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## PRIME MINISTER OFF TO REPRESENT KING IN UGANDA

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Mbabane

**PRIME Minister Sibusiso Dlamini left the country for Uganda yesterday, where he will be representing His Majesty the King during President Yoweri**

**Museveni's swearing in tomorrow.**

The Prime Minister left for Kampala with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze through Ngwenya-Oshoek border for South Africa where they will connect through

OR Tambo International Airport and are expected to return home over the weekend.

Speaking to the media, ministers and senior government officials the PM thanked the people who came to see him off.

"We are leaving for Uganda, Kampala to represent His Majesty

King Mswati III during President Yoweri Museveni's presidential swearing in on Thursday and we hope to travel well," he said.

Museveni has been the President of Uganda since 1986 and will be again swearing in for his next term in the office in Kampala, the country's capital.



PM Sibusiso Dlamini.

## KING APPOINTS SIFISO KHUMALO DEPUTY AG

● Khumalo takes over from retired Sabelo Matsebula

Stories by Linda Jele  
Mbabane

**HIS Majesty King Mswati III has appointed Sifiso Khumalo as the deputy attorney general with immediate effect.**

The appointment was made on May 3, 2016, according to Legal Notice No. 83 of 2016. Khumalo, the idvuna of Ezulwini and also known as Mashampu was the principal crown counsel at the attorney general's office prior to the appointment.

He replaces Sabelo Matsebula, who left the position in December 2015 when he reached the mandatory retirement age of 60 years set for civil servants.

"In the exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Section 77 of the Constitution of Swaziland Act, 2005, I Mswati III, King and Ingwenyama of Swaziland, appoint Sifiso Mashampu Khumalo to be Deputy Attorney General of the Kingdom of Swaziland with immediate effect," read the gazette.

The position had been left vacant until Khumalo was appointed on an acting basis in the last two months.

Khumalo boasts of 13 years practice experience as an admitted attorney and

has handled a number of high profile cases for the state.

He was admitted to be legal practitioner in 2003 after serving as an articulated clerk. He worked under the attorney general's office and was appointed principal crown Counsel in 2009 until his new appointment. He possesses an LLB Degree and is currently pursuing a Masters in private law.

### Certificates

He also possesses various certificates in the field of law which included but not limited to a certificate in regulatory procedures attained from the centre for Parliamentary Studies in London and Construction Law.

He recently represented the state in a matter filed by the Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA), which wanted to set aside a process to purchase over 400 motor vehicles for different departments and ministries of government.

The agency argued that the process was in contravention of the Procurement Act of 2011 in that no open tendering was allowed.

However, Khumalo, on behalf of government, argued that the process was lawful and in line with the procurement regulations of 2008 since there were currently no regulations for the 2011



**NEW BROOM: Deputy Attorney General Sifiso Khumalo.**

Act. He also argued that government was in dire need of a new fleet.

He further submitted, before High Court Judge Muncy Dlamini, that the agency should first put its house in order and put in place the regulations.

### Favour

The High Court ruled in favour of government and directed that the tendering process should go ahead because it was lawful. Judge Dlamini said government correctly used the 2008 regulations in the absence of the procurement regulations for the 2011 Public Procurement Act.

He also represented government in the contentious case of Mkhondvo against Malangeni Dlamini, who had been accused of taking the former's herd of cattle on suspicion that he had stolen some cows belonging to the King. Dlamini sent armed police officers to Maseko's kraal and they took the cattle.

This case formed part of the basis in

## ...Bayethe - Mashampu

**NEWLY appointed Deputy Attorney General Sifiso Khumalo has expressed gratitude to the King for the appointment.**

He said he had not been expecting to fill the position and said he was thankful to the King for having faith in him.

"All I can say is; Bayethe Wena Waphakathi. I thank His Majesty the King for having faith that I can execute the task. I am humbled by the appointment, especially because I was not expecting it. I hope to rise to the occasion," Khumalo said.

Khumalo also thank God, without whom he wouldn't have been considered for the position.

"We thank God for giving us

life and for His blessings and I forever look forward to His guidance as I execute the duties of my new office."

He said, to him, the appointment was as good as a challenge and his character was one that never shied away from challenges.

Asked on what to expect from him in the position, he said he would work to strengthen and improve the office's administration.

"We would be happy to get more posts for staff and continue to represent government and the taxpayer well by ensuring that our legal opinions are spot on and the bill government pays for suits is reduced," Khumalo said.

which former Chief Justice Michael Ramodibedi charged and fired Judge Thomas Masuku from the bench of the High Court.

Ramodibedi had accused Judge Masuku of insulting the head of State for using a term 'forked tongue'.

Masuku had ruled that it was unlawful for Malangeni Dlamini to seize the cattle without a court order and ruled in favour of Maseko.

Khumalo represented government at the Supreme Court to appeal the judgment and won.

He also represented government in the case with fire-fighters, who were demanding payment of overtime. The courts ruled in favour of government and millions of emalangenis were saved.

He is the current head of litigation in the Swazi Observer Board of Directors, is serving his second term in the Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Medical and Dental Council of Swaziland and resigned from the Board of the Swaziland National Youth Council.

## Nude MP, judicial officer story was true - Times lawyer

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**LAWYERS representing The Times of Swaziland (PTY) LTD, Managing Editor Martin Dlamini and former reporter Mbongeni Ndlela argue that the article in which Matsanjeni North MP Phila Buthelezi and a judicial officer Cebile Ngwenya were reported to have been found in bed was accurate and of public interest.**

The Times of Swaziland is co-charged with Zwemart (PTY) LTD, a private investigation company and its employees with house breaking, robbery and crimen injuria.

The Times is facing two counts of defamation while Zwemart investigators face 10 counts of crimen injuria, robbery, house breaking with intent to commit the crime of crimen injuria, malicious damage to property, defamation and contravening the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act.

The charges faced by The Times state that (on counts eight and nine); the accused persons, either one or all of them, acting in furtherance of a common purpose, did wrongfully and



**CITED: MP Phila Buthelezi and Cebile Ngwenya.**

unlawfully publish on the national newspaper articles and photographs of Cebile Ngwenya, an assistant master of the High Court and Phila Buthelezi, a member of parliament while in their bedroom. When the charge sheet was read to the accused persons, they pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

It was at the moment that the crown called witnesses to prove commission of the crimes and Attorney B. Gamedze, who is representing The Times, made an application of a special plea before the court.

Gamedze said the defence counsel

was of the view that the prosecution should have stated in the charge sheet as to which part or statement on the article was defamatory.

Gamedze substantiated his argument by bringing forth the written statements that were made by the complainants at the police station.

The attorney said according to the statements, both complainants confirmed that they were indeed found in bed by the investigators.

Gamedze said according to the complainants' statements, the article was true and accurate. He said for this reason, the prosecution must, therefore single out the statements that are said to be defamatory in the article.

However, Crown Counsel Patrick Mkhathshwa said the whole articles published by the newspaper on the matter before court was defamatory.

Mkhathshwa argued that there was no consent by the complainants to have their photographs and their purported activity in the bedroom published.

The matter, which is before Principal Magistrate Dumsani Magagula, was then postponed to May 31, 2016.

## ATUSWA FINALLY REGISTERED

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**THE Amalgamated Trade Unions of Swaziland (ATUSWA) is finally registered as a requirement of meeting the ILO benchmarks.**

ILO stands for International Labour Organisations. It is a world organisation that is responsible for taking care of the welfare of workers in the countries that are members of the United Nations (UN).

The registration was done on Monday and they got their registration certificate at the ministry of labour and social security yesterday.

This was revealed by Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula. Magagula is currently in Botswana for a conference that is held in preparation for the ILO conference.

The minister will present a progress report on the issues that were raised by ILO and. She would also make a report on the benchmarks set by the US for the country to reclaim Africa Growth and Opportunities Act (AGOA) status. The ILO conference will be



held in Geneva in Switzerland next month. Magagula said the registration of ATUSWA was a step in the right direction as far as meeting the ILO benchmarks was concerned.

She said this gave hope that the country would be able to regain the status of being able to trade in the AGOA programme.

She said the ministry of labour and social security had done all it had to do and now the ball was in the court of Parliament to make sure that it enacts legislations that would place the country in the right position to participate in the programme.

The legislations that are supposed to be enacted include the Public Order Bill, Police Bill, Correctional Services Bill and the amendment of Suppression of Terrorism Act.



