that is typically carried by two. Even if you're a single adoptive parent and chose the challenge of doing it alone, it's still tough. Single moms often hang in limbo waiting for child support that never arrives or paying attorneys to pursue what should be paid. There always seems to be a little less in the checking account than what your kids need.

• While you can't control others (like an ex-spouse), you can control your own decisions and get organised and intentional about how you handle your money to lessen the stress. Consult with a financial planner, or take a course at your church like Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University to help make every dollar go as far as possible. And remember: what your children need most—your love—you do have in abundance. Lavish them with that, and lay down the guilt of not being able to give them every material thing they desire.



2. Social isolation. Single moms tell us that they sometimes feel trapped underneath a mountain of responsibility that never allows them to invest in friendships, much less find another companion for life. Working single moms say the guilt of leaving your kids in the evening to do something just for yourself is crushing. Add to that the cost of hiring a sitter and getting out of the house for adult interaction seems almost impossible.

3. Decision pressure. Parenting is hard. There are lots of gray areas and the game changes daily as your children grow. For married parents, there's at least another adult to

talk things out with, and to share the burden of making tough decisions. Single parents bear the weight of all of those tough calls—where to go to school, which friends are okay, or when a child is mature enough for a new privilege or responsibility—alone. The emotional burden can wear a mom down in a hurry.

4. Guilt. Is there any end to the guilt a single parent feels? If you know that your decisions (some of which you may regret) contributed to your current family status, it's especially present. There's guilt about the financial things you can't provide, guilt about the time you spend away from them, guilt about the things you just can't do because of your situation. Regardless of how your children became the kids of a single parent, you worry daily about the effect that it's having on them and feel responsible.

5. Fatigue. Let's face it: you're doing alone what was designed to be a two-person job. The fact that you often feel physically, emotionally, and spiritually worn out is not just your imagination. But because your kids depend on you, you can't afford to push yourself past a certain point. You must take care of yourself and your health in order to be there for them.

• Find ways to take a breather, even if you have to swap out child care with another single parent to make it happen. Spend that time recharging in some way that will continue to pay benefits when the busyness kicks back in: with exercise, spiritual growth, or good, old-fashioned sleep. Take a look at these quick and easy energy boosters for ideas! It's not selfish to maintain the engine that keeps your home running: you.

Youth on the move...

Over the past year Big Game Parks has explored various ways of engaging the Swazi public on conservation issues and promoting national pride amongst the youth.

In keeping with a wise quote "you will only value what you love," we believe participation in eco-tourism is key to instilling a love and appreciation for nature. Fun in participation makes a concept real and memorable.

Campaigns have included #ConservationConversation, #Your50 and #ImveloYakitsi.

Events such as Nedbank Swaziland's Imvelo MTB Classic, Total Swaziland's #ResolutionRun and Big Game Parks' #LookCloser Instameet series are all part of this philosophy.

In February this year, "The Wolf Pack" made up of SA Idols Finalist Kyle Deutsch, Hip Hop Star Aewon Wolf and SA Producer Sketchy Bongo filmed the video for their hit song "Wild Side" exclusively in Swaziland. It was a first for them and they really enjoyed Swaziland and what BGP has to offer in terms of scenery.

Success

The success of this project sparked a great relationship which has given birth to a special collaboration through a song for the rhino.

Big Game Parks recognises the important role the arts play in culture and perceptions. Another exciting project for us is to build awareness of the plight of the rhino, a species heading for extinction due to poaching.

Bringing a totally new angle to rhino conservation awareness, Big Game Parks brought two great artists together on this worthy cause. We commissioned Swazi artist and producer Mozaik to create a positive, endearing African song for the rhino and arranged that he launch

"BHEJANE" - A RHINO SONG

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this soulful song together with Kyle Deutsch at MTN Bushfire 2016.

We aspire to create rhino ambassadors of these talented young artists and to inspire their followers to see value in rhino and nature conservation.

Big Game Parks would like to thank

Mozaik and Kyle for their amazing performance and MTN Bushfire for providing such an electric stage for launching this fabulous home-grown song. We look forward to watching Bhejane spread far and wide and grow love for and pride in our rhino from deep within.

KAGISO, CARINA

LOBOLA CEREMONY



PERFECT MATCH: The groom and the bride looked good in their matching red and black outfits.



FAMILY BONDS: Last weekend, South African international soccer player Kagiso Dikgacoi traditionally married his longtime sweetheart Carina Mckechnie during a glamorous ceremony held at Carina's parental home, Maliyaduma. (Pics: Phesheya Kunene)



OVERSEERS: KG's uncles Letebele and Ntamo making sure everything goes accordingly.



THIS IS HOW WE DO IT: Kagiso sealing his marriage with Carina by following the required Swazi traditions.



GET DOWN: KG's friends dancing up a storm after the arrival of a DJ in the afternoon.



HAPPY DAY: The couple joined by Carina's mother Mumcy (glasses) and her aunt.



THEY ARE ALL YOURS: A Tfwala representative showing the Dikgacois the two cows to be slaughtered.



ZI GIRLS: The bridal party turned heads in their stylish pink Sishweshwe outfits.



WE ARE ONE: Mr and Mrs Dikgacoi enjoying kodak moments as they take a selfie together.



MOMMY AND DADDY'S GIRL: The couple's daughter Zain having a ball inside the tent.

LIVE SMART, BE ACTIVE, EAT WISELY

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Having children is what most women want; from when we are children, girls usually play with dolls calling them their babies the feeling of being a mother comes naturally to all females.

Pregnancy can be a joyous journey or the worst nine months of your life, especially because most women suffer from morning sickness during the first three months of pregnancy (first trimester). Eating healthy food will benefit your baby; including your baby being born with a healthy birth weight, improved brain development, and a lower risk of certain birth defects, you will also be paving the way towards a safer, more comfortable pregnancy. In fact, women who eat well while they are expecting can minimize a host of pregnancy symptoms including morning sickness and mood swings. They are more likely to deliver on time and have a speedier recovery after birth.

Importance of eating healthy during pregnancy

You do not need to go on a special diet when pregnant but it is important to eat a variety of different foods everyday to get the right balance of nutrients that you and your baby needs. It is best to get vitamins and minerals from foods you eat, but when you are pregnant you need to take some supplements as well, to make sure you get everything.

Maternal nutrition during pregnancy also appears to have a "foetal programming" effect, that is, the foetus learns nutritional habits, which will influence it for the rest of its life, before it is even born. A foetus will also adapt its metabolism and other body systems to cope with different states of nutrition. For example, an under-nourished foetus, which does not receive enough macronutrients or energy, responds by reducing glucose and insulin production, which ultimately slows the rate of foetal growth and increases the risk of low birth weight. It may also alter the metabolism permanently and leave an individual predisposed to metabolic conditions such as diabetes. The foetus also adapts to under-nutrition by redirecting blood flow and therefore the supply of nutrients to protect the brain, at the expense of fully developing other organs including the kidneys, muscles and endocrine system which is the system that regulates the body's hormone production.

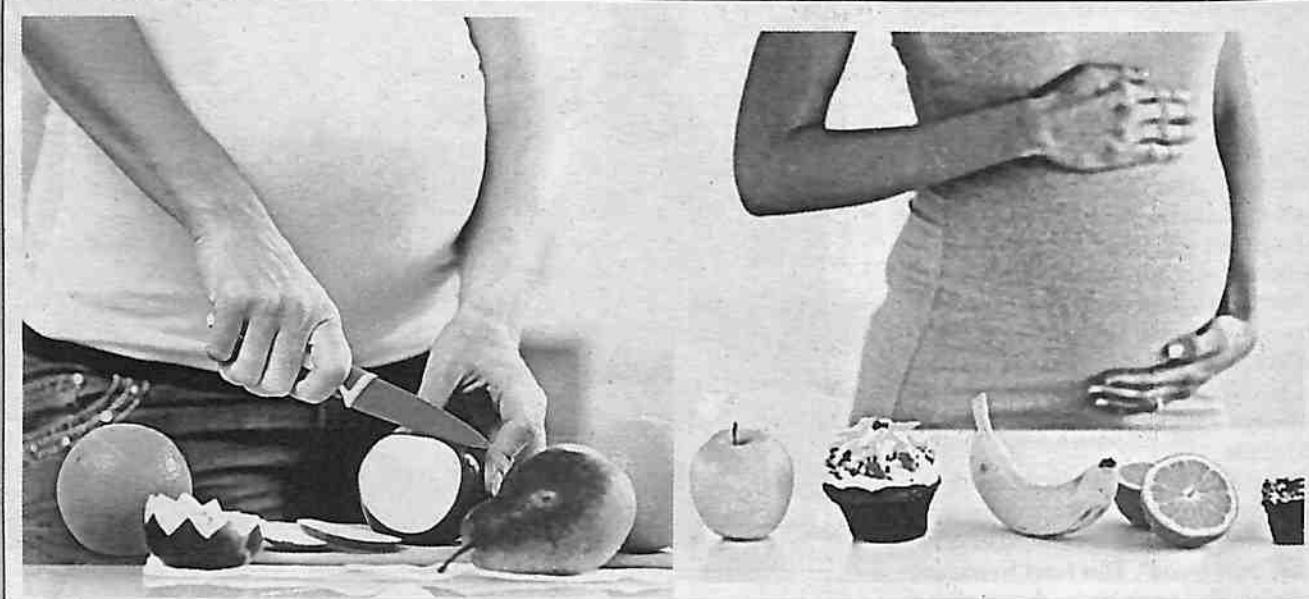
Food safety

Most foods are safe for pregnant women and their babies. But you will need to use caution or avoid eating certain foods. Clean, handle, cook, and chill food properly to prevent foodborne illness, including listeria and toxoplasmosis.

The following guides should be followed:

- Wash hands with soap after touching soil or raw meat.
- Keep raw meats, poultry, and seafood from touching other foods or surfaces.
- Cook meat completely.
- Wash produce before eating especially

EATING HEALTHY DURING PREGNANCY



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fresh fruits and vegetables.

- Wash cooking utensils with hot, soapy water.

Do not eat:

- Refrigerated smoked seafood like whitefish, salmon, and mackerel
- Hot dogs or deli meats unless steaming hot
- Refrigerated meat spreads
- Unpasteurized milk or juices
- Store-made salads, such as chicken, egg, or tuna salad
- Unpasteurized soft cheeses, such as unpasteurized feta.
- Shark, swordfish, king mackerel, or tile fish (also called golden or white snapper); these fish have high levels of mercury.
- Herbs and plants used as medicines without your doctor's approval. The safety of herbal and plant therapies is not always known. Some herbs and plants might be harmful during pregnancy, such as bitter melon and unripe papaya.

Do not forget fluids

All of your body's systems need water. When you are pregnant, your body needs even more water to stay hydrated and support the life inside you. Water also helps prevent constipation, hemorrhoids, excessive swelling, and urinary tract or bladder infections. Not getting enough water can lead to premature or early labor. A good way to tell if your fluid intake is okay is if your urine is pale yellow or colorless and you rarely feel thirsty. Thirst is a sign that your body is on its way to dehydration. Do

Alcohol

not wait until you feel thirsty to drink.

There is no known safe amount of alcohol a woman can drink while pregnant. When you are pregnant and you drink beer, wine, hard liquor, or other alcoholic beverages,

alcohol gets into your blood. The alcohol in your blood gets into your baby's body through the umbilical cord. Alcohol can slow down the baby's growth, affect the

Caffeine

baby's brain, and cause birth defects.

Moderate amounts of caffeine appear to be safe during pregnancy. Moderate means less than 200 mg of caffeine per day, which is the amount in about 340 g of coffee. Most caffeinated teas and soft drinks have much less caffeine. Some studies have shown a link between higher amounts of caffeine and miscarriage and preterm birth. But there is no solid proof that caffeine causes these problems. The effects of too much caffeine are unclear. Ask your doctor whether drinking a limited amount of caffeine is okay for you.

Cravings

Many women have strong desires for specific foods during pregnancy. The desire for "pickles and ice cream" and other cravings might be caused by changes in nutritional needs during pregnancy. The fetus needs nourishment. And a woman's body absorbs and processes nutrients differently while pregnant. These changes help ensure normal development of the baby and fill the demands of breastfeeding once the baby is born.

Some women crave nonfood items such as clay, ice, laundry starch, or cornstarch. A desire to eat nonfood items is called pica (PYE-KUH). Eating nonfood items can be harmful to your pregnancy. Talk to your doctor if you have these urges.

Keeping fit

Fitness goes hand in hand with eating right to maintain your physical health and well-being during pregnancy. Pregnant or

not, physical fitness helps keep the heart, bones, and mind healthy. Healthy pregnant women should get at least 2 hours and 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity a week. It's best to spread your workouts throughout the week. If you regularly engage in vigorous-intensity aerobic activity or high amounts of activity, you can keep up your activity level as long as your health does not change and you talk to your doctor about your activity level throughout your pregnancy.

Healthy recipes for pregnant women

Peanut-Butter-Chocolate-Chip Energy Bars suitable to go snack. Makes 20 bars

Ingredients:
1/2 tsp. vegetable oil
1 cup quick-cooking rolled oats
1 cup dry-roasted peanuts
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup sunflower seeds
20 Medjool dates, pitted
2 eggs
1 tsp. kosher salt
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup chocolate chips

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Lightly grease a 9-inch-square baking pan with vegetable oil and line the bottom with parchment paper.
2. Put the oats, peanuts, peanut butter, sunflower seeds and dates in a food processor and pulse until finely chopped.
3. In a bowl, whisk the eggs together with the salt and vanilla. Add the mixture to the food processor and pulse until it becomes a coarse, chunky paste. Fold in the chocolate chips with a wooden spoon. Transfer the mixture to the prepared baking pan and spread evenly, gently pressing down to flatten. Bake for 35 minutes, or until firm and golden.

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THE PODIUM

WITH: Sibusiso Dlamini



Let me start by apologising for going AWOL last week.

Trust me; it was due to matters beyond my control. Before I get on with my subject matter for today, let me start by giving my thoughts on two issues.

Dejavu

Last week, reports came that the police were once again allegedly involved in the death of someone. Its dejavu all over again. A magician, who goes by the name of Mduduzi Gama was dumped by two police officers and left for death by the roadside. This is not the first, nor the second, and by the look of things, it's not the last either. Let me give you names that might refresh your memory – Luciano Zavale and Ayanda Mkhabela.

In the Zavale case, the doctor testified that Zavale died after "his breathing was obstructed, and his lungs instead of drawing in air, drew blood". This heart wrenching statement was given by the doctor after the cop prophet, who is the Police mouthpiece told us that he fell from a bench. How unbelievable!

Ayanda Mkhabela, a 23-year-old UNISWA student, was run down by a police casspir. The cop prophet came again and told us that she (Ayanda) tried to climb on the casspir, she fell and therefore it ran over her. Their mouthpiece must certainly take us for hoodwinks. He must keep in mind that we are not as gullible as those desperate people who will go to the extremes of eating grass and drinking petrol just so they can have a 'breakthrough' in their lives.