# ORGANISATIONS FREE TO ASSEMBLY WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION

## COVER STORY

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**MINISTER of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Edgar Hillary has revealed that organisations are free to meet without obtaining permission for their gatherings.**

The minister said this during his presentation on the Public Order Bill at the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Info Pre-sessions held in Geneva yesterday.

Swaziland was making its second appearance at the UPR after it first did so in 2011.

Hillary told a gallery filled with representatives from 193 UN states that the Swaziland Government has done away with a clause requiring groups intending to meet to apply for permission seven days before they hold that particular gathering.

Hillary, however, revealed that the amended Bill was still in parliament and has been given a certificate of urgency.

However, it should be noted that the present Bill currently in parliament states "the convenor of a gathering shall as soon as possible but not later than seven days before the date of the intended gathering deliver by hand to the local authority written notice of the gathering, signed by the convenor, in accordance with the provi-

● This was revealed by Minister of Justice Edgar Hillary during his presentation on the Public Order Bill at the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Info Pre-sessions held in Geneva yesterday



**INDIFFERENT:** Participants listening attentively to the proceedings during the UPR pre-session live streaming at Mountain Inn. (Pic Gugu Simelane)

sions of this section and substantially in the form set out in Section 1".

This brought an uproar amongst the group of the civil society members who were watching the live streaming of the UPR Info Pre-sessions being screened at Mountain Inn Hotel courtesy of COSPE and LHRS.

Many are of the notion that they are supposed to obtain permission before holding a gathering.

Delivering his presentation, the minister mentioned that the Suppression of Terrorism Act has been amended and the Bill seeks to redefine the definition of terrorism.

"The intention behind the amendment of the two pieces of legislations is to be in line with the Constitution



**MY PIECE:** EU Ambassador Nicola Bellomo making his remarks.

of Swaziland.

"The legislature has already invited the public to comment on the piece of legislation and a number of organisations have already registered their concerns," he said.

## SWAZI TV TO OPEN GOSPEL CHANNEL

By Mbono Mdluli  
Ezulwini

**SWAZI TV will soon operate another channel as a result of the digital migration.**

The digital migration comes with an opportunity whereby many television channels can be opened.

They are 20 in total. Swazi TV will be operating some of them and it will be known as Swazi TV 2. The channel was opened for a short time during a demonstration on how to connect a set top box.

The demonstration was done by ministry of ICT engineer Sakhile Dlamini.

TV2 station will be broadcasting gospel programmes.

This was all shown yesterday during the Local Content Development Strategy workshop, which is currently held until tomorrow at Royal Swazi Convention Centre in Ezulwini.

The digital migration is an initiative driven by the ministry of information, communications and technology (ICT).

Ministry of ICT's Sibusiso Dube stated that digital migration had benefits like providing a

better picture quality and make dissemination of information effective. He said messages would also be directed to specific audiences.

Dube said the process of digital migration was being driven by the International Telecommunications Unions (ITU). This is a world organisation that regulates the telecommunications sector in the world. The digital migration process was started in 2004, four years before the ministry of ICT was established in 2008.

He said the union had three regions, which included region one. This region includes Africa, Europe and the Middle East.

### Deadline

This region, according to Dube, chose June 17, 2015 as a deadline. However, Dube said, the countries in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) chose December 2013 to migrate but could not because there were problems.

The deadline was then pushed to June 2015.

Again, the deadline was never met because there were no set-top boxes. It had to be pushed to December 31.

When that deadline came, history had to repeat itself as the deadline was never met again because there not enough suppliers of the set-top boxes.

There was also a problem of other countries in SADC that had not migrated. The problem then was that the country could not migrate and leave its neighbours behind. That is how the December 2016 deadline was set, which is outside the ITU mandate.

There were only four SADC countries that had migrated at that time. They included Mauritius, Namibia, Malawi and Tanzania.

Dube said reasons to migrate included the fact that the world had to change and Swaziland could not be left behind.

He said another reason was that spectrums were saved by the migration. In terms of progress, the country had already installed 16 transmitters around the country. Set-top boxes, Dube said, were there but still not readily available.

He said they had expected the private sector to get set-top boxes, but to date, they had not supplied these essential gadgets.

## ...Public Order Bill and Suppression of Terrorism Act unpopular

**EVEN after a lengthy presentation on the Suppression of Terrorism Act and the Public Order Bill, a lot of countries recommended the repealing of the legislations.**

It was said the legislations are an infringement to human rights and the freedom of expression. Countries like Algeria, Portugal and Latvia recommended that Swaziland upgrade on issues of freedom of expression and the right to assembly.

Angola recommended that the kingdom improves the prison establishment as well as overcrowding.

The minister responded by saying prisoners in Swaziland get three meals a day and in terms of overcrowding he said this was an international crisis. Countries like Argentina recommended the prohibition of traditional practices that put in jeopardy children with albinism.

Armenia recommended that the country have a transparent appointment of the judiciary system as well as of the armed forces.

Australia had concerns about issues of forced marriages which allow children less than 18 years

old to be forcefully wedded and issues of inheritance taken away from widows.

Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Lorraine Hlophe, responded by saying the constitution does not compel women to forcefully marry.

She further said the constitution allowed a woman to inherit her deceased's spouse property.

Czech Republic recommended that the country revise its constitution since it has a lot of human rights infringement clauses.

Kenya recommended that the country refrain from torturing suspects, guarantee of peaceful assembly, while Norway recommended that activists facing charges should have these withdrawn and trade unions be formally registered.

Norway further showed concern on the judiciary being subject to undue interference.

While Slovenia was concerned that the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill has not yet been enacted into law.

It also showed concerns on the issues of stigma and discrimination especially concerning persons living with HIV.

## SD commended for FPE at UPR

**THE Kingdom of Swaziland was yesterday commended on the implementation of the free primary education at the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Info Pre-sessions held in Geneva.**

This was revealed at the live streaming of the UPR pre-sessions where the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Edgar Hillary was making his presentation in front of the United Nations. The UPR Pre-sessions bring together Permanent Missions, National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to discuss the human rights situation of states one month prior to their

review at the UPR Working Group. The Pre-sessions offer permanent delegations the opportunity to be informed on the status of implementation of recommendations made during the previous review, while providing space for civil society to influence the process by lobbying several delegations at once.

After the minister made his presentation, members from all the states made their commendation and recommendations to Swaziland and most of them commended the country for free primary school education and the banning of corporal punishment in schools.



**ALL EARS:** A section union members that were in attendance.

## ...Recommends SD to consider FSE

**THOUGH Swaziland was commended for the rolling out of free primary education, some countries went on to recommend that the kingdom also implements free secondary school education.**

In its submissions to Swaziland, a representative from Armenia recommended that the free secondary education be implemented, since the enrolment at this level is low, with pupils dropping out due to various reasons.

Meanwhile Burkina Faso repre-

sentatives also recommended the removal of secondary education fees.

Making his replies, the minister highlighted to the members that the Swazi government pays for orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) education in secondary school and also for tertiary education.

"The rolling out of the FPE has eradicated illiteracy, enrolment at primary school has increased from 59 to 74 percent, as more children stay at school," he said.





**IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE:** Minister of Tourism Jabulani Mabuza meeting CNN's Richard Quest at the Tourism Indaba in Durban. Looking on are Deputy Tourism Minister of South Africa Tokozile Xasa, Tourism Minister Derek Hanekom and Seychelles Tourism Minister Alain St Ange. The Indaba started on Saturday ending on Monday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**WE ARE THE BEST:** Tobie Mayisela attending to customers at The George Hotel stand.

# TOURISM INDABA 2016



**PROUDLY SWAZI:** The activity at the Swaziland stand as various exhibitors attended to their clients.



**TAKING NOTE:** Akhona Fakudze of Sky World Travel and Tours attending to one of his clients.



**PRESENT:** Happy Valley's General Manager Luigi Rosi flanked by Siphwe Simelane and Peter Maseko at the hotel's stand.

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**FEEDBACK:** Minister Mabuza and the STA board getting a briefing from the STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini.