It always beats me as to why we tend to use a method that has time and again proved to yield no benefits. The families of Zavale and Mkhabela have still not found the closure that they have longed for. The worst and certainly most painful part is that those involved are busy ducking and diving. As I've also pointed out before, I don't buy into the skelem of a probe. I believe it is only meant to waste tax-payers hard earned money, because as history suggests a whole lot of people will be paid for an unfulfilling finding, and that if we even get to the finding. It also functions as a time-buyer for the force, well that's until another one of these incidents happen again. It's just dejavu, time and time, again and my biggest question is – when will the commissioner notice that this nonsense is not amusing?" The only thing that I admire about the police force is the commissioner, an exceptional man indeed. And most concerning why are the cops' issues not dealt with a court of law just like any other Swazi citizen?

Seriously this needs to stop, because to us the populace, albeit the fact that we may not be Mduduzi Gama, but knowing what happened is as easy as saying abracadabra. Inquest or probes or whatever it is they are called, are just a waste of time and money.

Bushfire

Let me start by saying well done to Jiggz Thorne and the entire Bushfire team for a

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH



stop woman abuse

job very well done. That's what I talk about when I talk about event organizing.

Although due to other personal commitments, I could only attend just the Super Mega day, it was enough for me to proudly say IllaPenboy could learn a thing or two concerning that topic.

I was asked this past week what I made of the opinionated statement by one of our respected political analyst regarding the Bushfire festival. As a matter of fact I think it makes perfect sense, seriously!

See, one thing that we have to learn about elders is that they do not understand or even like to hear about this entertainment thing that we youngsters always go on and on about. To them, festivals such as the Bushfire are simply noisy, rowdy places where a lot of drinking and mischievous things happen. It's absolutely normal. Even I have to go through a whole lot of explaining as to why I will be away attending some unruly event with strangers whose probability of being sober is akin to me being the next United States president. Secondly, they get to think about things, long and hard. We, on the other hand (Youngsters) are full of energy and passion such that we don't see common sense being given to us on a silver platter, well in this case, on a newspaper.

The point that won me over the idea was that yes, the Bushfire is a private event. And yes in fact we should be thanking companies for showing support to the entertainment industry. (We pray and hope they don't end with just the Bushfire.) Anyways, my aim was to say that given the stature and status of a company such as MTN Swaziland, it would only be fair to the public to know the percentage that goes to charity. It only makes perfect sense all the profits are made public so that we know the monies companies spend go to charity. This is because the event has turned into be the number one tourist attracter in our country that is marketed as a festival with a 'good cause', and has turned to be arguably the biggest festival in the country that is even attended by cabinet ministers. That's cool, but let's let transparency prevail.

Abuse

I am sick and tired of the abuse towards woman. It is sickening really and gravely. Given that this is Fathers day and some of us have mothers as fathers, we are angry with the way things are going.

Each and every day we read newspapers that report on the gruesome murders and bashing of woman. The thing that further

incenses us is that the people who are supposed to be our representatives are busy with only God knows what. All we know is they are more concerned about themselves than the people that pay them.

The message today is happy father's day to the fathers that are really doing what they are supposed to be doing.

Also we have to say happy Father's Day to the mothers that have to simultaneously be both mothers and fathers due to different reasons. Our generation is facing a lot of challenges and one of the major challenges are due to children with absent fathers or mothers.

Dismantled families, to be precise. That's why we then have kids that will demand condoms, flavoured ones even!

I got the inspiration to just say thank you to mothers after witnessing the women who carry heavy loads of fruits and vegetables just to make sure that their children have a better future.

That for me beats any man who decides to run away from responsibility or who spends the whole day having sex with kids who are the same age as their very own. Anyways, the nation needs to stand up and be serious about these inhumane attacks on woman.

Thank you.

Untipping The Societal Scales

WITH: Dumisa Dlamini



Some women are so envious of their societal sisters and even jealous because they hold the notion that they have it all in marriage, love, joy, wealth and fun.

They would never imagine that a woman who drives a huge automobile and lives in a house, the size of a mall, wants more than is served on her marital plate because her husband may not, or cannot provide whatever she desires for her marriage. Here is an imbalanced compromise, no woman is completely happy with the man she is married to-not one! All wish they had more; that things were different and life offered more than their marriages offered. Often what they desire is out of reach for their husbands' capabilities, finances or attitudes. For that reason all women shall whimper, cry, complain, sulk and be sullen for reasons no man can ever put a finger on. If a man were to know what his wife actually desired, which he cannot provide, all trees nearby would be equipment for suicidal husbands. You just don't have to know some of the things your wife regrets because she was married to you.

Longakwati akukubulali!

A girl who just married herself walked into a couple, the woman being an old college friend, introduced her to her husband. "Fana, maye yinkle indvodza yakho," she blurted out. The man blushed evidently and her friend cracked into spontaneous laughter.

Societal Scales would bet you a brown dime; most women watch too much television, read too many glossy magazines and watch too many movies. In there they drool over handsome boys, men and hunks well groomed to look handsome. Your sister Condzisile would wish Msibi her husband yaseMagalonini in Maloma was as handsome.

They would express their wishes and feelings to friends that they wish they had a handsome husband. In the event she comes across a Three-Legged creature she defines as handsome and he so much as showed interest, *ugana khona lapho* to make-up for what her husband is not physically.

Express

Our wives would even go to the extent of not only implying we aren't handsome but also express it in conspicuous mannerisms or innuendos. She may never want to appear with you in public or organised gatherings, *nigcinanana ekhaya*. In the thickness of a fight or misunderstanding she would fume, "Angati nekutsi ngifelani, mubi phela lomuntu lengashada naye sisi" the husband becomes an object of derision and from that moment, your wife's friend, *labangakwati* would die to meet you, to confirm their sister's pain!

Ten years into their married life some women want wild, naughty, sexy and kinky fun all of which is provided for way out of the bedroom or the house they married into. Catch them in parties where they had had the privilege to be invited or attend by virtue of being employed by the host, they will shock you! They would drink the most, the hardest and the longest. Make *wamduzuzeni* 18, finishing high school would be knocking back hard whisky, hot

and cold and served on the rocks at that corporate party and they will be the last to leave - married still. *Bayadronka bomake nogal!* These women would flirt openly, suggestively and proactively. They would be game too if an opportunity avails itself at that very party. These married pretty animals would groove and dance the sexiest on the floor, *abanje ngumfana elukhalo* and such young men *alamvakwakhe* Mrs. Ndwandwe! You can imagine where all that can possibly lead to, more so because it occurs in the absence of the husband at that party. The question would be which sane husband would allow his wife to attend parties and be exposed in such naughty fun *busuku bonkhe*. Your wife is bitter that whilst you can attend parties, she cannot.

Husband

What about this pastor who was called to a traffic scene by a sergeant at a police station *kutsi akalandze imoto, make idlobhekile* and cannot drive. His wife was so inebriated she never even realised her husband had arrived. She got one opportunity to be out and made profitable use of that time. She had been denied all that fun by the husband he was married to, *indvodza lekholwako, ishumaye injala nje*, taking care of people's spiritual needs whilst standing blind to the desires of his wife's heart.

A gangster of fame who raked up lots of

money from hijackings, you know the kind who are called socialites and businessmen in fear of calling them robbers played a lot of games with a certain married woman. From a good looting, he would call her to a private place, *amutsi gidli tikhwashimane temali*, she had never seen with naked eyes *yilokhu ezalwa*. He would ask her to keep it safe for him, he would want it later. She would melt at the mere fact that *uyametsembe ngemali lengaka!* And not her husband who hid even his payslip. Many moons she would remind him of the money, wherein he would feign forgetfulness *kutsi nguyiphi leyomali*. He would then tell her, *yitsatse Baby uyisebentise yonkhe, ngiyakupha*. Believe Scales, *abenta noma yini layitsandzako lomjitha ngalomakoti!* She would even risk lying to the husband about this and that so that she would get time *nalenkalatha lenemutsi wetintfombi longaka!* You see, all women want money to enjoy, to shop and travel the world at leisure and pleasure that know no financial limitations. *Awavakashi emadvodza*, at least not with their wives. Some women had last toured the world with their huddies on honeymoon. After he has no money, "ngibhadala tikweleti temshado, kugula make, ngitsenge imoto and a mountain of excuses why he cannot take his wife to places.

She will desire and find the same outside the marital stable *namanye amadoda*

whose pockets and accounts aren't snake pits. But quite clearly some men cannot afford that.

Desires

A lot of husbands are oblivious to their wives' desires and this irks the ladies to the axis of their ever complaining souls.

Whilst you live, breathe and are still married to your wife, she will go out there and fish for what you cannot provide on your marital menu. Walking on three strong and active legs you shall never be desired let alone appreciated by your wife because of the one or two things you are never able to make provision for whilst she is married to you. At times *vele nje akayifunui nakuwe leyontfo* and is so desirous to outsource it. There you become a stumbling block and whilst she cannot wish you away she wants the liberty to be what she loves with anyone she chooses and still be able to keep the marriage with you for benefits *embedded kulomshado wenu*. Does she love you with such limitations? The answer is yes and no. She loves you for what you are and detests you for what you are not or forbid her to be. Wise men would turn a blind eye to their wives habits, attitudes and practices for they may all fall outside the ambit of their abilities, affordability and personality as their husbands!

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SHE WANTS MORE THAN WHAT IS SERVED

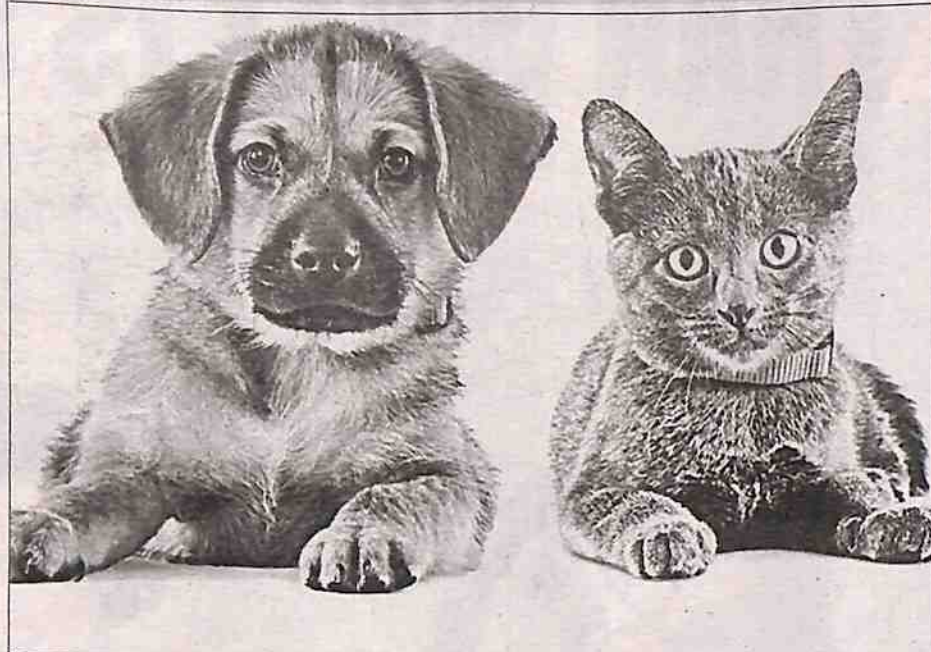
● Societal Scales would bet you a brown dime; most women watch too much television, read too many glossy magazines and watch too many movies.



SEB

WHY STERILISE

(Note: males are 'neutered', females are 'spayed'. Both sexes are 'sterilised'.)



on heat approximately every six months from this time. The heat season lasts about 21 days. During this time she may be restless and try to escape from your property. The odour of a bitch on heat is very strong, and will attract males over a long distance.

- The male dog does not have a season; he will always be receptive to females on heat.

A male dog that scents a female on heat will make every attempt to escape from your property and reach the object of his desire. During his wanderings he may become lost, run over, come into contact with other dogs with contagious diseases. He will almost certainly fight with other males and may be seriously injured. He is no use as a guard

dog if he is focused on his own reproductive needs.

- The sterilisation operation is a safe surgical procedure which is carried out under general anaesthetic. There are no harmful after-effects whatsoever.

- There is no reason why a female should have one litter before being spayed. On the other hand, there is every reason to save puppies from a lifetime of neglect, starvation and euthanasia.

- If you feel for your male dog, then neuter him and save him a lifetime of frustration. He will experience absolutely no effect from the procedure.

- Have you smelt cat pee or heard mating cats caterwauling? Reason enough to sterilise them.

- Children do not need to see a litter being born to enrich their lives. Rather take them to a shelter and explain why it is not fair to breed more kittens and puppies.

- Sterilising is the only way to slow the tidal wave of strays that carry contagious diseases which can ravage populations of beloved pets and working animals and bring killer diseases like rabies into your home. Strays overturn litter bins and cause traffic accidents.

- Strays tend to form packs which are aggressive and dangerous. They injure and kill other dogs and humans. The presence of rabies is in large part due to owners who fail to sterilise their pets.

- Sterilise all pets - male and female, dogs and cats - by six months old, a maximum of five months for cats which can go into season at five months. Do not delay by even a day.

- Never buy. Always adopt. Always sterilise.

CUSTOMER SERVICE: SERVICE WITH A SMILE, THANKS TO STANDARDS

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By 2030, customer service and experience will overtake price and product as the key differentiator. The customer will be better informed and they expect to know their individual needs and preferences. They will expect companies to personalise the experience. Presently, the service sector is now the largest part of the world's global economy, accounting for over 70% of GDP according to World Bank indicators. "Servitisation" is the term that has been coined to describe this transformation. The service sector is not just a part of the economy, it is the engine of economic growth!

It is very likely that you, who is reading this article, maybe involved in the service sector as a service provider. You are absolutely certain that you want to attend a doctor, choose a restaurant, attend a training course, visit the bank, or receive the end of service. For example, the receiving end of service like e-commerce is growing at a rapid pace. Banking and shopping online or now paying an electricity bill online or using your mobile is an essential tool for many of us.

All this service talk, and we have yet to

- The services sector is in dire need of standards to establish good practices, encourage consistent high quality and build customer confidence.

clarify the term in its entirety. A "service" can be defined as a result of at least one activity performed between the supplier and the customer that is generally intangible.

The service industry boasts large international organisations like airlines, banks, insurance companies, telecommunications providers and hotel chains as well as small locally owned enterprises. Therefore, it should not come as a surprise that the provision of services has overtaken the industrial sector in most developed and developing countries as the world's fastest growing economy and the largest employer.

Every industry is being transformed by the concept of "servitisation" with many manufacturing organisations now building the service component into their product-offering, to create added value in the supply chain and remain competitive. It is no longer enough to just make products, manufacturers must sell products solutions and services wrapped around those products to meet the latest customer expectations.

The Importance of standards in service delivery

While the statistics underline the service developments taking place in the world today, the big changes rocking the sector come with their own array of challenges.

Now that international trade in services are the driving force behind economic growth in developed and developing countries, there are dangers accompanied in any

dramatic market growth - lack of controls, consumer exploitation poor quality, inefficiency, questionable business practices and other obstacles to good service provision.

The services sector is in dire need of standards to establish good practices, encourage consistent high quality and to build customer confidence.

Standards for service can cut the business costs of poor service and reduce customer complaints. We need to remember that the core objective of any service related organization is to ensure high levels of customer satisfaction.

Standard, implementation for the service industry underpins trust, provides safeguards, enables compliance with laws and regulation and offers protection for the customer. Most importantly, standards eliminate technical barriers to trade which enable effortless import/export practices.

The simplest answer to service delivery in the field of standards has to be the globally popular ISO standard, SZNS ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System. This is known as the Holy Grail of standards for the service industry. Over one million companies worldwide are implementing and are certified to this standard. Organisations use the standard to demonstrate the ability to consistently provide products and services that meet customer and regulatory requirements. When you speak of customer satisfaction and a customer-centric focus in the area of standards, ISO 9001 is at the centre of that conversation.

ISO 9001 helps organizations ensure their

customers consistently receive high quality products and services, which in-turn bring many benefits, including satisfied customers, management and employees. The organisation in the service industry implementing standards like ISO 9001 can attest to the improvement and efficiency of their business processes and as a result, their customer satisfaction has improved tremendously.

The Swaziland Standards Authority (SWASA) will be publishing five standards centered on customer satisfaction as well as guidelines for product recall as a consumer protection tool during the course of the year:

- SZNS ISO 10001:2007 Quality management - Customer satisfaction - Guidelines for codes of conduct for organisations

- SZNS ISO 10003:2007 Quality management - Customer satisfaction - Guidelines for dispute resolution external to organisations

- SZNS ISO/TS 10004:2012 Quality management - Customer satisfaction - Guidelines for monitoring and measuring

- SZNS ISO 10393:2013 Consumer product recall - Guidelines for suppliers

- SZNS ISO 10377:2013 Consumer product safety - Guidelines for suppliers

We encourage the service industry to take interest in service standards for their companies. When standards are incorporated in your organisation, it is safe to say that you are delivering service with a smile!

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HEALTH FEATURE



Sometimes there is confusion between the terms "cardiac arrest" and "heart attack." A heart attack, or myocardial infarction, is damage to the heart muscle that occurs due to reduced blood flow to the heart muscle, depriving the heart muscle of the oxygen it needs to function properly.

Cardiac arrest means that the heart stops beating and death is imminent. A heart attack, if severe, can lead to cardiac arrest, and this is what occurs when a heart attack is fatal. However, other conditions, such as serious arrhythmias or shock, can also cause cardiac arrest.

What are symptoms of a heart attack?

Knowing the early warning signs of a heart attack is critical for prompt recognition and treatment. Many heart attacks start slowly, unlike the dramatic portrayal often seen in the movies. A person experiencing a heart attack may not even be sure of what is happening. Heart attack symptoms vary among individuals, and even a person who has had a previous heart attack may have different symptoms in a subsequent heart attack. Although chest pain or pressure is the most common symptom of a heart attack, heart attack victims may experience a diversity of symptoms. The following list describes the symptoms of a heart attack in more detail.

What are the symptoms of a heart attack?

1. Chest discomfort

Chest pain is the hallmark symptom of a heart attack, although it can take many different forms. In other cases, chest pain may not occur at all. The characteristic chest pain of a heart attack has been described as a sense of pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain that starts in the center of the chest. The pain or discomfort typically lasts more than a few minutes, or it may go away and then return. It can spread down the arms, to the back, or to the head and neck. Both women and men report chest pain as a primary symptom of heart attack, but women more often than men are likely to have some of the other symptoms, such as nausea, jaw pain, or shortness of breath, that are described below.

2. Jaw pain, toothache, headache

The pain of a heart attack can spread down both arms, to the jaw or head, or to the back. Some people report tooth pain or headaches as a symptom of a heart attack. It is possible to have these types of pain without chest pain during a heart attack.

3. Shortness of breath

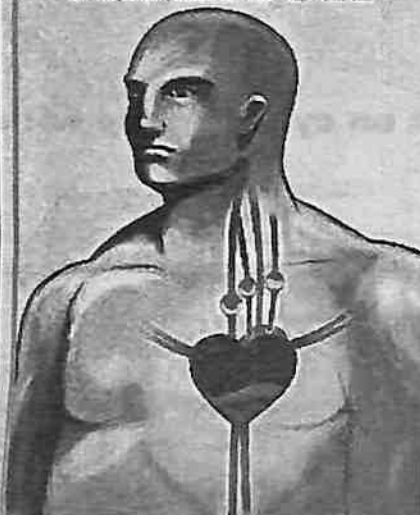
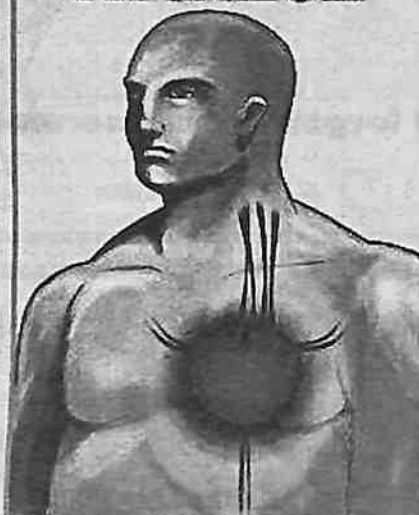
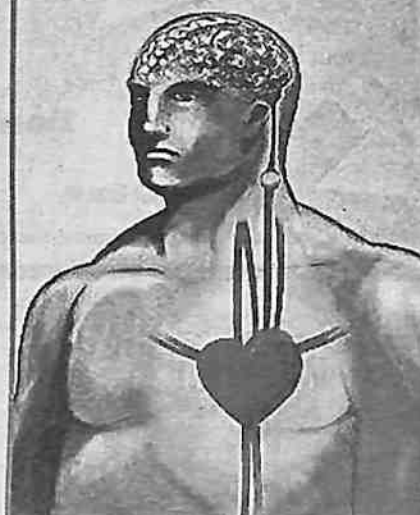
Feeling short of breath or like you are gasping for air is a common symptom of a heart attack. Shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing, is medically known as dyspnea. Shortness of breath may occur before or during the chest pain of a heart attack, and in some cases, it may be associated with other heart attack symptoms without any chest pain.

4. Nausea

Nausea or feeling sick on your stomach is a less common but possible symptom of heart attack. Sometimes belching or burping can accompany the nausea, and some patients have described a feeling like indigestion associated with a heart attack. Women are more

Focus on heart-failure...

CARDIAC ARREST VERSUS HEART ATTACK

HEART ATTACK	VS	CARDIAC ARREST	VS	STROKE
				
Heart Attack occurs when blood supply to the heart is severely reduced or cut off. Lack of oxygen can damage the heart and it will begin to die.		Cardiac Arrest occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating, preventing blood and oxygen from getting to vital organs.		Stroke happens when the blood flow to the brain is interrupted or severely limited cutting off oxygen and nutrients from brain tissue. Brain cells start dying minutes after a stroke.

likely than men to report these less typical symptoms of heart attack, and some patients have described feeling as though they are developing the flu.

5. Vomiting

The nausea that accompanies a heart attack can become so severe that vomiting occurs.

6. General epigastric

Sometimes the pain of heart attack is described as stomach pain, or pain in the middle of the upper abdomen. The pain usually feels more like discomfort or heaviness rather than sharp, stabbing pain, and the pain tends to persist more than a few minutes. This can occur with or without pain in the true chest area.

7. Sweating

Sweating, or perspiration, can accompany a heart attack. Some people have described feeling like they are breaking out in a cold sweat.

8. Heartburn

As mentioned above, some people experiencing a heart attack can have belching and burping and describe a feeling of indigestion. Likewise, the pain and pressure of a heart attack may occur in the epigastric or upper middle abdominal area, similar to the pain of heartburn.

9. Arm pain

The chest pain of a heart attack can spread, or radiate, down one or both arms and to the shoulders. This often happens, and the pain may even extend to the wrist and fingers. This is most common on the left side of the body but it can also occur on the right side.

10. Upper back pain

The upper back is another common location for the spread of pain from a heart attack. Most commonly, back pain that stems from a heart attack is described as occurring between the shoulder blades.

11. General malaise

A feeling of being generally unwell or like you are coming down with an illness can accompany a heart attack. This can be described as fatigue or even light-headedness, with or without fainting. Some people will

experience severe anxiety or panic during the heart attack. This has been described as feeling a sense of doom, as one experiences with a panic attack.

12. No symptoms

Approximately one quarter of all heart attacks are silent, without chest pain or new symptoms and silent heart attacks are especially common among patients with diabetes mellitus.

Even though the symptoms of a heart attack at times can be vague and mild, it is important to remember that heart attacks producing no symptoms or only mild symptoms can be just as serious and life-threatening as heart attacks that cause severe chest pain. Too often patients attribute heart attack symptoms to "anxiety," "indigestion," "fatigue," or "stress," and consequently delay seeking prompt medical attention. One cannot overemphasize the importance of seeking prompt medical attention in the presence of symptoms that suggest a heart attack.

Early diagnosis and treatment saves lives, and delays in reaching medical assistance can be fatal. A delay in treatment can lead to permanently reduced function of the heart due to more extensive damage to the heart muscle. Death also may occur as a result of the sudden onset of arrhythmia such as ventricular fibrillation.



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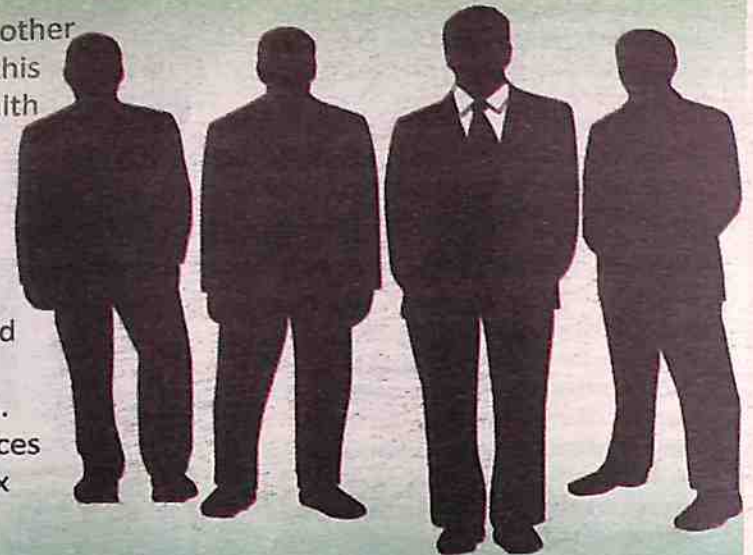


LIFE line

This men's health month make your health a priority

Women are known to be the ones found in the clinics and some men on the other hand "bayaticinisa" until the illness is advanced. It is important that during this month where the Ministry of Health focuses on strategies to improve the health seeking behavior all men access health services and make healthy choices in all aspects of life.

Most important to us men is sexual reproductive health and sexual performance. This is indeed important thus related health services such as HIV testing, medical male circumcision, and screening for sexually transmitted infections (STI) are top priorities. HIV can be transmitted through sexual intercourse. Circumcision reduces the chances of transmission of HIV by 60%. Common STI's among men include gonorrhea and genital ulcers. Health choices in having one sexual partner and using a condom every time when having sex prevents STI and HIV.



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ECONOMICS TODAY

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Africa being a large continent is working hard to establish a more consolidated agenda for African development.

Through various trade blocs like COMESA, SADC, and EAC the efforts are getting rewarded. This challenge is working for the good of every African state, unlike the old way of thinking that South Africa was the hub of all African economy. The tripartite will establish interdependence and sharing of long lasting solutions towards the economic development. The union of the east and southern African communities can be seen as a delayed opportunity for African regional integration.

Despite this need to create an urgent bridge of demand and supply, of man's greatest challenge has now become that of space and distance, long distances for that matter, causing the cost of production to be on the high side, hence the standard of living low and the high cost of living.

The ideology of having more consolidated trade zones in Africa cannot be challenged by any reason of thinking otherwise, however the most advantageous side of such initiatives are too many to mention. Of which some include the following:

Increased market access and market centers

It is evident in some countries like Zambia and Tanzania, trade expansion has become the headache of the civil engineers. Every day the markets are growing and creating much access to the outside world like China

NEED FOR A TRIPARTITE TRADE AGENDA FOR AFRICA



and Japan. In terms of FTA, One of the main benefits of the tripartite FTA is that a much larger market, with a single economic space, than any one of the three regional economic communities and as such will be more attractive to investment and large scale production.

According to the research done by Shayanowako (2011). The three RECs (COMESA, EAC and SADC) have a combined population of over 500 million people, and a combined gross domestic product (GDP) of USD 624 billion. The 26 countries in the three RECs constitute half of the African Union (AU)'s membership and their combined population constitutes 57% of the AU's total population.

The tripartite FTA will therefore create an enlarged market for producers and traders in the partner countries to the FTA. Due to the principles of variable geometry and asym-

metry, not all COMESA and SADC member states are in the COMESA and SADC FTAs. For instance countries such as Angola, DRC and Malawi are not yet participating in the SADC FTA although they are Member States of SADC. Similarly countries such as DRC, Eritrea and Ethiopia, though Members of COMESA, are not yet participating fully in the COMESA FTA. The situation is similar within the EAC.

Due to these variations in the levels of trade liberalization within each of the three RECs some countries in the tripartite region currently only access part of the COMESA, SADC and EAC markets at MFN rates, which are not preferential as they apply to trade with all WTO members.

The establishment of the Tripartite FTA is set to eliminate tariff and non-tariff barriers and other restrictions of commerce thus

enhancing partner countries' market access to the expanded market of the Tripartite FTA. If successfully implemented, all partner countries to the Tripartite FTA will then be able to trade freely with more than half of the African continent.

This spider network of trade within Africa, establishes not a mass market for African countries to do business amongst themselves, but rather making Africa a new Europe, a land of not developing states as it has ever been called, instead this time it will be called a block of developed states. It is commonly said that many strings can bind an elephant, so must be the case of Africa. The resources that can dominate the global market we have in abundance, but the challenge is that the prices for these items on the global market are always determined by the minority who in this case tends to be the buyers.

They buy from the land of plenty in its most raw state only to process it and sale it back to Africa for consumption, this time around not on a friendly price, but a cut throat.

If the tripartite was well established among African states, then it would be like building a mansion of a house with self contained bedrooms. Africa being one of the largest continents would attract high levels of utility among the member states, hence creating high circulation levels of goods and services within the circles of the continent and one day, like it has been a dream for most patriotic Africans, Africa would be a place of development like any other continent such as Asia and Europe.

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Focus on SA scene

MURDERER COUNCILLORS STILL GET R35K A MONTH

DURBAN - Two ANC eThekweni councillors continue to draw R35 000 monthly salaries from beleaguered ratepayers despite being in prison for murder.

To add insult to injury, Mduduzi Ngcobo and Velile Lutsheku have not performed their duties since February last year, when they were arrested for the September 2014 murder of community activist Thulisile Ndlovu in her Thokoza home near Pinetown.

The city has paid the two almost R1 million in salaries since their arrests. However the bill could be much higher as The Mercury also understands that they were assigned bodyguards after their arrests. This could not be independently verified by the council at the time of publication.

Ngcobo is a KwaNdengezi ward councillor. Lutsheku is a proportional representation councillor. They were charged and convicted together with triggerman Mlungisi Ndlovu of murder in May.

Judge Johan Ploos van Amstel sentenced the three in the Durban High Court to life imprisonment for the premeditated murder and denied them leave to appeal.

Thulisile was a branch chairperson of shack dwellers' movement 'Abahlali baseMjondolo.'

This week council Speaker Logie Naidoo dropped a bombshell when he refused to dismiss the two, despite the

convictions.

They are serving their sentences at Westville Prison after their bids to apply for leave to appeal against their convictions and sentences were dismissed on the day they were sentenced.