**APPRECIATING:** The minister joined by Maseko as they visited The George Hotel team at their stand.



# THROUGH THE LENSE



**MY VIEW:** Minister Mabuza being briefed by Miliswa Mamba of TransMagnific while STA CEO Eric Maseko looks on.



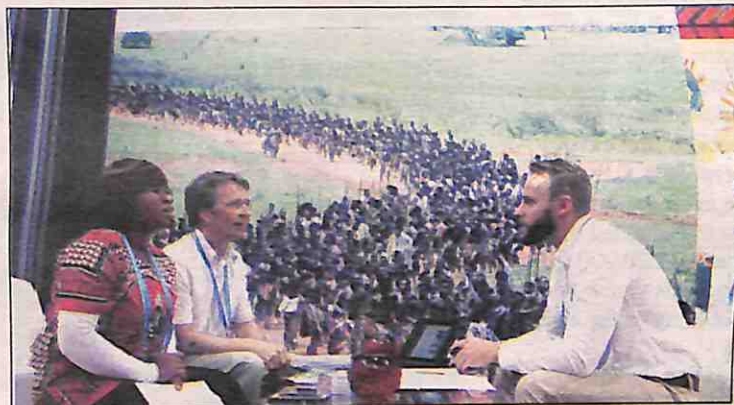
**I SEE:** Pigg's Peak General Manager Zacharia Dlamini in a conversation with Mpumalanga businessman Johannes Sibiya.



**EXPLAINING:** Darron Raw (l) of Swazi Trails hard at work.



**AT YOUR SERVICE:** Foresters Arms Hotel Director Ruth Buck attending to one of her clients.



**LISTENING:** STA Assistant Marketing Officer Chunky Mdluli-Dlamini and UK based Swazi promoter Ryan briefing a potential tourist to the country.



**ALL SMILES:** STA board member Riccardo Kruger sharing a light moment with Melusi Dlamini and Ann Reilly from Big Game Parks.



Swaziland Environment Authority

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**RE: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE ANAEROBIC DIGESTION BIOGAS RECOVERY PLANT AT USA DISTILLERS, BIG BEND, SWAZILAND**

A public notice is hereby published in terms of section 52 of the Environmental Management Act, 2002. USA Distillers has prepared an Environmental Audit report and formulated a Comprehensive Mitigation Plan (EA/CMP) for the proposed construction and operation of the Anaerobic Digestion Biogas Recovery Plant at USA Distillers, Big Bend, Swaziland.

The purpose of the study was to identify environmental impacts that are likely to emerge as a result of the proposed development so that measures are taken to mitigate negative environmental impacts and enhance positive ones. Copies of these reports are available in the following places:

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7. Manyonyaneni Farmers Training Centre
8. USA Distillers Offices

Interested and affected parties are requested to submit comments and/or objections as per the Environmental Audit, Assessment and Review Regulations, 2000. Written submissions should be directed to the Executive Director, Swaziland Environment Authority, P.O. Box 2602, Mbabane. Fax: 2404 1719 or email: [ceosec@sea.org.sz](mailto:ceosec@sea.org.sz)

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# May 17 D-day for suspended TSC boss

By Linda Jele  
High Court

**SUSPENDED Teaching Service Commission (TSC) Executive Secretary Mduduzi Nkambule will hear if he will escape scot free from the corruption charges he faces on May 17, 2016 (next Tuesday).**

High Court Judge Titus Mlangeni will deliver a ruling on Nkambule's application to be discharged and acquitted of the charges of contravening the Prevention of Corruption Act of 2006 in that he failed to disclose

his interest, in a meeting, where a decision to promote his wife Jabulile Patience Nkambule to the position of head teacher of Manzini Central Primary School was taken.

At the close of the crown's case, Nkambule filed an application in terms of Section 174 (4) of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act, which stipulates that if there is no evidence warranting conviction of the accused, the court may acquit and discharge the suspect.

Nkambule is represented by lawyer Ben J Simelane in the matter. It was argued that there was no evidence strong enough to convict Nkambule; therefore, he should be acquitted.

Yesterday, Judge Mlangeni was supposed to issue a ruling on the application, but he postponed it to next Tuesday, saying after he said he needed some papers to be filed by both attorneys.

The state is opposing the application.

The judge said the lawyers should file authorities on which they base their arguments. Nkambule was told that his lawyer would be informed of what would happen on Tuesday because the High Court was currently on recess. The judge said should he not be available on the day to deliver judgment, he would request the judge who would be on duty to deal with

urgent matters to hand it down on his behalf.

Nkambule was arrested by officers from the Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) in October 2013 and he was admitted to E5 000 bail.

He was, on December 16, 2013, suspended from work, as a result of the charge of contravening Section 27 (1) read with Section 35 (1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Section 27 (1) reads: "A member or employee of a public body commits an offence of corruption where that member or employee or an immediate member of the family of that member or employee has a direct or indirect interest in any company or undertaking with which that public body proposes to deal, or that member or employee has a personal interest, or votes or participates in the proceedings of that public body relating to that dealing or decision."

When he appeared before court yesterday, he was accompanied by family members. His bail was extended.

## Still no leads to kidnapped girl

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Mbabane

**PARENTS of the missing eight-year-old girl Nothando Fakudze are still going to bed with heavy hearts as their daughter has still not been found.**

Nothando was reportedly last seen in the company of a dreadlocked man about 10 days ago in Big Bend whilst she was playing with her friends in her yard at Hlanze Village. The man was seen walking with her towards the Bend Inn.

Police responded to the missing child by putting up a cash reward of E20 000 for any leads to the recovery of Nothando, but nothing has come up.

The police also staged an extensive search to find the little girl, but so far their efforts have been in vain, hence they are requesting for public's assistance to the extent of offering cash reward.

The girl is said to be one metre tall, slim and has a round face. She is said to have protruding teeth, she stammers when she talks and has small ears.

She was last seen wearing a black pair of jeans, striped T-shirt with a cat emblem, green and white school jersey and sandals, commonly known as *emabhova*.

Confirming the matter, Chief Police Information Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba said police, especially in the Lubombo region, were investigating the matter.

"Lubombo police are working around the clock to find the girl and the long arm of the law is about to close in on the suspect," Mamba warned. He added that the cash reward of E20 000 still stands for any leads that would help in the recovery of the eight-year-old girl.

He indicated that the identity of the person with such information would be treated with utmost confidentiality.

Any person with information on the disappearance of Nothando Dlamini can call Sabelo Dlamini - 7606 4025, Clement Sihlongonyane - 76126994,

Mandla Dlamini - 76146446, Khulani Mamba - 76062312, Phindile Vilakati - 76038524, or the police emergency line 999.

## SRA cited in non-payment of temporary teachers

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**THE issue of the non-pay of temporary teachers has taken another twist as the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) is now seemingly using the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) to stall payment of temporary teachers.**

The contract teachers have been made to work without pay for the past four months, causing several meetings to be held by the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) with the ministry of education in trying to find a solution to the already pressing situation.

At some point in time, SNAT met

with Ministry of Education Principal Secretary Pat Muir to discuss the payment of the temporary teachers.

During the meeting, the temporary teachers were promised to be paid by the end of last month.

But that was not to be as the teachers remained unpaid.

This prompted SNAT to march to the ministry of education to deliver a petition last Tuesday. They gave the ministry until last Friday to sort out the issue.

However, the teachers have still not been paid up to now. Another meeting between SNAT, the ministry of education and the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) was convened on Monday.

It transpired in that meeting that

## Land owner defrauded E280 000 by 'con' agent

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Mbabane

**A man posing as an estate agent allegedly defrauded an unsuspecting land owner over E280 000 in Manzini last month.**

Sandile Ntando Dlamini of Sidwashini in Mbabane is said to have defrauded Sandile Eugene Dlamini of his E281 844.41, which was the money the latter was supposed to be paid after selling his land situated at Ngwane Park with the help of the former.

It is said, however, after Sandile Ntando Dlamini (who was dealing with everything pertaining the sale of the property as he claimed to be an agent), entered the wrong account number in the papers and the bank that was dealing with the cash transactions called to alert him of such.

Instead of giving them the account number of the owner (Sandile Eugene Dlamini), Ntando gave them his.

This was confirmed by Inspector Mpendulo Dlamini, who is investigating the matter. He stated that after the property owner started questioning the bank about his money, it was then that they discovered the fraud.

"The bank quickly froze his account, which was over E60 000 less as he had already spent part of the money and a case was opened against him," he explained.

However, when the suspect was contacted after the case was opened by the complainant against him, his mobile phone was not available on the Swazi MTN network.

"The suspect is said to have called the property owner and introduced himself as a property agent, before setting up a meeting at his office, where the former gave him the go ahead to sell his property," Dlamini added.

Chief Police Information Officer Khulani Mamba also confirmed the matter, stating that police were looking for this man. "We also urge the public to alert the police of the whereabouts of this suspect," Mamba accentuated.

The remainder of the money from the suspect's account is said to have been returned to the complainant.



**CONMAN: Sandile Ntando Dlamini.**



**RE-ELECTED: Manzini Mayor Khethokuhle Dlamini (R) and Deputy Mayor Siphos Masuku during the voting process Monday at Manzini Municipal Council chambers. (Pic: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)**

## Khethokuhle re-elected Manzini Mayor

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**MAYOR Khethokuhle Dlamini has asked for unity among councillors of Manzini.**

The mayor was speaking during Monday's elections held at the Manzini Council chambers.

During the elections, Councillor Khethokuhle was re-elected back to his mayoral seat while Sandile Bhembe was replaced by Siphos Masuku as deputy mayor.

Speaking after the elections, Khethokuhle urged the councillors to ensure that they remain united because division would hinder development. He said quarrels would also hinder the councillors from executing their duties, which is serving the public.

The mayor stated that the councillors needed to sort out their differences, adding that a debate was not a bad thing, but the councillors must learn to have a positive debate.

He stated that his office was planning to engage its councillors on a training workshop that would help remind them about governance.

The mayor has now been elected for the second time into office.

He was nominated with Jewel Mamba for the mayor/chairperson position

## Jabu Shiba heads Internal Audit Committee

**JABU Shiba has been elected chairperson of the Internal Audit Committee.**

Shiba was elected during the Municipal Council of Manzini elections held at the council chambers on Monday.

Manzini Town Clerk Lungile Dlamini stated that this committee was not something new, but had been overlooked before.

Dlamini stated that the committee was appointed by council in terms of Section 19 of the Urban Government act of 1969.

According to the delegation of powers document, the committee has the task and mandate to regulate, manage and advise the municipality on internal audit matters with the restriction of approval and resolution on all matters. Dlamini stated that, therefore, in terms of governance, and finance an audit cannot be the same hence one cannot finance and audit himself.

while Bhembe declined to run for the position of deputy mayor.

During the voting process, Khethokuhle got seven votes while Mamba got five.





# MANZINI NEWS

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## Council Election And The Exciting Power of the Coin

■ Cllr Khethokuhle Dlamini re-elected Manzini Mayor, Cllr Masuku new Deputy Mayor

**D**ear reader. If you like politics you will surely read this article. In the history of political elections within the Municipal Council of Manzini it has never happened that a majority of the top positions would be determined by tossing of the coin. However, this happened for the very first time during the recent council inaugural meeting held at the council chamber on Monday evening. The purpose of the meeting was to elect a new mayor, deputy mayor as well as the various portfolio committees and their chairpersons. You will recall, dear reader, that the term of office for the mayor, deputy mayor and the committees is only one year.

This means within the five-year term of office for councillors the mayor, deputy mayor and committees are elected yearly. You will also recall, dear reader, that in terms of the Urban Government Act, 1969 the mayor, deputy mayor and committees are not elected by the electorate but the Councillors elect their preferred candidates from amongst themselves shortly after their election into Council.

As you will rightly recall, valued stakeholder, Manzini municipality has 12 councillors representing 12 municipal wards. What happened during the inaugural meeting on Monday is that, save for the election of the Mayor wherein Councillor Khethokuhle Dlamini was re-elected Manzini Mayor by a clean seven votes to five, the remainder of the election was decided by tossing of the coin subsequent to the

secret ballot resulting in a 6-6 tie in votes. Section 18.5.1 (g) (ii) of the Council Standing Orders partly reads: "...provided that where the ballot held to eliminate one of the candidates by ordinary majority results in an equality of votes, the candidate to be declared by the chairperson shall be decided by lot". First to win by tossing of the coin was new Deputy Mayor Councillor Siphosiphiso Masuku, who was contesting against Councillor Stephen Ntshalintshali. Masuku opted for the head side of the coin whilst Ntshalintshali preferred the tail. Finance Committee Chairperson, Councillor Sibusiso Lukhele, also won by tossing of the coin; beating Councillor Ayanda Sigudla. Same applied to new Public Works, Planning and Community Development Committee Chairperson Councillor Khanyisile Mamba, who preferred the tail and by so doing succeeded in beating Councillor Bongani Shongwe to the position.

The power of the E5 coin, which in all instances was rightfully tossed by Mayor Khethokuhle Dlamini, was also seen at play during the election of the Environmental Health and Social Welfare Committee Chairperson wherein Councillor Henry Kunene emerged the victor, beating Councillor Sandile Bhembe who had opted for the head side of the coin. Councillor Jabu Shiba was elected chairperson of the Audit Committee, beating Councillor Stephen Ntshalintshali – also by tossing of the coin. Attempts to solicit expert opinion from political analysts regarding the tie in votes proved futile at the time of going to press.

### The New Look Manzini Council

The following is how the Manzini Council looks like subsequent to Monday's inaugural elections;

#### HONOURABLE MAYOR

- Cllr Khethokuhle Dlamini  
(re-elected into position) - Ward 11

#### DEPUTY MAYOR

- Cllr Siphosiphiso Masuku (Ward 12)



#### FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE



**Chairperson**  
Cllr Sibusiso Lukhele  
(Ward 6)



**Member**  
Cllr Siphosiphiso Masuku  
(Ward 12)



**Member**  
Cllr Ayanda Sigudla  
(Ward 10)



**Member**  
Cllr Dumisani Gwebu  
(Ward 2)

#### PUBLIC WORKS, PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



**Chairperson**  
- Cllr Khanyisile Mamba  
(Ward 7)



**Member**  
- Cllr Bongani Shongwe  
(Ward 5)



**Member**  
- Cllr Jewel Mamba  
(Ward 4)



**Member**  
- Cllr Jabu Shiba  
(Ward 8)

#### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE COMMITTEE



**Chairperson**  
- Cllr Henry Kunene  
(Ward 9)



**Member**  
- Cllr Sandile Bhembe  
(Ward 1)



**Member**  
- Cllr Stephen Ntshalintshali  
(Ward 3)

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE

**Chairperson**  
**Members**

- Cllr Jabu Shiba  
- Cllr Khanyisile Mamba  
- Cllr Jewel Mamba  
- Cllr Stephen Ntshalintshali

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# King to open UNISWA's Crop Production Centre at Luyengo

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**HIS Majesty King Mswati III will on Friday open a state of the art National Crop Production Centre at Luyengo campus.**

In a press conference yesterday, at UNISWA Kwaluseni campus, University Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane stated that the state of the art structure features nine teaching labs, eight research labs,

eight technician offices, 27 staff offices and a library, among other features.

This is not the only building that will be opened by His Majesty on this special day.

## Launched

The Department of Consumer Sciences will be launched as a new Faculty of Consumer Sciences, resulting in two faculties in Luyengo Campus.

Simelane stated that the faculty would start operating as an independent faculty on July 1, 2016

but its launch would be on Friday.

He said the Department of Consumer Sciences had grown by its own rights in terms of student intake, the number of degree programmes on offer, staff numbers and structures.

## Enrolment

"The department offers four undergraduate degree programmes and a masters degree and its enrolment stands at 351 students hence the need for the faculty to start operating as an

independent faculty."

Other government funded buildings that will be officially opened by the King include a multi purpose hall which has a sitting capacity of 500 people.

Women who attend short training courses at Luyengo will now be able to be accommodated at a women's hostel that was built through funds from the government of Japan. This hostel is meant to empower communities in the much needed agricultural skills.

## Luyengo to produce safer, efficient seeds

WITH the country suffering from a severe drought due to a change in weather patterns, Luyengo Campus through its National Crop Production Centre, has come up with a solution of producing more safer and efficient seeds.

This was revealed by the University Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane, who stated that the NCPC would go a long way in assisting the agricultural sector by providing the right seeds for the nation according to the regions of the country. Simelane pointed out that what trouble the nation the most was that people were using genetically modified seeds (*bomasheshisa*) that were not right for the Swazi soil.

Dr Simelane stated that these seeds come with a disease, saying that was why there was now a regulation preventing such seeds from getting into the country. Dr Simelane stated that this facility would go a long way in helping scan any seeds which have problems. He added that this would not only be on seeds but on livestock. Simelane stated that the Swaziland Environment Authority helped the institution with the equipment. He stated that the country would now have safer and reliable seeds that would suit the different regions of the country as students and other experts were already working on producing such seeds.

## SOLAR-POWERED LIGHTS FOR LIBRARY

**POWER** outages will be a thing of the past for Luyengo Library as the institution has installed a solar-powered lighting system.