This was confirmed by provincial National Prosecutions Authority spokeswoman Natasha Kara on Thursday.

DA provincial and eThekweni caucus leader Zwakelele Mncwango this week demanded to know why the minutes of the city's town planning committee still reflected Lutsheku as being its chairperson. He said he failed "to understand how someone can be convicted and jailed and still reflect as a chairperson of a committee. There's something wrong there".

Naidoo offered to "educate" Mncwango on council processes.

"According to the Municipal Structures Act, until a person exhausts the appeals processes, council cannot (act). So in all fairness, no matter how strong we feel about this matter, we are guided by legislation. (That is) until that process is finalised. As I understand it, they have applied

for leave to appeal. My hands are tied," Naidoo said, adding that the convicted killers were still city councillors.

Mncwango protested, asking what the ANC was doing about the convictions. He was dismissed with laughter by some ANC councillors, before Naidoo offered Mncwango

directions to the party's offices.

According to the Municipal Structures Act, councillors can vacate their office for several reasons including if they are "no longer qualified to be a councillor".

Labour law attorney Michael Maeso, of

Shepstone and Wylie, said the employer could take steps, in accordance with a process governed by labour law regulations, to terminate employment if a person was convicted and imprisoned.

"The employee is, due to their imprisonment, no longer able to perform their contractual obligations and the extent of time they would not be able to be at work would be undetermined because it is not known how long appeal processes would take."

Maeso said another factor was whether the councillors were "suitable to hold their office" given their convictions. *News24*



EFF, ANC slam dozing parliamentarians

JOHANNESBURG - Mbuyiseni Ndlozi's Parliament rant on the matter has turned him into something of an internet sensation.

While they may stand as perennial opposites in most debates, the EFF and ANC appear to be singing the same tune regarding sleeping politicians in the National Assembly.

In Pretoria, Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) parliamentarian Mbuyiseni Ndlozi - who has become something of a YouTube sensation for pointing out that International Relations Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane was sleeping in the House - told supporters that most MPs were too old.

"They sleep. You must send us



NOT HAPPY: EFF's Mbuyiseni Ndlozi.

while we still have energy like Obakeng Ramabodu (EFF council candidate for a Pretoria CBD ward)

so that we can go and fight for you. Stop voting for old men and women who sleep in parliament. When we are discussing in parliament they sleep because they are not part of the future we are talking about," said Ndlozi.

In Pietermaritzburg at an event to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the June 16 Soweto uprising, the ANC Youth League's deputy president, Desmond Moela, said: "We are calling on the national leadership to say the youth league cannot protect the ANC and the country outside parliament. We have old people there in the national parliament who are sleeping each and every day; those must be removed."

Citizen.

Eskom promises to plug youth into nuclear future

CAPE TOWN - Eskom has initiated a major training programme for nuclear operators, saying it will train 100 artisans as operators at its Koeberg plant to meet South Africa's requirements in the future.

The programme, launched by

Public Enterprises Minister Lynne Brown in Cape Town, is a strong vote of confidence by the government and Eskom for an expanded nuclear energy sector in the future.

The Koeberg-Eskom programme is the latest in several initiatives to gear up for the country's proposed nuclear

build, which government has said will involve the construction of 9600MW of new capacity. Others include training programmes with Russia, France, China and South Korea, where South African students are being empowered in a variety of skills. *Citizen*



EXCLUSIVE: Olympic and Paralympic track star Oscar Pistorius with his uncle Arnold Pistorius.

Oscar's uncle to tell all in TV exclusive

PRETORIA - While the world's eyes will once again be on the high court in Pretoria next week, with Oscar Pistorius being sentenced for murder, his uncle Arnold Pistorius said on Thursday night that he (Arnold) will break his silence after the case had been concluded, by speaking to an international television channel.

It will be a tough and uncertain week for Oscar, as jail definitely looms following his conviction for murdering his girlfriend Reevea Steenkamp. The only question is for how long will he be going in.

His legal team will have to fight a battle to convince Judge Thokozile Masipa not to send him to jail for 15 years, as the law requires.

On Thursday night, his uncle issued a statement in which he said the family had rejected countless offers for interviews over the past three years, often offering great amounts of money.

"We have been deeply respectful of the legal process and mindful not to contribute to the

media frenzy that has characterised this case. Despite the many, many requests for interviews with Oscar from across the globe - often coupled with huge financial inducements - we have been absolutely consistent in our position that there will be no interview, or media engagement, for Oscar's financial benefit."

Arnold said despite Oscar's "crippling" legal fees, this remains their position. "Not knowing what the future holds for Oscar after this week, I decided it was necessary to take up one media offer that would provide our family with a voice to address some of the misconceptions that have remained unchallenged. "Having considered the various offers and options available, I decided to engage with Mark Williams-Thomas. I felt his platform on ITV was the most appropriate place to do this - because of its style and format. Williams-Thomas is a Peabody award-winning investigative journalist, and has followed the case closely from the outset. *News24*

Striking SA firefighters sent packing

CALGARY - A team of South African firefighters dispatched to Canada to fight a massive wildfire in the oil sands region is heading home after a pay dispute, South African officials said.

The 301 firefighters arrived in northern Alberta less than two weeks ago to help quell the blaze near Fort McMurray, which forced the evacuation of 90 000 people, destroyed part of the city and shuttered more than a million barrels per day of oil sands production. Working on Fire, a South African government-funded organisation that trains firefighters, said a senior management team was on its way to Alberta assist with their demobilisation and return home.

At issue is how much pay the firefighters should receive for their work in Canada.

During their deployment,

Canadian authorities agreed to cover accommodation and meals, while each fire fighter would also receive a daily stipend of C\$15 (R175) for discretionary purchases, according to Working on Fire.

In addition, after their return home, each firefighter would receive an "out of country daily allowance" to the rand value equivalent of C\$35 (R408) a day. They were also to receive the regular wage they earn at home.

However, local media reports about salary increases for personnel deployed to Canada caused confusion among the firefighters, prompting them to strike. Work on Fire said in a statement. "We wish to categorically state that the quoted amount of \$21 per hour is incorrect and was never agreed to with anyone," Working on Fire said, referring to the media reports.

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BRIEFS

Nigerian women face risk of abuse

KAMPALA - New assessments of the protection risks faced by the affected people living in Nigeria's restive north-eastern Borno state have concluded that women face a high risk of abuse in displacement sites, the United Nations humanitarian wing has reported. According to a humanitarian bulletin on Nigeria issued by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), displacement and conflict have destroyed traditional hierarchies and resulted in a large number of female-headed households across the north-east of Borno state. *News24*

US embassy in Gambia closed

GAMBIA - The US embassy in Banjul was closed for all but essential services after Gambian authorities removed its police protection. It was not immediately clear why President Yahya Jammeh's government had taken this step, but Washington has criticised its rights record. A State Department official in Washington told AFP the United States had "registered concern" with Gambia over the withdrawal of the officers. "We will continue to closely monitor and assess the situation as events unfold," he said. *News24*

Protest against Kenyan 'prophet'

KIambu - Residents of Kiambu County, Kenya, took to the streets to protest against the conduct of a self-proclaimed prophet who had been demanding sexual favours from his female followers. Zachariah Baricho, alias Nabii Wanyonyi, allegedly claimed that he had been directed by the spirit to sleep with the women at least seven times. Those who failed to give in to his demands would be branded as witches. According to Citizen Digital, the father of 12 had also been soliciting money, foodstuffs and livestock from area residents, leading to family break-ups. *News24*

Algerian troops kill four militants

ALGIERS - The Algerian army has killed four suspected jihadists in an ambush south of the capital, Algiers, the defence ministry said. A ministry statement said soldiers swooped on militants in the mountainous Medea region, 80km from Algiers, adding that firearms and ammunition were seized. Last year, the army killed or arrested 157 "terrorists" - the term Algeria's authorities use for Islamist militants - according to ministry figures. *eNCA*

Nigeria to recruit teachers

ABUJA - The federal government has created an internet portal named *npower.gov.ng*, through which job seekers can apply for jobs. A statement issued in Abuja Wednesday by the Senior Special Assistant to the Vice President on Media and Publicity, Laolu Akande, said the presidency would start taking applications online for positions in the 500 000 direct teacher jobs scheme. *eNCA*



MUGABE LABELS WAR VETERANS 'DISSIDENTS'

HARARE - Zimbabwe's 92-year-old President Robert Mugabe has labelled liberation war fighters as "dissidents" and threatened to deal with them the same way he did during the "Gukurahundi" - the anti-dissident armed response.

Shona for "the early rain which washes away the chaff before the spring rains," the Gukurahundi massacres saw an estimated 20 000 Ndebeles killed by the Zimbabwe army's notorious Fifth Brigade in the 1980s.

Addressing a ZANU-PF central committee meeting at the party headquarters in Harare on Thursday, Mugabe said the Zimbabwe National Liberation War Veterans Association (ZNL-WVA) was formed to cater for the welfare of the former freedom fighters and not to champion the political struggle in the country.

Mugabe said the war veterans had no mandate to decide who should succeed him or who should not.

The nonagenarian said ZANU-PF should lead the war veterans



HITS BACK: Zimbabwe's 92-year-old President Robert Mugabe.

and not vice-versa.

"It is not proper for anyone to use this welfare body as a platform that is used to attack the top leadership or seeking to direct party processes in a certain direction preferred by some individuals within that body; to do so will once again, amount to going the way of the dissidents," Mugabe declared.

The 92-year-old leader said war veterans should speak through party structures. He warned he would deal with those that failed to toe the party line.

"The association was never formed to be the bully of the party nor the entity to make the choices of who should lead and who should not, never ever, except within the people, within

the party," said Mugabe.

"The dissidents tried it, they were war veterans, and you know what happened ... lots of trouble, lots of fighting, lots of suffering caused to our people."

Mugabe, who has been in power for 36 years, said the unity accord signed between him and the late Vice President Joshua Nkomo was not only for ordinary people, but also for the war veterans, adding they should work in harmony with the party structures. "It was to bring an end to the war that the dissidents had decided to wage. Do we see another rise of dissident activity? Well the leadership will say no. No to the war veterans' association ... it is not your function," said Mugabe, who has made it public that he intends to stand for re-election in 2018.

"It is not your business to talk of who shall succeed the president. And worse still; and I am stunned, to threaten that unless what you do, your wish is fulfilled there shall be bloodshed." *News24*



TEARS OF JOY: Gabriel Deku, 25 from London, was overwhelmed when he caught sight of his bride. He told MailOnline he was trying to be the 'hard man' and was convinced he wouldn't cry. He said: 'Leading up to the wedding I was the complete opposite - I actually had a bet with my mum that I wouldn't cry. Seeing her there, I suddenly felt a big appreciation of what I actually have. Knowing that I'm in a relationship like that made me really overjoyful; where someone loves me unconditionally.' (Mail Online)

Libya unity govt forces enter ISIS bastion

TRIPOLI - Fighting raged for control of the Islamic State group's Libya stronghold of Sirte after unity government forces battled their way into the centre of the city.

The United States confirmed the advance on Sirte, the hometown of ousted dictator Muammar Gaddafi that has also been in the sights of forces of a rival

authority in eastern Libya.

The loss of Sirte would amount to a huge setback for ISIS, which is also faced with battlefield reverses in Syria and Iraq.

"The armed forces entered Sirte. They are currently in the centre, where clashes continue with Daesh," said Mohamad Ghassri, spokesperson for the forces of the UN-backed

Government of National Accord (GNA).

"The operation will not last much longer. I think we'll be able to announce the liberation of Sirte in another two or three days," he said.

Brett McGurk, US President Barack Obama's special envoy to the international coalition fighting ISIS, confirmed the advance.

Timeslive

DR Congo opposition demands Kabila quit by year's end

DR CONGO - Opposition parties in the Democratic Republic of Congo early yesterday said they had forged an alliance and demanded that President Joseph Kabila quit when his term expires in December.

After a two-day closed-doors meeting in Belgium, the groups issued a statement saying they had set up a joint organisation called 'Rassemblement,' or 'Rally' in English.

Its goal "is to realise the struggle of the Congolese people for change and a state of law," they said.

They also issued a warning to Kabila, in power since 2001 and who is widely believed to want a third term, in contravention of the constitution which allows only two.

If Kabila stays in power beyond December 19, when his second term elapses, this would be deemed "a constitutional coup d'etat," they said.

A so-called committee of wise men headed by veteran opposition figure Etienne Tshisekedi will be set up to coordinate decisions.

Tshisekedi, 83, an opposition leader since the rule of strongman Mobutu Sese Seko, came second to Kabila in a fraud-tainted 2011 election.

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World News



BAN KI-MOON SLAMS SAUDIS FOR CHILD RIGHTS BLACKLIST

NEW YORK - UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on Thursday rebuked Saudi Arabia and its allies for resorting to "undue pressure" to remove the Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen from a blacklist of child rights violators.

In his first public remarks about the uproar, Ban said he decided to take the coalition off the list after Saudi Arabia along with other Arab and Muslim countries threatened to cut off funding to UN humanitarian programmes.

"It is unacceptable for member-states to exert undue pressure," Ban told reporters at UN headquarters.

"Scrutiny is a natural and necessary part of the United Nations."

The United Nations had blacklisted the coalition after concluding in a report released a week ago that it was responsible for 60% of the 785 children killed in Yemen last year.

But in a humiliating climbdown for the United Nations, Ban announced on Monday that the coalition would be scratched from the list pending a joint review with the Saudi-led alliance. The UN chief has been under fire from rights groups who charged that he had caved in to Saudi pressure and damaged the credibility of the United Nations.

"This was one of the most painful and difficult decisions I have had to make," Ban said.

Confirming reports of a threatened cut-off of funding, Ban said he "had to consider the very real prospect that millions of other children would suffer grievously if, as was suggested to me, countries would de-fund many UN programmes".

Saudi Ambassador Abdullah al-Mouallimi denied that his government had put pressure on the United Nations to reverse its decision by threatening to cut off millions of dollars in funding.

"We did not use threats or intimidation and did not talk about funding," said Mouallimi.

A Security Council diplomat earlier said the Saudis had "whipped up a lot of supporters" to pressure Ban to make the changes and threatened in particular to withdraw funding from the Palestinian relief agency UNRWA. "I stand by the report," Ban said, warning that "the content will not change".

The UN chief appealed to member-states to defend the reporting mechanisms such as the children in armed conflict annual blacklist. The blacklist was established by a decision of the Security Council in 1999, but the council has been silent on the dispute over the coalition's listing.

NEWS24

Drunk England fans chant 'ISIS, where are you?'

FRANCE - French police fired tear-gas on Thursday in Marseille after violent clashes broke out between English fans and local football hooligans.

Clashes erupted shortly after midnight in the French city's Old Port area where hundreds of travelling supporters had spent Thursday drinking.

Local French youths are thought to have attacked England supporters who had gathered en masse outside the Queen Victoria pub, and O'Malley's, an Irish bar next door, ahead of the Three Lions first group game of Euro 2016 against Russia today.

The ultras posted messages on social media saying: 'Welcome to Marseille, England fans.'

A group of England fans chanted: 'ISIS, where are you?'

Marseille is a port city with a strong Islamic community and Muslims make up around a third of the population.

Two England fans have been arrested, one for assaulting a barman and the other for violent disorder.

On Thursday night there was conflicting reports of what sparked the clashes in the southern French city.