With help from the government

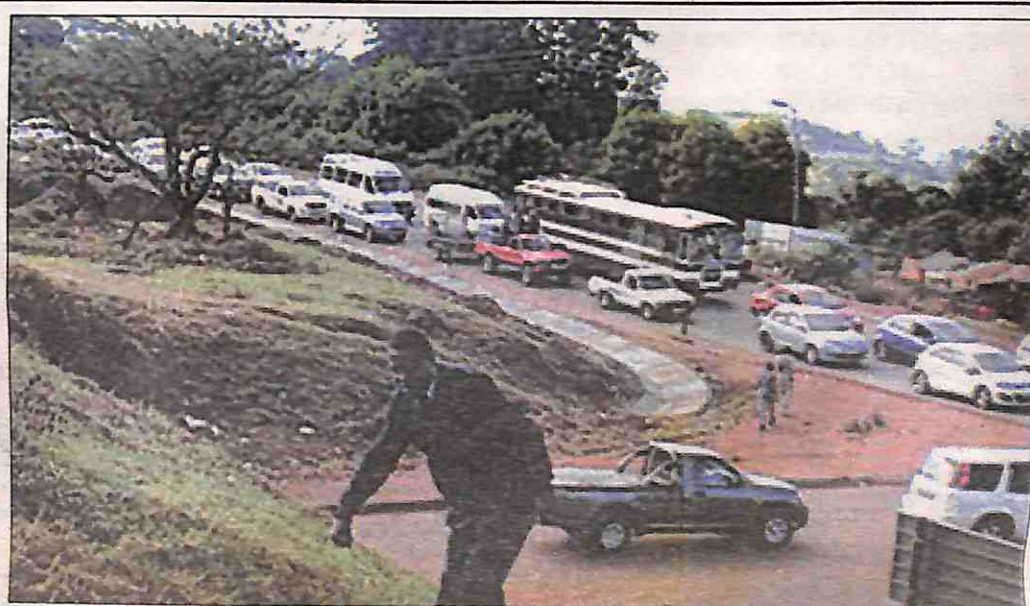
of the Republic of China on Taiwan, a main car park was constructed at Luyengo to increase car parking space for staff and visitors of the campus.

The Taiwanese government also forked out money to install the lighting system of the library. Not only will the lighting system help in power outages but also in sav-

ing energy costs. These facilities are also among the structures that will be officially opened by His Majesty during his visit to the campus on Friday.



**PILE UP:** Three of the vehicles that involved in the five-car pile-up yesterday morning at Mhlaleni. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)



**TRAFFIC JAM:** The Manzini-Mhlaleni road was closed for a while and motorists had to use an alternative route.

## ONE INJURED IN FIVE-CAR PILE-UP AT MHLALENI

A driver was rushed to hospital with serious injuries yesterday morning following a five-vehicle pile-up accident at Mhlaleni.

The vehicles involved in the accident were those in the bumper to bumper traffic in the peak hours of the morning. The traffic congestion often sees some lanes being closed at certain places, as the road is still under construction.

Due to the escalating accidents occurring along the Mahhala-Manzini Public Road, Manzini Fire and Emergency Commander Charles Mkhonta warned motorists to be very careful when using that road as it was still under construction.

Mkhonta, who was found at the accident scene, stated that although five cars were involved in the accident only one person was injured and he was rushed to hospital. He said suspicions were that two vehicles that were at the front traffic bumped into one another, resulting in more others being involved. He urged motorists to respect the road signs and make sure that they drive carefully.



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# KICK-START ENTERS 2ND STAGE

By Manqoba Makhubu  
Mbabane

**SWAZILAND Beverages (SB) has set in motion the second stage of the Kick-start competition.**

During this stage, the selected 60 finalists would go through a two weeks training programme.

SB Human Resources Director Lindiwe Mbatha said the second stage was aimed at preparing the participants on how to put their business ideas into a picture that could be understood by the business environment, which would soon be their environment provided they would be able to convince the judges with a well articulated and good business plan.

Mbatha was addressing the 60 finalists at Mananga College on Monday.

"For a business to succeed, it needs to translate its ideas into a plan that forms a good foundation for any business entrepreneurial adventure," she said.

She said many good and promising ideas failed to make it to the final stages in the past competitions, only because the owners failed to present their ideas in a clear picture of a plan to be presented in only 10 minutes.

Adding, she said in the past

*"... For a business to succeed, it needs to translate its ideas into a plan that forms a good foundation for any business entrepreneurial adventure"*



**FINALISTS:** Some of the 60 finalists posing for a group photo at Mananga College in Ezulwini on Monday.

years, all participants had received certification from Mananga College for undertaking the formal entrepreneurial programme and this would be the same case even this year.

Meanwhile, Mbatha said they appreciated the resources that government had placed in their disposal through this programme

as this had also helped the programme reach more young entrepreneurs.

#### Aligned

"We would also like to invite other stakeholders and businesses who are aligned to the objectives that we are trying to achieve under the Kickstart programme to also come with ideas and support

for what we see as a value creating initiative for our people and the nation," she said.

SB launched the KickStart Youth Entrepreneurial Programme in March 2010 as one of its key corporate social investment initiatives.

The programme empowers the youth with financial support.

## ARMY JOB SEES WOMAN BEING CONNED E4 000

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**A Mbabane man has been arrested and charged with theft by false pretence after allegedly promising a woman that he would find her a job in the army.**

Aaron Hlatshwayo appeared before Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini on Monday and he pleaded not guilty to the offence.

He is alleged to have promised to secure Promise Dlamini a job in the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) and thus allegedly took E4 000 from her.

#### Requesting

Hlatshwayo informed the court that he would be seeking legal counsel in the form of a lawyer before requesting bail.

He was granted bail fixed at E2 000, which is half of the money he allegedly took from Promise.

Senior Magistrate Dlamini then inquired from Hlatshwayo as to how many other people had he assisted in providing jobs.

Hlatshwayo replied that he had assisted a lot, but in this case he stated that he did not take money from Dlamini.

He was ordered to return to court next Monday for the setting of a trial date.

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#### Application Procedure

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# INDUSTRIAL COURT ROLL RELEASED

By Linda Jele  
Industrial Court

**EMPLOYERS and employees with pending cases before the**

**Industrial Court will heave a sigh of relief to learn that their old cases will finally be heard between June and August 2016.**

Acting Industrial Court Registrar Xolile Nxumalo issued the second

session roll of the Industrial Court with some cases dating back to 1998.

**Stated**

She stated that the session would commence on June 6, 2016 until

August 5, 2016. She advised litigants and their attorneys to advise her timeously when it becomes apparent, for whatever reason, that a matter will not be proceeded with on the appointed dates.

She said these would enable her to slot other cases that are ready for trial to judges to avoid cases where the allocated dates not being utilised. "The national commissioner of police is requested to provide three court orderlies."

Parties should note that new matters shall be placed on the roll only after receipt of minutes of pre-trial conferences," Nxumalo said.

## IN THE INDUSTRIAL COURT OF SWAZILAND

Justice Nkonyane, Justice Mazibuko And Justice Dlamini

**Judge Case # Parties**  
**Counsel/Rep**

**Monday 06/06/2016**

Nkonyane J. 04/1999  
Timothy Ndlangamandla & 4 Others  
Mabusa Labour & Associates  
Vs  
Pep Stores

Mazibuko J. 10/2005sydney  
Mabaso Dunseith Attorneys  
Vs  
Conco Robinson Bertram Attorneys

Dlamini J. 554/2006dan Masuku  
Dunseith Attorneys  
Vs  
Swaziland Plantations Musa Sibandze Attorneys

**Tuesday 07/06/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 344/2005 Sydney Mhlana & 16 Others  
S. Madzinane Attorneys  
Vs  
Swd National Treasury Attorney General  
Mazibuko J. 269/1999 Simon G. Lukhele  
T.R. Maseko Attorneys  
Vs  
Ps Min Of Public Works Attorney General

Dlamini J. 554/2006 Dan Masuku  
Dunseith Attorneys  
Vs  
Swaziland Plantations Musa Sibandze Attorneys

**Wednesday 08/06/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 331/2000  
Sipho Dlamini & Another  
Vs  
Royal Swaziland Sugar Corp. Musa Sibandze Attorneys

Mazibuko J. 162/2009  
Mphostoli Sibiyamkhwana  
Vs  
Chrisilda Transport L.M. Simelane Attorneys