"They were baiting us, and then attacked," said one fan from Leeds, who asked to be named only as Simon.

"None of the England fans were doing anything wrong - a few of us had a bit much to drink, but that was all."

"Suddenly a French gang appeared and started attacking us, and throwing stuff. We had to defend ourselves, and then the police showed up." Others spoke of their fear as they were targeted by youths brandishing makeshift weapons, and shouting 'Get the English'. Chris Lord, another England fan from London, said: "This was a really nasty attack. The gang knew exactly where we were, and clearly wanted to hurt us." *Daily Mail*

Mother reunited with son abducted in 1995

LOS ANGELES - A California mother was reunited on Thursday with her abducted son, laying eyes on him and wrapping her arms around him for the first time in 21 years.

Maria Mancia had been left with just a single photo of her son since his father took him in 1995. The boy she last saw when he was just 18 months old is now a man.

Steve Hernandez, 22, was found living in Puebla, Mexico, and on Thursday morning was brought to the US to meet his mother for an emotional reunion.

"This anguish I've carried is gone now that I have my son back," Mancia told KABC-TV. "I spent 21 years looking for him not knowing anything."

The San Bernardino County

District Attorney's Child



RE-UNITED: Christopher Lee San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office. (*Daily Mail*)

Abduction Unit had been looking for Hernandez through the years, searching for him in several states.

Investigators then received a strong tip in February that

he was in Mexico. The father, Valentin Hernandez, is missing and believed to be dead, authorities said.

Investigator Karen Cragg, who led the search, said they had to approach Steve Hernandez delicately.

"We used a ruse to contact him. We told him we were investigating his father and needed his DNA to help locate his father," Cragg told The Associated Press on Thursday. "We didn't want to scare him off. We weren't sure what the circumstances were down there. We had to tread very carefully."

The two parents and their toddler boy had been living in Rancho Cucamonga, California, in 1995. The parents were having relationship struggles.

Daily Mail



HANDSOME: An Australian stallion is challenging America's Frederik the Great (inset) as the world's most handsome horse. Kai (pictured left) is considered the 'king' of the Friesian stallions in Tasmania and even has his own Facebook fan page. His owner insists he's no one-trick pony either - as Kai is a regular in dressage competitions as well as performing stud duties. (*Daily Mail*)

BRIEFS

Migrants face Ramadan challenge

SCHISTO - Muslim migrants in Greece are facing a tough time in a refugee camp that houses 1 700 of all ages. Previously a disused army base in Athens's industrial zone, Schisto has about 700 who are fasting. Expecting twins in a few months, Shahnaz Sadat is not obliged to fast for Ramadan, but stuck in the migrant camp, she'd be hard put to even if she wanted to. "Every night, every time the food is potato. But we can't eat it," said the 22-year-old, who is four months pregnant.

'Lenient' judge gets death threats

LOS ANGELES - California Attorney General Kamala Harris, the top vote-getter in the state's US Senate primary, has joined the criticism of a six-month jail sentence given to a former Stanford University swimmer convicted of sexually assaulting an unconscious woman. Harris, speaking to reporters in the San Francisco Bay area on Wednesday, said she was concerned the "victim's voice was not heard" at the trial. "It was not respected, and she was not given dignity in the process," said Harris, a Democrat, according to video from a local television station. *eNCA*

Clinton trolls Trump on Twitter

WASHINGTON - "Delete your account," Hillary Clinton's snarky tweet to her White House rival Donald Trump was among the funniest of the campaign. Almost as funny as it was awkward. The message by the 68-year-old former secretary of state - actually written by a young staffer, a Clinton aide told AFP - was in response to the latest broadside by Trump, who had commented on how "Obama just endorsed Crooked Hillary".



MH370 search: New debris found

CANBERRA - The Australian authorities will investigate if debris washed up on a South Australian beach belongs to missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370, media reports said. South Australian police have collected a piece of wreckage slightly larger than a shoebox after a man searching for driftwood on Kangaroo Island, 100km from Adelaide, came across the debris. *iol*

'Waste turned to stone'

UNITED KINGDOM - Scientists think they have found a smart way to constrain carbon dioxide emissions - just turn them to stone. The researchers report an experiment in Iceland where they have pumped CO2 and water underground into volcanic rock. Reactions with the minerals in the deep basalts convert the carbon dioxide to a stable, immobile chalky solid. Even more encouraging, the team writes in *Science* magazine, is the speed at which this process occurs: on the order of months. *iol*

England face Russia test in opener

PARIS - England and Russia are the big beasts of Group B and, though each would love a winning start when they meet today, the fear of losing could well become all-pervading and lead to a cagey encounter.

With games against Wales and Slovakia to come, and the potential for three teams to qualify with two guaranteed, a point at the Velodrome might look a very useful result in a couple of weeks.

England, on the back of winning all 10 qualifiers, not to mention a rare victory in Germany in a friendly, start favourites and will expect to make the running in front of a 60 000 crowd that will be predominantly behind them.

However, despite that great run of form, England are anything but a settled side as Roy Hodgson struggles with the question of how to shoe-horn his form players into an established system.

Strikers

Strikers Jamie Vardy, fresh from leading Leicester City to the most unlikely Premier League title, and Harry Kane, the Premier League's top scorer, seemingly demand selection.

But Hodgson is adamant Wayne Rooney, the captain and most experienced squad member, should get a starting berth, leaving the coach experimenting with his attacking options right up to the last minute.

At least he is picking from strength in that regard as his, and England's more pressing concern is in central defence where any combination of Gary Cahill, Chris Smalling and John Stones has looked vulnerable and remains England's Achilles heel. England have not lost in 90 or 120 minutes in 22 Euro matches in finals and qualifiers, going back to a 3-2 defeat by Croatia in November 2007.

The impressive statistics are skewed, however, as they lost on penalties to Italy in the 2012 quarter-finals and failed to qualify in 2008. Russia reached the semi-finals that year with a side full of passion and pace but they were disappointing in 2012 and in the 2014 World Cup and the current crop are not a group to have fans on the edge of their seats.

Risks

They are, however, a well-organised and technically adept squad and coach Leonid Slutsky has quickly developed a strong team spirit since taking over from Fabio Capello last August. He has, however, been forced to change his plans somewhat after injuries ruled midfielders Alan Dzagoev and, after last week's 1-1 draw with Serbia, Igor Denisov out of the tournament. With that to deal with and winnable games on the horizon, Russia are unlikely to take too many risks on Saturday, leaving it up to England to decide whether to open up in all-out pursuit of victory or indulge in 90 minutes of cautious chess. *Daily Mail*

FIXTURES

EURO 2016		
Today		
Albania	v Switzerland	15:00
Wales	v Slovakia	18:00
England	v Russia	21:00
Tomorrow		
Turkey	v Croatia	15:00
Poland	v Northern Ireland	18:00
Germany	v Ukraine	21:00
Copa America		
Chile	v Bolivia	01:00
Argentina	v Panama	03:30
Tomorrow		
USA	v Paraguay	01:00
Colombia	v Costa Rica	03:00

PSG HOPE TO SIGN STAR NEYMAR

BARCELONA - Paris Saint-Germain are hopeful that they can sign Barcelona superstar Neymar.

The French club are considering activating his £153million release clause in what would be the blockbuster signing of the summer and make him the world's most expensive player.

PSG are preparing for life without Zlatan Ibrahimovic next season and sources in France have

said that Neymar, previously linked with Manchester United, is seen as a high-profile replacement. United are sure to show interest too, but the UK tax laws will impact on landing him.

That is a long way off what Lionel Messi is paid, with his Barcelona team-mate said to be on more than £250 000 after tax.

Neymar's agent, Wagner Ribeiro, previously admitted to French newspaper L'Equipe that

they would show an interest if PSG were prepared to buy him out of his contract.

"If PSG show an interest in Neymar, we can discuss it," Ribeiro said.

"A contract can also be terminated provided that the release clause is paid.

"It's huge. €193m (£155m). But I don't think that would be an insurmountable problem for

Ribeiro also admitted the lure of

living in Paris could be too good to turn down.

"He feels good in Barcelona, he's loved over there, and he's playing for the best team in the world," Ribeiro said. "It's no small feat to impose yourself at such an enormous club.

"But the prospect of living in a city like Paris and to play for a club like PSG - that's also a dream for every player."

Daily Mail

Suarez goes into another meltdown as he punches dugout

URUGUAY - Luis Suarez slammed his fist into the perspex wall of Uruguay's substitutes bench in a fit of rage. He wasn't playing in the shock defeat by Venezuela that knocked his team out of the Copa America Centenario but, of course, it was all about him.

Salomon Rondon's first-half goal did the damage and as Uruguay fought to salvage the game and their tournament, Suarez prepared himself for action, determined to be their saviour.

The striker taped his ankles and warmed up, with Uruguay's fans roaring him on, but when coach Oscar Tabarez started making substitutions, Suarez's No 9 was not called.

First came Diego Rolan, then Nicolas Lodeiro and finally Matias Corujo, with Suarez becoming increasingly

agitated on the bench. After all three substitutions were made, the striker ripped off his bib, stalked over to his coach to shout at him and hit out at the bench.

But Suarez was unavailable to play the whole time. Listed as injured and not on the official teamsheet as a substitute, there was no chance he could have been brought on to help his side.

At first it seemed he was warming up to get the fans going, to try and put Venezuela at a psychological disadvantage, with defenders perhaps wondering if he was going to come on or why he was even out there warming up at all.

However, his reaction afterwards seemed to imply that he genuinely thought there was a chance he could make a difference.

Tabarez said after the game: "Suarez is not ready to play yet, that's a matter for the doctors. However much he might get annoyed - and

he didn't tell me anything - I'm not going to play a player who is not 100 per cent."

Suarez, for his part, stormed off towards the team coach, clearly still angry about his team's impending elimination.

It was a strange story in the second half that almost overshadowed what was a nail-biting 45 minutes, as the scrappy first half gave way to a frantic second.

And despite the Suarez sideshow, it can't be overlooked how poor Edinson Cavani was up front for Uruguay.

The striker had three glorious chances and a few trickier ones, and they all went begging. In the 15th minute he kicked thin air instead of the ball. In the 32nd he made fractional contact with Gaston Ramirez's fine free-kick and the ball clipped the outside of the post.

And then, with the game hurtling towards its denouement, the ball broke to him in the box after some clever interplay in the build-up. Cavani looked up. Glory beckoned. But he curled his strike wide of the far post.

Venezuela's goal came in bizarre but brilliant fashion. Alejandro Guerra launched an effort at goal from over 50 yards out, which Muslera did well to tip onto his crossbar.

Unfortunately for the goalkeeper, Salomon Rondon was following up, like all good strikers should, and gleefully fired the rebound home. *Daily Mail*

Divided loyalties as Swiss face Albania

PARIS - Switzerland may get a taste of their own medicine today when they meet an Albania side featuring several players who benefited from the highly-acclaimed Swiss youth set-up.

Loyalties will be divided in a fascinating Group A clash which, for the first time in the European Championship, will have brothers on opposing sides in Granit and Taulant Xhaka.

Both are of Albanian heritage and were born in Basel but Granit will line up for Switzerland and older brother Taulant, provided he recovers from a thigh injury, for their opponents.

In all, nine members of Albania's 23-man squad had the right to play for Switzerland, and six members of the Swiss squad could have opted for Albania.

Switzerland accepted tens of thousands of Kosovar Albanians who fled the Balkan wars in the 1990s following the breakup of the former Yugoslavia.

The Swiss football federation (SFV) actively tapped into the potential offered by the second-generation immigrants, recruiting them to its widely-acclaimed youth development programmes.

Daily Mail

Wales may need 'Plan B' vs Slovakia

FRANCE - Wales must find a way of avoiding over dependence on Gareth Bale if they are to make progress at their first major international tournament for 58 years, starting with Saturday's opening Group B match against Slovakia.

Not since John Charles, a world-class performer at centre-half and centre-forward in Serie A six decades ago, have they relied so much on one player.

When 'Gentle Giant' Charles missed the 1958 World Cup quarter-final against Brazil, Wales still performed creditably but lost 1-0 to the eventual champions. The current squad have shown little signs of similar resilience without their one genuine class player Bale, who cost a

world record £85 million when Real Madrid signed him from Tottenham Hotspur three years ago. Operating just behind the main striker, Bale scored seven of the 11 goals that enabled Wales to finish runners-up to Belgium in their qualifying group. On Thursday, Bale was adamant that Wales were "never a one-man team", adding: "For us, it's a squad thing. We're 'Together Stronger'....we don't just say it for no reason."

Yet those who believe Wales are totally reliant on their totem can point to how they have fared without him in subsequent friendlies, of which he has played only half an hour in total.

They lost three and drew the other one at home to Northern



TRAINING: Wales players during a training session.

Ireland only through a late penalty. Former captain Kevin Ratcliffe said this week that Wales need a 'Plan B' -- and he did not mean 'B' for Bale. Lacking a main striker of genuine international quality, coach Chris

Coleman knows his side must rely on midfield support as well as a normally reliable defence that looked less impressive in the final warm-up game -- a 3-0 defeat by Sweden.

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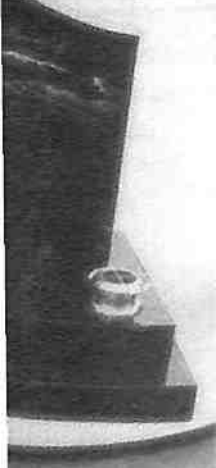
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The general public is notified that the rehabilitation of the road pavement section inbound Manzini from kaKhoza to the Nazarene traffic lights will be closed to traffic on Saturday 11 June 2016 as the Contractor will be applying the final asphalt layer on the road.

Traffic will be re-directed and accommodated on a one way route along the kaKhoza bypass - Sobhuza Clinic route as shown on the drawing below.

The public is also informed that there will be another road closure on Sunday 12th June 2016, outbound Manzini from the Nazarene traffic lights to kaKhoza as a result of the continuous works on the road.

Motorists are encouraged to use alternative routes where possible, exercise extreme caution and cooperate with signs and signals as shall be provided.

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INBOUND MANZINI (KAKHOZA TO NAZARENE)



OUTBOUND MANZINI (NAZARENE TO KAKHOZA)



ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP

DE GEA EXPECTS GOOD TIMES WITH MOURINHO

MANCHESTER - Jose Mourinho's arrival at Manchester United will put the 20-times English champions back where they belong, goalkeeper David de Gea says.

The Portuguese coach replaced Louis van Gaal last month after United finished fifth in the Premier League to miss out on Champions League football for the second time in three seasons.

"I think United needed a coach like him - a winning coach with personality," De Gea told Spain's Cadena Ser radio.

"United's decision to sign Mourinho is the right move."

Spaniard De Gea moved to United from Atletico Madrid in 2011 and won the Premier League in the

2012-13 campaign, Alex Ferguson's last season in charge before he retired.

Successor David Moyes lasted just 10 months before he was sacked while Van Gaal enjoyed more success in his two seasons, qualifying once for the Champions League and winning the FA Cup last month against Crystal Palace.

Yet there was general discontent at Old

Trafford with their style of play and failure to mount a title challenge.

De Gea said United had to be challenging for the top prizes.

"I arrived at United to win titles; it's true that in the past two years we haven't been at the level that this club deserves, but we hope with the coaching change, we can return United to the top," he said.