Dlamini J. 601/2006  
Cyprian Thwala  
Vs  
Standard Bank Ltd

**Thursday 09/06/2016**

Nkonyane J. 331/2000  
Sipho Dlamini & Another  
Vs  
Royal Swaziland Sugar Corp. Musa Sibandze Attorneys

Mazibuko J. 101/2009  
Gugu Msimango  
Vs  
Pep Stores S.V. Mdladla & Associates

Dlamini J. 601/2006  
Cyprian Thwala  
Vs  
Standard Bank Ltd

**Friday 10/06/2016 (Motion Court)**

**Monday 13/06/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 04/1999  
Timothy Ndlangamandla & 4 Others  
Vs  
Pep Stores

Mazibuko J. 101/2009  
Gugu Msimango  
Vs  
Nkomondze Attorneys

Pep Stores  
Dlamini J. 431/2012  
Johannes Dlamini & Another  
Vs  
Municipal Council Of Manzini Musa Sibandze Attorneys

**Tuesday 14/06/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 344/2005  
Sydney Mhlana & 16 Others  
Vs  
Swd National Treasury Attorney General

Mazibuko J. 338/2008  
Bheki Dlamini  
Vs  
Nedbank Swaziland Robinson Bertram Attorneys

Dlamini J. 431/2012  
Johannes Dlamini & Another  
Vs  
Municipal Council Of Manzini Musa Sibandze Attorneys

**Wednesday 15/06/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 357/2008  
Rejoice Tsabedz  
Vs  
Manser Import & Export Z. Magagula Attorneys

Mazibuko J. 269/1999  
Simon G. Lukhele  
Vs  
Ps Min Of Public Works Attorney General

Dlamini J. 323/2011  
Mavis Simelane  
Vs  
Swazi Bank Magagula-Hlophe Attorneys

**Thursday 16/06/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 357/2008  
Rejoice Tsabedz  
Vs  
Manser Import & Export Z. Magagula Attorneys

Mazibuko J. 222/1998  
Gladys Ginindza & 6 Others  
Vs  
Pep Stores Xxxxx Attorneys

Dlamini J. 219/2008  
France Msibi  
Vs  
Royal Swd Sugar Association Musa Sibandze Attorneys

**Monday 20/06/2016**

Nkonyane J. 539/2013  
Lungile Nkambule  
Vs  
Mothers To Mothers E. Dlamini

Mazibuko J. 248/2006  
Samson Ngcamphalala  
Vs  
Ubombo Sugar Limited Robinson Bertram Attorneys

Dlamini J. 159/2006  
Gcina Shongwe  
Vs  
Inyoni Yami Irrigation Scheme Magagula-Hlophe Attorneys

**Tuesday 21/06/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 539/2013  
Lungile Nkambule  
Vs  
Mothers To Mothers E. Dlamini

Mazibuko J. 597/2010  
Sibusiso Motsa  
Vs  
Resort Musa M. Sibandze Attorneys

Dlamini J. 159/2006  
Gcina Shongwe  
Vs  
Inyoni Yami Irrigation Scheme Magagula-Hlophe Attorneys

**Wednesday 22/06/2016**

Nkonyane J. 309/2016  
Mbube Maziya  
Vs  
Peter's Transport Z. Magagula Attorneys

Mazibuko J. 622/2009  
Brian Tsabedz  
Vs  
Swd Save & Marketing T/A Tristar

Dlamini J. 264/2010  
Mandla Dlamini  
Vs  
Peak Timbers (Pty) Ltd Musa Sibandze Attorneys

**Thursday 23/06/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 309/2016  
Mbube Maziya  
Vs  
Peter's transport Z. Magagula Attorneys

Mazibuko J. 245/2012  
Thandeka Magagula  
Vs  
Nedbank Swaziland Ltd Robinson Bertram Attorneys

Dlamini J. 264/2010  
Mandla Dlamini  
Vs  
Peak Timbers (Pty) Ltd Musa Sibandze Attorneys

**Friday 24/06/2016 (Motion Court)**

**Monday 27/06/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 303/2009  
Jethro Mabuza  
Vs  
Ngwane Mills Musa Sibandze Attorneys

Mazibuko J. 396/2010  
Nomathemba Bhemb  
Vs  
Palfridge L.R. Mamba Attorneys

Dlamini J. 408/2010  
Glory Mkhwanazi  
Vs  
Nedbank Robinson Bertram Attorneys

**Tuesday 28/06/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 303/2009  
Jethro Mabuza  
Vs  
Ngwane Mills Musa Sibandze Attorneys

Mazibuko J. 419/2012  
Bongani Sydney Dlamini  
Vs  
Swd Competition Commission Magagula-Hlophe Attorneys

**Wednesday 29/06/2016**

Nkonyane J. 70/2013  
Lucky Mhamali  
Vs  
Phinduvuke Transport L.M. Simelane Attorneys

Mazibuko J. 410/2007  
Thembi Magagula  
Vs  
Cash Build Magagula-Hlophe Attorneys

Dlamini J. 70/2008  
Bhekiwe Dlamini  
Vs  
Swd Water Services Corp. Sibusiso Shongwe Attorneys

**Thursday 30/06/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 70/2013  
Lucky Mhamali  
Vs  
Phinduvuke Transport L.M. Simelane Attorneys

Mazibuko J. 622/2009  
Brian Tsabedz  
Vs  
Swd Save & Marketing T/A Tristar

Dlamini J. 165/2014  
Miesie Krteinger  
Vs  
Camelot Health Spa Musa Sibandze Attorneys

**Friday 01/07/2016 (Motion Court)**

**Monday 04/07/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 417/2008  
Marian Terblanche  
Vs  
Swazi Spa Holdings Musa Sibandze Attorneys

Mazibuko J. 597/2010  
Dumsile Hlatshwayo  
Vs  
Accountant General & 2 Others Attorney General

Dlamini J. 576/2007  
Robert Kunene  
Vs  
Maloma Colliery Magagula-Hlophe Attorneys

**Tuesday 05/07/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 154/2014  
Zwelithini Jele  
Vs  
Super Spar Zulwin Madzinane Attorneys

Mazibuko J. 239/2008  
Mary Quaynor Bulunga  
Vs  
Themali Spar B. Magagula Attorneys

Dlamini J. 576/2007  
Robert Kunene  
Vs  
Maloma Colliery Magagula-Hlophe Attorneys

**Wednesday 06/07/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 154/2014  
Zwelithini Jele  
Vs  
Super Spar Zulwin Madzinane Attorneys

Mazibuko J. 395/2003  
Swazi Mawelela  
Vs  
Tabankulu Estates Simelane Mthshali Attorneys

Dlamini J. 408/2010  
Glory Mkhwanazi  
Vs  
Nedbank Robinson Bertram Attorneys

**Attorneys**  
**Thursday 07/07/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 377/2012  
Lindumuzi Dlamini  
Vs  
Swd Water Services Corp. S.B. Shongwe Attorneys

Mazibuko J. 153/2012  
Thuli Nkosi & Others  
Vs  
Swazi Government Mkhwanazi Attorneys Attorney General

Dlamini J. 184/2012  
Dulcie Ndzimandze  
Vs  
Glenrand Mib (Pty) Ltd Musa Sibandze Attorneys

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**Monday 11/07/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 58/2009  
Caiphas Dlamini  
Vs  
Swd Water Services Corp. S.B. Shongwe Attorneys

Mazibuko J. 130/2012  
Trevor Masuku & 49 Others  
Vs  
The Chairman Csc & 3 Others Attorney General

Dlamini J. 413/2010  
Lwazi Dlamini & Others  
Vs  
Swaziland Beverages Musa Sibandze Attorneys

**Tuesday 12/07/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 58/2009  
Caiphas Dlamini  
Vs  
Swd Water Services Corp. S.B. Shongwe Attorneys

Mazibuko J. 259/2012  
Vusi Ndzingane  
Vs  
Swd Building Society Mkhwanazi Attorneys Magagula-Hlophe

Dlamini J. 413/2010  
Lwazi Dlamini & Others  
Vs  
Swaziland Beverages B.S. Dlamini Attorneys Musa Sibandze Attorneys

**Wednesday 13/07/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 182/2012  
Rufus Matsebula  
Vs  
Matsapha Truck Centre A. Lukhele

Mazibuko J. 224/2012  
Carlos Shah  
Vs  
The New Reclamation Group Swd (Pty) Ltd

Dlamini J. 184/2012  
Dulcie Ndzimandze  
Vs  
Glenrand Mib (Pty) Ltd Dunseith Attorneys Musa Sibandze Attorneys

**Thursday 14/07/2016**  
Nkonyane J. 182/2012  
Rufus Matsebula  
Vs  
Matsapha Truck Centre A. Lukhele

Mazibuko J. 240/2010  
Theminkosi Nkomonye  
Vs  
Agricon S.S. Mnsi Attorneys

Dlamini J. 166/2004  
Welcome Dlamini  
Vs  
Exipro (Pty) Ltd Dunseith Attorneys Musa Sibandze Attorneys



## CAMPUS ATTACK:

# UNISWA STUDENTS NO LONGER FEEL SAFE

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Matsapha

**IN the wake of the brutal attack of a University student by her boyfriend at the University of Swaziland, Kwaluseni campus, students no longer feel safe.**

The students want the institution to change its policies when it comes to providing security for them. Some of those interviewed said they were of the view it was not the security company that is to blame but the UNISWA administration.