Mourinho won three Premier League titles in two spells at Chelsea and also won league titles at Porto, Inter Milan and Real Madrid as well as the Champions League with Inter.

De Gea came close to joining Real Madrid last summer, but the Spaniard says he is happy at Old Trafford now. *Supersport*

HOPEFUL: David De Gea. (AP)

Everton **extend** Gibson's contract

CAPE TOWN - Darron Gibson has signed a contract extension with Everton that will keep him at Goodison Park until 2018, the Premier League club announced.

Appearances

Injuries restricted the 28-year-old Ireland international to 11 appearances in all competitions for Everton last sea-

son, and he has also missed out on representing his country at the European Championship this month.

Everton sacked manager Roberto Martinez in the penultimate week of last season and are poised to announce Dutchman Ronald Koeman as their new coach, according to British media reports. Gibson said he had

chosen to stay despite other 'options'. "I am absolutely delighted," he told the club's website.

Options

"I had a few options but as long as Everton were giving me the option I was never going anywhere else."

Gibson joined Everton from Manchester United in January 2012. *Sport24.*

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Interested companies who have the necessary experience and capacity may obtain tender documents from the Purchasing Department at Simunye after paying a non-refundable amount of E500.00 at the Simunye Cash Office.

There will be a mandatory site meeting on Thursday, 16th June, 2016 starting at 10.00 am at the Mhlume Property Services Conference Room 1.

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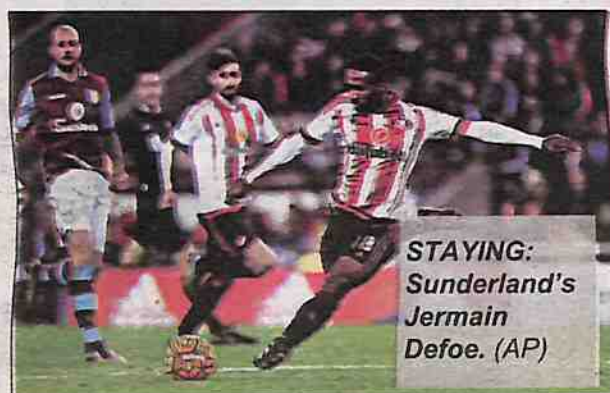
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Defoe extends contract at Sunderland

LONDON - Sunderland have extended the contract of Jermain Defoe to 2019 after the striker helped the Premier League club avoid the drop.

The 33-year-old, who joined Sunderland from Toronto FC in January last year, racked up 15 league goals last season as the club finished 17th in the league table.

"Jermain is one of the greatest goal-scorers in the history of the Premier League and is a player that every manager would want to have in their team," Manager Sam Allardyce



STAYING: Sunderland's Jermain Defoe. (AP)

told the club's website (www.safc.com).

"He proved that beyond doubt last season by scoring 15 league goals, he is in fantastic physical condition and we are very pleased

that we have been able to extend his stay with us."

Sunderland also extended the services of defender Patrick van Aanholt, who signed a new four-year deal at the club. *Supersport.*

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'Olympics will open doors for SA players'

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns winger Keagan Dolly is excited by the opportunities that will arise if South Africa's Under-23 side impresses at the Rio Olympics. South Africa kick-off their campaign against hosts Brazil on June 4 with games against Denmark and Iraq to follow.

Dolly believes a good showing at the Olympic Games will open doors to possible moves abroad for him and his teammates. The 23-year-old is excited by the prospect of performing on the world stage and has earmarked England and Spain as possible future destinations for himself.

"The Olympics will open lots of doors for us to go overseas because we know it is one of the biggest tournaments and everyone is going to be watching us," Dolly told reporters.

"For me personally I would like to go to Europe, preferably to Spain or England, but for now any team in Europe that wants me I'd take the opportunity to go."

The national under-23 skipper has long attracted European interest and bolstered his chances of a move abroad with a good run of form for club and country.

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Chiefs' target to miss CCL over contract uncertainty?

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns captain, Ramahlwe Mphahlele, could miss the upcoming CAF Champions League game as his future at the club remains uncertain.

Mphahlele has been the subject of plenty of speculation in recent weeks as it became apparent that there was a genuine chance of him leaving the club, with Kaizer Chiefs tabling a tempting offer to the 26-year-old.

The Siya crew has since reported that the player could be on the verge of committing to 'Amakhosi' as his contract draws close to its expiration, however, Sundowns may make a late offer to try and persuade their skipper to stick around.

With that in mind, Pitso Mosimane may choose to leave 'Rama' out of the Sundowns side that takes on ES Setif in the CCL next weekend if there has still been no confirmation of his future at Chloorkop.

The club's skipper played a vital role as they romped to the Absa Premiership and Telkom Knockout titles this season, yet there now seems to be a genuine chance that he could be on his way out of Masandawana. *Soccerladuma.*

MATHOHO SET FOR EUROPEAN MOVE

JOHANNESBURG - Chiefs have already released Morgan Gould while they have put Siyanda Xulu on the transfer list, and as things stand, they could lose Mathoho for free in July.

Bafana Bafana defender Erick Mathoho could soon leave Kaizer Chiefs for Europe, according to his agent Tim Sukazi.

In an interview with Power FM on Thursday, Sukazi shockingly revealed that 'Tower's' current contract with Amakhosi is expiring at the end of June.

This despite Chiefs announcing two years ago that Mathoho had signed a new two-year deal which was set to expire in June



SEEKING GREENER PASTURES: Eric Mathoho. 2017.

"As expected, Chiefs have said they want to engage with Mathoho but we are prioritising Europe now and we said we'll engage," Sukazi told Power FM.

Sukazi confirmed that he

has already held talks with an unnamed French team over the services of Mathoho for the upcoming season and that things are looking good for the lanky centre-back.

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Tinkler hoping Pirates will extend his contract

JOHANNESBURG - The former Bidvest Wits assistant coach is looking to extend his contract as the Pirates head coach heading into the 2016/17 season.

Orlando Pirates head coach Eric Tinkler remains hopeful that he will stay in charge of the team despite all the rumours flying around about the club looking to replace him.

Several coaches including Giovanni Solinas, Chris O'Loughlin and the late Stephen Keshi have been linked with the Pirates coaching job in recent times.

However, Tinkler has stated that he is only focused on returning for pre-season training as Bucs head coach at the beginning of next

month.

"I had a one-year contract with an option to sign for a further

July 4 and hopefully I will be taking

year.

"I'm still hoping to stay on. I enjoy my job at Pirates. It's a great club and I still have unfinished business," Tinkler said on Daily Sun.

"So I am hoping Pirates exercise their option, as I want to stay, but it's up to the management. It's a case of wait and see. I'm sure the situation will be clarified one way or the other soon."

"I am currently on holiday and until I hear anything to the contrary, I will keep planning for pre-season. We report back for training on

the first training session."

Pirates will take on their rivals Kaizer Chiefs in the sixth edition of the Carling Black Label Cup at the FNB Stadium on the 30th of July 2016.

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HOPEFUL: Eric Tinkler.

Da Gama backs Bafana Bafana strikers

JOHANNESBURG - Owen Da Gama believes South Africa has enough firepower to do well at the 2016 Cosafa Cup in Namibia, despite the late withdrawal from the squad of striker Lebo Mothiba.

Mothiba was withdrawn by his French side Lille, who have said he needs rest, and who are not obliged to release the player, because the Cosafa Cup does not fall on an official Fifa date.

Bafana will not be calling up a replacement for the 20-year-old striker and Da Gama said yesterday: "I think we have enough. We have got Thabiso Kutumela, who scored 18



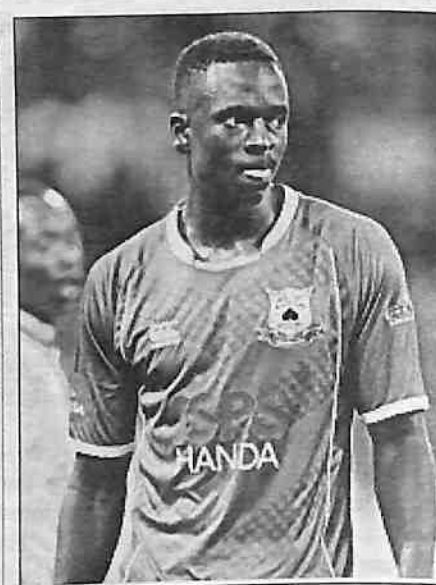
TO LEAD THE PACK: Thabiso Kutumela.

goals in the NFD this season, we have (MP Black Aces') Judas Mosemedi ... we have Theminkosi Lorche who was recalled by Orlando Pirates and played over 26 games for Cape Town All Stars this season, so it is looking very good.

"There is also Menzi Masuku, who might not

have had a lot of game time at Pirates but who has scored a lot of important goals for South Africa. He scored when we beat Tunisia in Senegal (in the Olympic qualifying tournament) ... he seems to come alive for the Under-23s, we have to give him a fair chance."

The Citizen



WANTED: Black Aces defender Limbikani Mzava is set to join Orlando Pirates.

Mzava said to join Pirates soon

JOHANNESBURG - Malawi defender Limbikani Mzava is close to signing for Orlando Pirates from Mpumalanga Black Aces.

According to Malawi's Nyasa Times, the new Mpumalanga Black Aces boss, John Comitis, has confirmed the transfer of defender Limbikani Mzava to Orlando Pirates.

The Malawian international is now expected to join Pirates before the start of next season.

Pirates are scouring the market, as they are aiming to strengthen their squad ahead of the new season.

Some names mentioned, who might don the black and white colours of Pirates next season, were: Thabiso Kutumela of Baroka FC; Mahlatse Makudubela from Platinum Stars; and Chippa United defender, James Okwuosa.

All three these players have received offers. However, none of the possible transfers have been confirmed by the club. *citizen.*

Siyanda Xulu gets overseas interest

JOHANNESBURG - Siyanda Xulu's large pay package could be a stumbling block to the transfer-listed Kaizer Chiefs defender finding another club in South Africa.

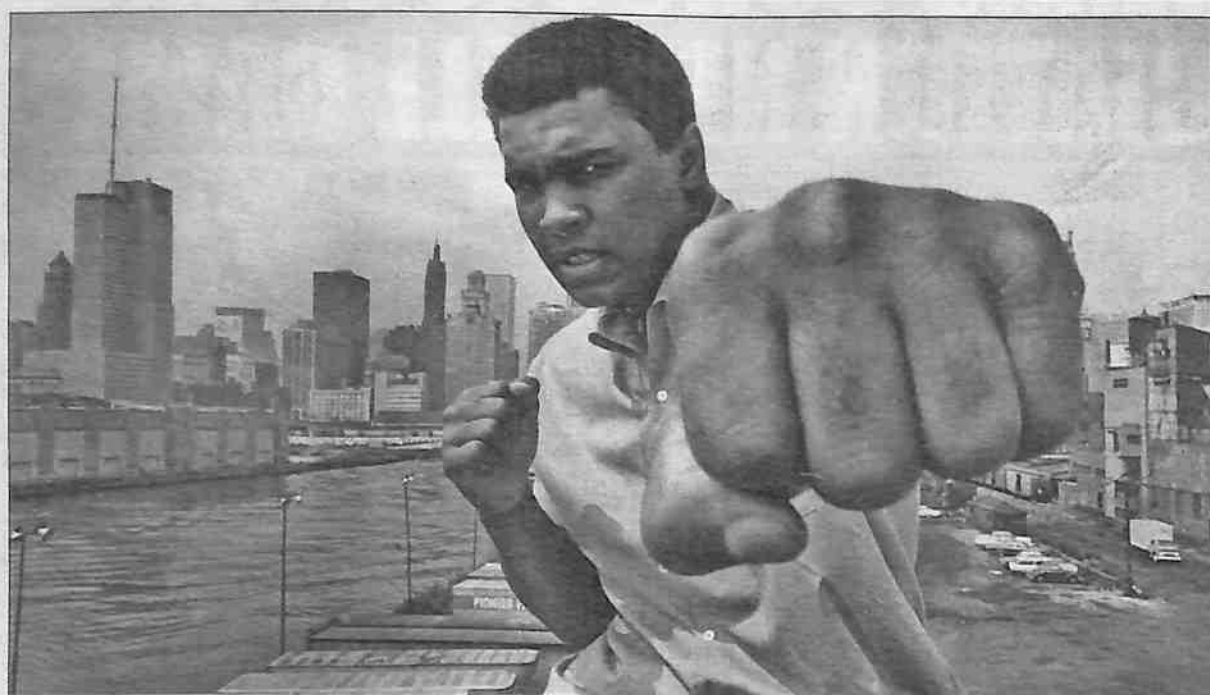
The Times has learnt that there has been overseas interest in Xulu, including from clubs in Belgium and Spain.

This might be the 24-year-old former FC Rostov and Mamelodi Sundowns centre-back's best option in finding a new club as few PSL teams are likely to be able to come close to matching the package he has at Chiefs.

Xulu has had a disappointing season at Amakhosi, arriving as a headline signing at the beginning of the campaign from a spell at Rostov.

He played five league games - four of them in the first half of the season - before fading into obscurity after he fell out of favour with Kaizer Chiefs coach Steve Komphela. *TimesLive*

A LEGEND IS HONOURED - MUHAMMAD ALI

SO QUICK, SO PRETTY,
SO UNIQUE, THE BEST

WASHINGTON - In 1978, DC comics put Superman into the ring with Muhammad Ali.

There was only ever going to be one winner. Superheroes, superhumans were Ali's sole contemporaries by then.

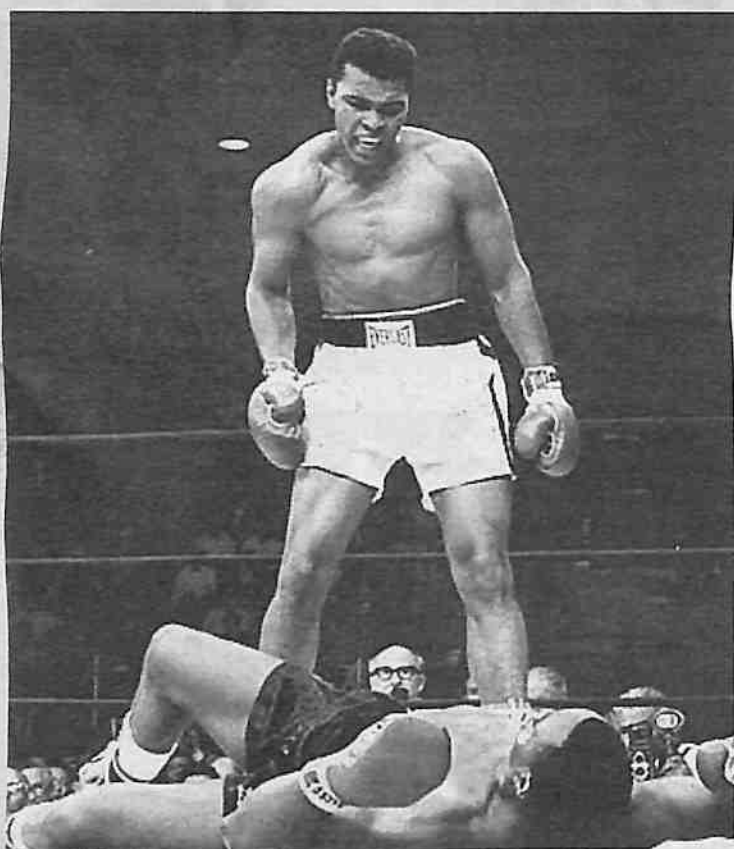
He beats Superman to a standstill, stops the fight himself to spare any more pain. Superman collapses at his feet. In the time between concept and publication Ali had lost the heavyweight championship of the world to Leon Spinks.

It did not matter. Like the mighty Superman, his legend, his myth, and for Ali his place in history, was long assured. Ali would later beat Spinks in the rematch to win his crown a third time, a feat that remains unequalled. In doing so, he became the athlete against whom all others would be measured. That title, at least, remains undisputed, even in death.

In the small hours of Saturday morning, the Louisville Lip trembled a final time, emitting a last breath. Parkinson's syndrome had long denied Ali the words that once tumbled out, by turn playful, witty, threatening, inspiring. Yet not even decades of shuffling, diminished living had tainted him in the public imagination. He was still 'The Greatest', he was still King of the World, the mantra he repeated in the ring after beating Sonny Liston in 1964.

Mismatch

The fight was considered such a mismatch that the boxing writer for The New York Times was asked to map out a route from the Miami arena to the local hospital, to better pursue the ambulance that would transport the challenger when it was over. Instead, Cassius Clay - as he was until the next day - came with a



style that transformed his sport.

So much is said of Ali the man, that the fighter is almost steered to the periphery. Yet to watch him against Liston that day was to see boxing altered as if by enchantment. Sugar Ray Robinson held his hands low and moved around the ring with a hooper's grace but in the heavyweight division Ali's speed and technique remain unsurpassed. 'Ali was the first 15 stone man to get up on his toes and dance around the ring,' said Barry McGuigan, but there was more to it than that.

Reflexes

His reading of a punch, the way he could move just far enough out of range, his lightning reflexes in retali-

ation, this was a new world. "He could run like a gazelle," recalled his trainer, Angelo Dundee, and in a world of sluggers his athleticism stood out.

Ali broke the rules. He had little time for working an opponent's upper torso - kill the body and the head will die, has long been a fight maxim - and retreated in straight lines, always alert to the danger. His awareness in the ring was second to none, as was his speed. Liston was a big man, and a big



REST IN PEACE: The legacy of Muhammad Ali will last forever amongst his fans.

hitter, but film of their meetings shows some of his blows missing by as much as two feet. Ali chooses not to parry his punches but simply avoid them, moving his body back or to the side, sometimes without even gloves for protection.

His epic fights came later, but the greatest years were early in his career, when Ali redefined the possibilities of the heavyweight division, when he didn't have to take punches and counter to win.

Rope-a-dope was a strategy designed to compensate for what had been lost in his enforced withdrawal from boxing: the sharpness in his legs; the flexibility of his frame. Before it, he could simply circle a helpless opponent, staying out of range, coming inside only to deliver the next cobra-like jab. Some found his style raw, almost untrained. In its way, it

was. Ali was writing his own laws for the fight game. He wasn't a novice, he

was an originator.

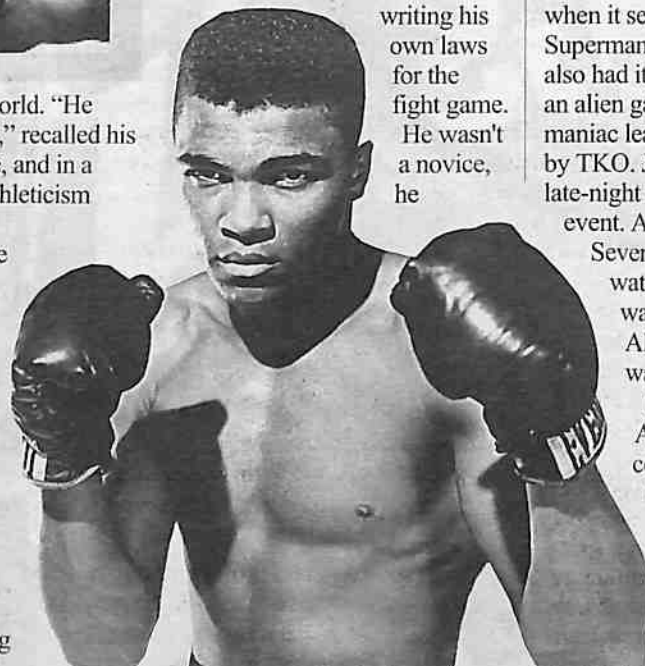
The ban from boxing for refusing the draft to Vietnam stole his sporting youth and deprived him of what may have been his peak years: early 1967 to late 1970. Between the age of 25 and 29, Ali fought four times. When he returned - slower, but no less brave or bold - it was to a succession of brutal confrontations that many still believe represent the pinnacle of boxing, and perhaps of the sport itself. Joe Frazier, Ken Norton, George Foreman: fights known by their tag lines - the 'Rumble in the Jungle', the 'Thrilla in Manila' - that bucked the modern trend by living up to the hype.

In Britain, tickets were sold for live showings in cinemas in the small hours, or for repeat viewings at friendlier times the next day. I was taken to one at Gants Hill Odeon, the images authentically exotic, the atmosphere electric. These were the days when it seemed Ali could fight Superman - or, as DC Comics also had it, Hun'ya, champion of an alien galaxy, run by the maniac leader Rat'lar - and win by TKO. Just his presence on a late-night talkshow was an event. As a child of the

Seventies, staying up to watch Match of the Day was a rare treat; to see Ali on Parkinson afterwards equally so.

Revisited, some of Ali's utterings in those conversations jar with modern sensibilities. "Every man loves a son who looks like himself," he tells Parkinson.

Daily Mail



SWAZILAND SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION NETBALL GAMES



BLOCK: A Lobamba defender blocks a scoring move by Ejubukweni GS.



MY BALL: St. Mary's Dolly Magagula dashes away with the ball in their U-17 category game against Lobamba. This was during the Swaziland Schools Sports Association netball games played at the Coronation Park in Mbabane yesterday. (Pics by Dumisani Mnyakeni).



OVER HERE: A player about to make a pass to her teammate.



GOAL: Ziyanda Dlamini of Lobamba scores against Ejubukweni in the Open Category. Lobamba won the game 46-19.



CAN'T PASS: Funile Dlamini of St. Mary's blocking her opponent from making a pass.



NO WAY: Funile Dlamini of St. Mary's.

WHERE ARE YOU: St. Marys Centre Nokwanda Sukati aims to pass the ball.

MNDZIMBA REGIONAL LEAGUE PRESENTATION



CHAMPS: Mdzimba Regional League Champions coach Mthulisi Ncongwane and Nkululeko Ncongwane accept the trophy from the sponsor, Hhukwini MP Saladine Magagula while HRFA vice-chairman Brilliant Motsa looks on. (Pics: Sanele Jele)



IT'S YOURS: B Division Champions Top Center F.C coach Bongumusa Nyamane displays the trophy with Hhukwini MP.



ATTENTIVE: The trophy on display while HRFA Vice chairman Brilliant Motsa listens.



WELL DONE: Timbungulu's Ben Khanyile receiving the runners-up prize from the sponsor while Motsa, Mdzimba Regional League chairman Mandla Ginindza and secretary Sifiso Gama smile for the lenses.



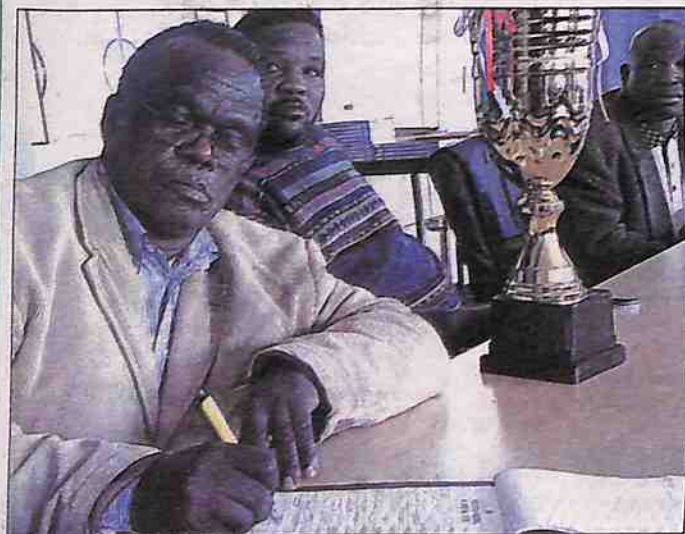
ATTENDED: The audience listening attentively.



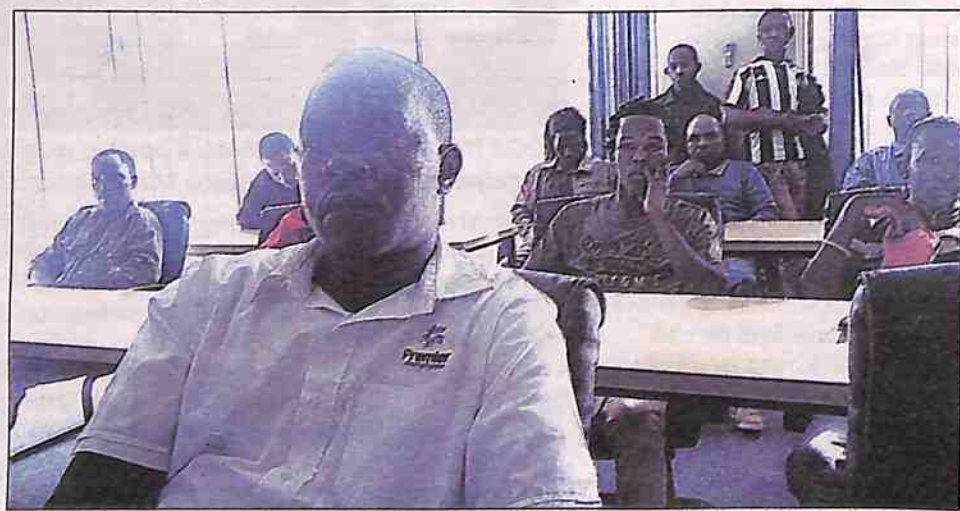
SMILES: HRFA Chairman Comfort Shongwe smiles as he shakes hands with Arsenal's Polcarp Nkambule while the MP hands over the prize money.



WITNESSED: Ginindza watching the proceedings.



(L) FOCUS: MP Magagula taking notes during the presentation.



(R) TEAM REPS: Some of the team representatives present during the ceremony.

SPORTS WOMEN



COSAFA CASTLE CUP:

Another Warriors Test for Sihlangu

Swaziland vs Zimbabwe
Sam Nujoma Stadium, 3pm

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - For the third time this year, Sihlangu Semnikati will be looking to record their first victory over Zimbabwe in 14 years, having last won against the Warriors back in 2002 in the COSAFA Cup, the very same competition the two countries are contesting in today in the opening game to be staged at Sam Nujoma Stadium in Windhoek.

Sihlangu will face an acid test when they come up against the Warriors who humiliated them 4-0 in the second leg of their AFCON qualifiers clash in Zimbabwe on Easter weekend in March.

The locals will be out to pay back to the Zimbabwean squad led by Danny Phiri as captain.

The Warriors and Sihlangu will get this year's edition of the COSAFA Castle Cup underway when they square off today in the first of a double header in the group stages at 3pm.

It will be the sixth time the two nations lock horns in the competition with each country having recorded double victories over



NATIONAL PRIDE: Sihlangu Semnikati will be looking to record their first victory over Zimbabwe in 14 years.

another and drawn a single match. This is between 1999 and 2003. Swaziland have been in good form in international competitions in recent months and for the head coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, the COSAFA Castle Cup is a chance to keep continuity and get more games under the team's belt. Even though Green Mamba skipper Phinda Dlamini, who has been in good form this season, has been dropped and midfielder Xolani Sibandze was excused as he is

understood to be writing examinations, veterans of the national team such as Felix Badenhorst, Wonder Nhleko and Tony Tsabedze will have another crack at the regional showpiece event staged in Namibia.

Squad

The country's only international star in Mthunzi Mkhontfo also didn't make it to Bulunga's squad to Namibia after being recalled by Congolese club AS Vita.

Mbabane Swallows goalkeeper

Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza is favourite to mend the poles today ahead of Young Buffaloes shot stopper Nhlanhla Gwebu.

Ginindza kept a clean sheet against Guinea in the Africa Cup of Nations qualifier against Guinea last weekend where Sihlangu triumphed 1-0 over the West African country.

The match will be broadcast live in SuperSport 4 for the benefit of those who couldn't make it to the host country to watch the games

live.

The Warriors are said to have suffered the ignominy of playing in the COSAFA Castle Cup preliminary stage following their sensational fall from grace in the last two years.

But the four-time COSAFA champions are on a revival mission which has just been put into perspective by their qualification for the African Cup of Nations in Gabon next year.

The COSAFA Castle Cup has been a preserve of mostly the home-based talent with Pasuwa seeking to use the competitions as a platform to identify and develop more talent.

Resisted

It is against this background that the Warriors coach resisted including some of the stars that featured for the team in AFCON qualifiers such as Khama Billiat, Knowledge Musona, Willard Katsande, Costa Nhamoinesu and other internationals despite many fans in Windhoek highly anticipating to watch them in action. Instead Jomo Cosmos forward Charlton Mashumba is the only foreign-based player in the squad with Pasuwa indicating he would want to use the COSAFA tournament to closely assess the former Eagles man.

Hosts and holders Namibia are not in action until the quarter-final stage as will be other seeded teams such as Zambia and South Africa.

'Swazi Bolt' in Germany preparing for Olympics

By Sabelo Majola

ATHLETICS - Swaziland sprinter, Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa, is in Germany in preparation for the up-coming Olympics games to be staged in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

With 55 days remaining before the competition gets underway, Matsenjwa left the country last week headed for Europe where he is getting professional guidance and practice in readiness for the Games.

Matsenjwa will be competing in the 100 and 200m, where he will be hoping to record a new personal best

record. The 24-year-old is Swaziland's fastest ever man owning national records in the 60m (07.04s), 100m (10.43s) and 200m (20.93s).

Athletics Association of Swaziland (AAS) Secretary, Thoba Mazibuko, confirmed the athletes' departure to Europe and said he would be back in the country next week.

"Matsenjwa is in good shape and he is currently in Germany where he is expected to compete in various competitions.

He is also expected to visit Australia whilst in Europe and even though it has not yet confirmed, would also compete there," he said.

Matsenjwa will leave for Brazil along with Phumlile Ndzinisa who holds the national record in 400m in the country. The Manzini Athletics Club (MAC) athlete ran 53.14 seconds during the Africa Games in Congo, Brazzaville, finishing fifth.

Ndzinisa is also Swaziland's national record holder in the 400m (53.95 seconds) attained at the London 2012 Olympic Games.

The 21-year-old also holds the 200m national record of 24.00 seconds, set at the Western Australia Athletics Club, where she was on scholarship courtesy of Australian Corporation ASCOT Capital.

Zithande draws inspiration for Comrades Marathon's success

By Sabelo Majola

ATHLETICS - Zithande Athletics Club have drawn inspiration from their Comrades Marathon success and are looking to maintain their good form in upcoming competitions.