They said the administration was the one that gave the security com-

pany the terms of engagement thus they were to blame.

They stated that the security guards were so vigilant when it comes to watching out for people who committed petty offences such as hanging their laundry by the windows, sneaking alcohol into dormitories, cooking inside campus and a lot of other offences.

### Criminals

They said so focused were these security guards on petty offences such that they even forgot the important service they must provide to the students, which is to keep them safe from criminals who came into the campus to steal from them

or worse to hurt them.

"No matter how we may fire and rehire different security companies as long as they are sent to guard against sex, cooking, squatting and alcohol more than the lives of students, there would always be theft incidents and domestic violence on-campus. Let the transformation start from the administration, proper realisation of the challenges faced and aligning the policies to ensure fulfilment of such."

A student posted in one of the social networking sites commenting about the incident, saying they sympathised with the fact that the security guards have not been paid their

## SRC concerned about security

**THE Student Representative Council was expected to meet with the Dean of Student Affairs yesterday where they were to discuss matters affecting students, including the shocking incident which saw one student Nothando Mnisi hacked by her boyfriend inside campus.**

UNISWA SRC President Brian Sangweni confirmed the meeting, saying they would discuss the issue of security with the Dean of Student Affairs first before a meeting with the students called to inform them about a way forward.

Sangweni blamed the security company for the tragedy that befell the institution. He said there were particular provisions that the

salaries.

They said no matter how many times security companies were changed in the institution, they would always stick to what the warden tells them to focus on.

This, according to the students, is

security company does not follow.

He said, for example, if someone enters the institution they are supposed to provide their student card at the gate to show that they were students of the institution. He said under normal circumstances if they had a competent security company everyone entering the gate would be searched for any weapons as they are not allowed in the school premises.

"In some universities they have advanced safety devices that detect for any weapons carried by people entering the institutions," Sangweni said.

He added that it was time UNISWA did the same in terms of upgrading the security at the institution.

what led to Nothando Mnisi being hacked by her boyfriend while inside the university residence last Friday night. Menzi Dlamini hacked Mnisi with a bush-knife and then committed suicide by drinking weevil tablets.



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### ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION:

Department: Registry  
Position: Senior Assistant Registrar (Marketing)  
Job Reports to: Registrar

### Qualifications and Experience:

The Minimum qualifications and experience for the position of Senior Assistant Registrar (Marketing) shall be:

- A first degree in Marketing and a demonstrated flair for numeracy;
- A Master's Degree in Marketing;
- Marketing experience of at least 5 years in a large organization.

### Key attributes:

- Good interpersonal skills;
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### Duties and Responsibilities:

The Senior Assistant Registrar shall be responsible for the following within the Corporate Affairs Office:

- Develop marketing programs, design marketing strategies, and implement marketing campaigns for the University;
- Establish and implement short and long range marketing goals, objectives, policies, and procedures for the University;
- Evaluate marketing programme effectiveness and effect changes required for improvement;
- Develop and manage annual marketing budgets for the University, and regularly monitor expenditures; prepare summary assessments and reports;
- Initiate and implement direct outreach marketing efforts to potential external customers on behalf the University's programmes and services;
- Investigate, research and prepare reports on key marketing issues and undertake market research, competitor analysis, statistical and trend analyses;
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- Ensure that collaborative relationships are developed in marketing across the university, working and exchanging information and identifying and capitalising on opportunities for shared advertising, events and other marketing activities; and
- Service University Committees to which he/she may be assigned by the Registrar.

### TERMS OF APPOINTMENT:

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

#### Expatriate Candidates

Two-year contract which will attract Gratuity plus Recruitment and Retention Allowance; Housing/Housing Allowance, Medical Aid contribution and relocation expenses renewable by mutual consent subject to satisfactory performance.

Applications with detailed CV, certified copies of academic and professional qualifications, academic transcripts and names and current email addresses of three referees should be sent to:

The Registrar, University of Swaziland, Private Bag 4  
Kwaluseni, Swaziland

Email: recruitment@uniswa.sz  
Closing date: 18 May 2016

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

### CALL FOR TENDERS TENDER NO.04 OF 2016/2017

### INVITATION TO TENDER FOR PACKAGE 'HH1' (LOBAMBA)

#### PROJECT BACKGROUND

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

#### INVITATION TO TENDER

Registered Swazi contractors(CIC Category B3)are invited to submit tenders for the seventeenth package of this project Package 'HH1' which involves the construction of units in Lobamba for the Ministry of Health.

Tender documents are to be purchased from **Wednesday 11th May to Friday 13th May 2016** from SNHB Revenue office, 3rd Floor Dian'ubeka House at a non-refundable cost of E3, 000.00.

A compulsory site inspection will be held on **Monday 23rd May 2016 at 1100 hrs.** The meeting point will be the Lobamba Clinic.

Tender documents are to be submitted into the SNHB Tender Box at the SNHB reception, and on or before **10:00 am on Friday 3rd June 2016.**

Tenders are to be marked Institutional Housing Project Package 'HH1' (Lobamba) and addressed to:

The Secretary  
The Tender Committee  
Swaziland National Housing Board  
P.O. Box 798  
MBABANE

#### PRELIMINARY CONDITIONS OF TENDER

1. The Board is under no obligation to select the lowest or any tender.
2. Tender documents must be returned to the SNHB and be deposited to the designated tender box by the stipulated deadline in order to be eligible for consideration.
3. Informal and/or any undue influence on the tendering process by bidders is discouraged and may result in disqualification.
4. Bidders are required to submit the following:
  1. Valid Trading Licence
  2. Tax Clearance
  3. Form J
  4. Company profile
  5. SNPF Compliance Certificate.
  6. Coloured copies of Directors' IDs
  7. Copy of SNHB receipt
  8. Proof of registration with the Construction Industry Council

Preference in the award of contract will be given to Swazi contractors who fulfill all the requirements of tender and demonstrate a record of exceptional performance, technical competence and financial capability.

For further information contact The Director Institutional HousingTel: 2405 5000

For: Swaziland National Housing Board

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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# JUDGE PRINCE SENZANGAKHONA TAKES ON AG

Stories by Linda Jele  
Supreme Court

## SUPREME Court Judge Prince Senzangakhona took on the Attorney General Majahenkhaba Dlamini during the case of the Estate Policy.

The case was filed as a review application by the attorney general and it was heard by a full bench comprising the Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala, who was sitting with Judges Prince Senzangakhona, Benjamin Odoki, Zonke Magagula and Maxine Langwenya.

The review application was against a case of the Supreme Court, which ruled in favour of the Master of the High Court and beneficiaries of the estate of the late Chief Sibengwane Ndzimandze.

The case became known as the estate policy after the then minister of justice and constitutional affairs Sibusiso Shongwe issued a directive that all widows from estates of

Swazi customary marriages will benefit just like those married in civil rites and community of property.

The AG stated that he was appealing against the Master of the High Court who was not present in court.

### Appeal

He said he could not represent the Master of the High Court at the same time. He had filed the appeal because the Supreme Court misdirected itself in ruling that the Estate Policy was a good one.

He said the late Chief Sibengwane had married his wives in Swazi law and custom and never left a Will at his death.

Therefore, he said, the estate could not be distributed in terms of the Interstates Succession Act and not subject to Swazi customary law.

"The Interstate Act does not apply to customary marriages. This was an unfortunate decision by the Supreme Court. When you marry,



**SUPREME:** The High Court of Swaziland where the matter was heard. This is not to suggest that the people in the picture had come for the hearing.

you choose the legal system," he said.

However, Judge Prince Senzangakhona questioned the AG's approach to the Supreme

Court.