Two of the club's athletes in Blessing Kunene and Ntokozo Mamba obtained silver medals during the world's oldest and largest ultra marathon run over a distance of approximately 90 km (56.1 miles) between the capital of the KwaZulu-Natal Province in South Africa, Pietermaritzburg, and the coastal city of Durban. The athletes finished after 6:55:51 and 7:18:01 hours, respectively. Multiple athletes from the club obtained the Bill Rowan award which is given to athletes who finish the marathon in less than nine hours. The club's coach, Nsizwa Thwala, said they were proud of their achievements



TOGETHER: Zithande athletes posing with their medals after participating in the Comrades Marathon in Durban last month.

and would ride on that wave through accumulating more positive results in both local and international competitions.

"After reaching our targets in the Comrades Marathon this year, it is game on in our 'self best' mission. We are hungry for better results hence the reason our top runners are already back on the road and working hard

every day in preparation for next competitions including the next Comrades Marathon. We are hoping to keep the same group of runners as they have accumulated enough experience that will see continuity. We are also hoping to attract potential sponsors as training for competitions like the Comrades comes with lots of expenses," he said.

Jazz, Imbumbwe clash in EML derby

By Sibusiso Masilela

BASKETBALL - The Mavuso Sports Centre will come to a standstill when defending champions, Mbabane Jazz, take on rivals Imbumbwe in the Swaziland National Basketball League encounter this afternoon.

This is a match certainly not be missed by the basketball fans as Jazz have recorded 100 percent in the current campaign and are currently sitting on the summit of the log with 10 points whilst Imbumbwe are fifth with

seven points. According to a fixture released by the League's Commissioner Melusi Hlophe, the game will kick-off at 3pm. This clash will be preceded by other interesting games pitting Pacers and Knicks at 9am which will be followed by Steels against Raptors while Cats have a date with Superstars at 1pm.

It is also going to be a do-or-die affair in the National Women League where Super Ladies will welcome Lady Jazz during the last match of the day to start at 5pm.



The full fixture				
Elite mens League				
Pacers	vs	Knicks		9am
Steels	vs	Raptors		11am
Cats	vs	Superstars		1pm
Jazz	vs	Imbumbwe		3pm
National Women League				
Super Ladies	vs	Lady Jazz		5pm

The log standings

Elite Mens League

TEAM	P	W	L	F	For (A)	Agst(B)	Diff	Avg(A/B)	Pts
1. Mbabane Jazz	5	5	0	0	482	400	76	1.205000	10
2. Superstars	5	3	2	0	348	325	23	1.070769	8
3. Cats	5	3	2	0	449	431	18	1.041763	8
4. Bosco Steels	5	3	2	0	400	387	13	1.033592	8
5. Imbumbwe	5	2	3	1	308	308	0	1.000000	7
6. Pacers	5	2	3	0	400	411	-11	0.973236	7
7. Raptors	5	2	3	0	398	418	-20	0.952153	7
8. Knicks	5	0	5	0	394	457	-63	0.862144	5

National Women League

TEAM	P	W	L	F	For (A)	Agst(B)	Diff	Avg(A/B)	Pts
1. Superladies	2	2	0	0	152	69	83	2.202899	4
2. Lady Jazz	2	1	1	0	115	74	41	1.554054	3
3. Griffiths	2	0	2	0	52	176	-124	0.380281	2

Pirates to retain 'Sputla'

Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – Premier League returnees, Moneni Pirates, are set to retain their coach Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane for next season.

It has been gathered that the team is happy with Zwane's contribution in

the team after helping the 'Sea Robbers' regain promotion to the elite league after finishing in second position in the National First Division.

A source within the team revealed that the coach would be given a one year renewable contract, a deal likely to be finalised before the end of next week.

"The team's authorities are happy with the coach's contribution and

have decided to continue with him even next season," said the source.

The team's Public Relations Officer, Thamie Dlamini, said they were still to meet and review the recently ended season when contacted on the matter.

"We are yet to meet and discuss all the reports then map a way forward for next season so it will be folly of me to commit myself on this issue, further," he said. Zwane helped the

2015 Swazi Bank champions regain their Premier League status after finishing second behind eventual champions Tumbuti FC.

The coach is expected to lead the 'Buccaneers' at Mayaluka Stadium in Big Bend, where they will take on a Lubombo pick team during the Emakholo Hardware final curtain raiser.

Chikuku, Chakwudi on Pirates transfer lists

SOCCER – Moneni Pirates foreign players Tawanda Chikuku and Peter Chakwudi have been put on transfer.

Information gathered by this publication is that Nigerian striker Chakwudi has been cleared back to capital city giants Mbabane Swallows as the loan agreement between the two sides came to an end on the May 31. Meanwhile former Manzini

Wanderers Zimbabwe born playmaker Chikuku has been handed his clearance to join a team of his choice next season.

Team PRO Thamie Dlamini said they were yet to release the list of their squad for next season.

"We are still to deal with such matters and release the list. It is true the loan agreement has come to an end but there is nothing formal that has reached my office," he said.

Mbabane Swallows CEO Sibusiso

Manana also confirmed the matter when sought.

"It is true the player has been recalled back to Mbabane Swallows as the deal with Moneni Pirates has expired," he said.

Moneni Pirates have also lost the services of left back Thabiso Gumbi who has joined Correctional Services side, Green Mamba.

OFFLOADED: Tawanda Chikuku.

RETAINED: Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane.



Sihlangu game to set our tone - Pasuwa

By Qondile Ntshane

SOCCER – Zimbabwean national team, Warriors coach, Callisto Pasuwa, believes their opening Group A clash against Swaziland will set the tone of their 2016 COSAFA Castle Cup campaign.

The two sides will lock horns in the opening game of the tournament scheduled for the Sam Nujoma Stadium in Windhoek, Namibia, this afternoon.

Information sourced from Zimbabwean publication, The Herald, states that Pasuwa said he was confident in the abilities of the squad he brought to the competition although it remains worryingly thin in attack due to the non-availability of some of the forwards such as Walter Musona and Michelle Katsvairo.

Brought

"Swaziland have brought basically the same team we played in the AFCON games and it must be noted that they are a very offensive side and we should not underestimate them.

We have made changes to our squad to infuse more Under-23 players and of course the locals we could get from the PSL clubs. So we would have to be our best and I think if we do well in that opening game, it will help these youngsters to quickly settle down before we play Seychelles and Madagascar."

"It is also important to always keep our shape in every game we play and in as much as there are high expectations that we could also win this Cup, we have to take it each game and see how far we progress," Pasuwa said.

Showpiece

Veterans of the national team such as Felix Badenhorst, Wonder Nhleko and Tony Tsabedze will have another crack at the regional showpiece event that is staged in Namibia from today to the 25th.

NFAS sends condolences to Stephen Keshi family, NFF

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER – The National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) has sent condolences to Stephen Okechukwu Keshi's family and the Nigerian Football Federation (NFF) following his demise on Wednesday.

NFAS President, Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa, said they were touched by the sad news that Keshi was late.

"As an association we were shocked to learn that the coach has passed on.

This is a loss, not only to the family and the Nigerian Football Federation, but to the African continent and the world at large.

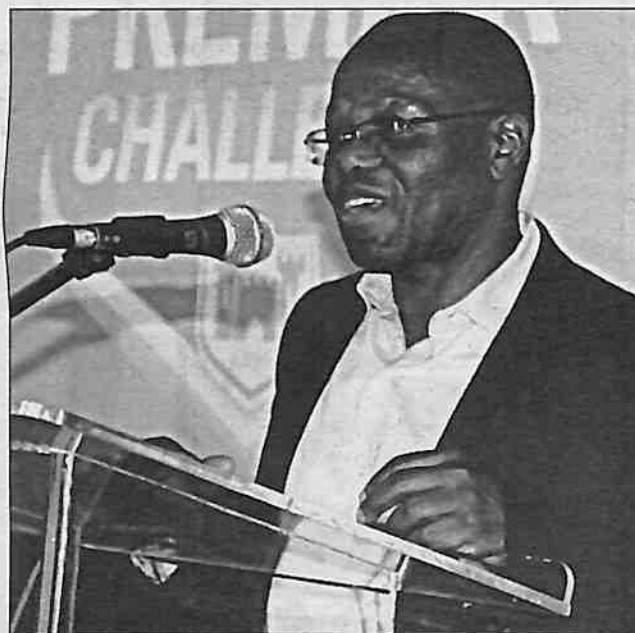
We have lost a legend in football. We send our heartfelt condolences to the NFF, his family and the football fraternity," Mthethwa said.

The president said football was one universal language which united the world.

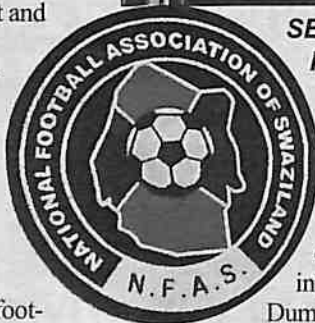
"In football we make relationship and eventually become one big family. This loss is a huge blow and his experience will be greatly missed in the football fraternity," he added.

Swaziland National Football Coaches Association Chairman, Anthony Mdluli, also shared the same sentiments.

"It is with great sadness that



SENDS CONDOLENCES: NFAS President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa.



Africa has lost two great coaches in Ted

Dumitru (SA) and Stephen Keshi (Nigeria). Both coaches have contributed immensely in the development of African football. Dumitru contributed greatly in the development of Swazi football. We have learnt valuable lessons from these experienced coaches," Mdluli said.

He said as coaches, they would always appreciate their great contribution to football. "May the Almighty God comfort his family, friends and relatives during

this dark hour," he said.

In his 44 months in charge of the Super Eagles, Keshi won the Africa Cup of Nations, qualified the team for the FIFA World Cup finals, led the team at the FIFA Confederations Cup and steered the team to the Round of 16 at the FIFA World Cup.

Before that, he had received global applause after leading tiny Togo to reach their first

FIFA World Cup, in 2006. He also coached the senior team of Mali.

E20 to watch COSAFA Cup

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – Supporters interested in watching the nation's pride Sihlangu live against Zimbabwe will have to part with E20 entrance fee.

This is according to information sourced from the regional mother body which states that each ticket will cost 20N, which is equivalent to E20.

The two sides will lock horns in the opening game of the tournament slated for the Sam Nujoma Stadium today starting at 3pm.

"Tickets for this prestigious tournament are on sale for N\$20 and can be purchased at all TN Mobile teleshops, the Namibian Football Association's Football House, the Freedom Land Mobile Police Station and Greewell Police Station," reads a COSAFA Cup statement released yesterday.

The Swazi squad will then take on Seychelles on Monday evening before ending their group matches against Madagascar next Wednesday.

Worth noting, the Harries Madze Bulunga-led charges will be meeting Madagascar for the second time in the same tournament after playing to a 2-all draw last year in South Africa, where the locals were denied a quarterfinals spot due to dubious refereeing from Zimbabwean referee Rusive Rusive, who was eventually disqualified from the tournament.

Sihlangu will be boosted by five Castle COSAFA Super Fans who will witness the game, courtesy of the sponsors of the tournament.

The fans are; Mbabane Highlanders' Sabelo Rasta Dlamini, Manzini Sundowns' Zinhe Mlambo, Young Buffaloes' Space Mabuza, Royal Leopard's Menzi 'Madlakadlaka' Dladla and Manzini Wanderers' Sidumo Ngwenya.



FIXTURES

TODAY

2016 COSAFA CUP

15:45 Zimbabwe v Swaziland

18:15 Seychelles v Madagascar

COPA AMERICA

01:00 Chile v Bolivia

03:30 Argentina v Panama

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

15:00 Albania v Switzerland

18:00 Wales v Slovakia

21:00 England v Russia

PROMOTION PLAY-OFFS

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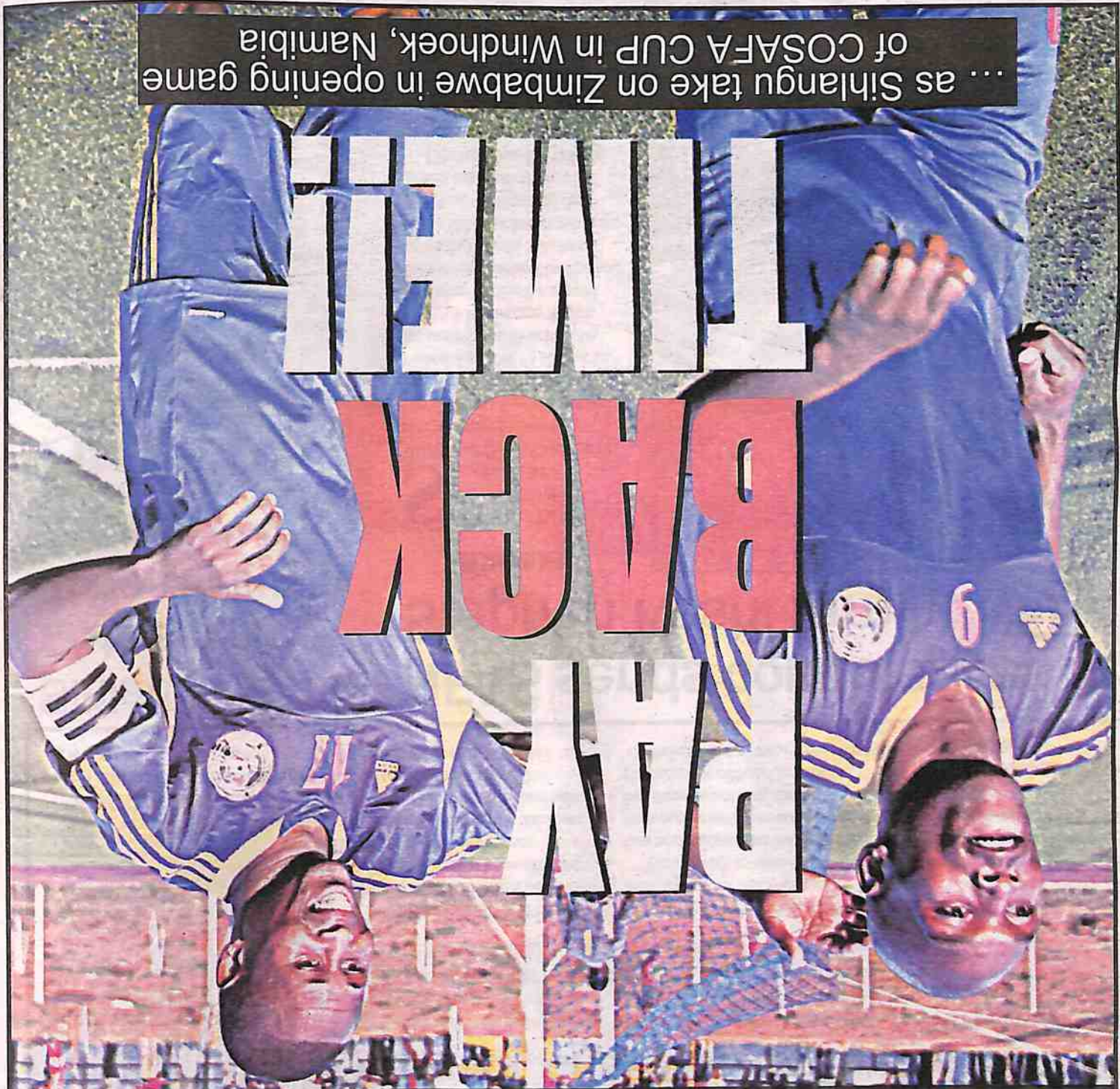
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