He asked why the attorney general had approached the Supreme Court when he was at the same time questioning its review powers.

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He directed that the attorney general should be clear he had accepted that the Supreme Court had in the past reviewed its own decisions, by bringing his review application.

### Question

"You cannot bring this matter here and at the same time question the review powers of this court. You are the number one lawyer of the state. That is where I have a problem here," the judge said.

The AG said Section 148 of the country's constitution did not state that *res judicata* has been done away with.

He said the court had dealt with the case to finality. However, he did not deny that the Supreme Court could have such powers on exceptional circumstances.

Judge Prince Senzangakhona is the former attorney general, a position he occupied before he was appointed a High Commissioner in many countries.

"The AG has brought this application in terms of Section 148 of the constitution, meaning you understand that the Supreme Court has review powers," the judge said.

## Master has no jurisdiction over Swazi law and custom issues - AG

**ATTORNEY General Majahenkhaba Dlamini has said the Master of the High Court does not know issues pertaining to the institutions gov-**

**erned by Swazi Law and Custom marriages.**

He said the institutions such as *Inkhosana* and *Indlunkhulu* were beyond the scope of the Master of

the High Court and to deal with the estate in terms of the latter, she (Master) would have to be re-educated first.

The AG said marriages in Swazi

law and custom should not be administered by the Master of the High Court in terms of the Interstate Succession Act.

"If there is a dispute on the dis-

tribution of the estate in Swazi law and custom between the families, the matter is handled by Swazi courts.

If the case is not resolved then it can come to this court after all the stakeholders have been heard and considered," Dlamini said.

## MAKE OPPORTUNITY HAPPEN

### JOB OFFER: NEDBANK (SWAZILAND) LIMITED

#### Chief Risk Officer

Reporting directly to the Managing Director, the incumbent will be part of the Management Committee (MANCO).

#### Purpose of the Job:

Identifying, understanding, measuring and managing of all risks (as defined by Nedbank Group's Enterprise-wide Risk Framework) within Nedbank Swaziland. Overall accountability and responsibility for obviating and minimizing risks that can affect profits.

#### Key Responsibilities:

Responsible for:

- Establishing a risk management framework which includes the risk management strategy, structure, processes, culture and technological architecture.
- Making recommendations for proactive risk management decisions on losses, risk exposures and risk financing techniques.
- Providing the input for top management to determine the risk appetite and to calculate capital for risk.
- Implementing risk management techniques such as risk and control self-assessments, incident management, key risk indicators and scenario analysis.
- Risk reporting to top management, public disclosure and regulatory reporting.

#### Core Outputs:

- Contribute to the development and alignment of the Nedbank Swaziland strategy and business plan
- Identification, participation and assistance with deal structuring and initiatives
- Risk monitoring, analysis and reporting
- Risk advice and control
- Ensure adequate provisioning is in place on the Active book
- Report on provisions through regulatory returns
- Custodian of best practice and corporate governance, particularly on risk issues
- Relationship building and partnering with key stakeholders
- Team development and capacity building

#### Job Characteristics:

The position requires confidence, independent action, initiative, a sense of urgency, and the ability to make decisions and take responsibility for them. A well-suited candidate can react and adjust quickly to changing conditions and come up with practical ideas for dealing with them.

#### Qualifications and Experience:

The appropriate candidate will possess:

- A Bachelor of Commerce degree with articles.
- CA or MBA with accounting background will be an added advantage.
- 10-15 years banking experience in a commercial banking environment, 5 of which must have been within a credit and risk environment as well as being actively involved with management of staff.
- Experience as a Senior Manager - Credit for 5 years is highly recommended.

#### Remuneration:

A market driven competitive remuneration package will be offered to the incumbent.

Applications and CVs should be sent before 13 May 2016 to [recruitment@nedbank.co.sz](mailto:recruitment@nedbank.co.sz)

NB: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.





## NORTHERN HHOHHO NEWS

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Sizwe Dlamini

## TEACHERS CALL FOR 50/50 GENDER BALANCE IN SNAT LEADERSHIP

● all three Hhohho branches of SNAT had more female members than males

THE Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) Hhohho branch wants the issue of lack of female leaders within the organisation addressed as a matter of urgency.

This emanated from their gender caucus, which was held at Bulembu Country Lodge on Saturday.

The hour-long gender caucus was chaired by Cebisile Mhlongo-Mamba.

"The SNAT Hhohho electorate has more women members than males but has fewer women leaders.

This imbalance has to be corrected," Mbabane Branch SNAT Gender Officer Audrey Mhlongo, said.

During the conference, female electorates or voters totalled 77 members while there were 70 males.

This meant that all three Hhohho branches of SNAT had more female members than males. Mhlongo said she was disappointed at the lack of female leaders and pointed out that men should help the females if the social perception of female leaders was to change. The table below shows the eventual winners of the 16



**GENDER ACTIVIST: SNAT Mbabane Branch Gender Officer Audrey Mhlongo and former president Sibongile Mazibuko commenting during the gender caucus.**



positions now up for grabs within the SNAT Hhohho region executive.

However, only two female members were elected.

## POSITION

NEC/Deputy President  
Secretary General  
Treasurer  
Recording Secretary  
Sub Editor  
NASOWECO/Deputy Chairperson  
Secretary  
Recording Secretary  
Treasurer  
Conference committee Deputy Chairperson  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Credentials Committee  
BOT Member2  
BOT Secretary

## WINNER

Vusi Sibanyoni  
Mndzebele Zwelithini  
Kunene Siphos  
Matsebula Japhter  
Zwane Michael  
Mndzebele Celucolo  
Maseko Sabatha  
Ndzinisa Thulani  
Mthethwa Reginah  
Mabuzza Lindokuhle  
Sithebe Khumbuzile  
Madolo Kholiwe  
Nxumalo Phindela  
Dlamini Lofana  
Dominic Nxumalo

## 150 Hhohho members attend conference

ABOUT 150 members of the three Hhohho branches of the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) descended to Bulembu Country Lodge to attend the two-day biennial conference under the theme 'role of trade unions in driving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals'.

The event started on Friday and concluded on Saturday afternoon.

The three Hhohho branches of SNAT are namely, Mbabane, Madlangempisi and Pigg's Peak.

Candidates for the Hhohho regional elections are those who were first successful in the SNAT branch level elections.

This is according to SNAT Hhohho region Chairperson Samson Nxumalo.

The successful members of the SNAT Hhohho regional elections will go and represent the region at the national level elections to be held at a later date in August.

**Members participating in the electorate of the regional elections were as follows:**

No. of members voting	Branch
66	Mbabane
60	Pigg's Peak
24	Madlangempisi

The Hhohho Regional Positions up for election, candidate list and winners and by what margin are as follows:

POSITION	CANDIDATES	WINNER
NEC/Deputy President	Dlamini Emmanuel vs Sibanyoni Vusi	Vusi Sibanyoni
Secretary General	Malaza Lucky vs Mndzebele Zwelithini	Mndzebele Zwelithini
Treasurer	Kunene Siphos vs Matesiwa Sicelo	Kunene Siphos
Recording Secretary	Matsebula Japhter unopposed	Matsebula Japhter
Sub editor	Zwane Micheal unopposed	Zwane Micheal
NASOWECO/Deputy Chairperson	Mndzebele Celucolo unopposed	Mndzebele Celucolo
Secretary	Maseko Sabatha unopposed	Maseko Sabatha
Recording Secretary	Mabila Tshengisile vs Ndzinisa Thulani	Ndzinisa Thulani
Treasurer	Gcinza Zodwa vs Mthethwa Reginah	Mthethwa Reginah
Conference Committee Deputy Chairperson	Mabuzza Lindokuhle vs Nhlolo Brenda	Mabuzza Lindokuhle
Treasurer	Sithebe Khumbuzile unopposed	Sithebe Khumbuzile
Secretary	Madolo Kholiwe unopposed	Madolo Kholiwe
Credentials Committee	Fakudze Mthembu vs Nxumalo Phindela	Nxumalo Phindela
BOT Member2	Dlamini Lofana vs Mamba Pinnet	Dlamini Lofana
BOT Secretary	Dominic Nxumalo unopposed	Dominic Nxumalo



**HOST: Outside the Bulembu Country Lodge where the elections were held.**

## ...Ex-SNAT boss says problem deep rooted

FORMER Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) president Sibongile Mazibuko said the gender imbalance in the organisation's leadership was caused by deeply rooted social structures that ultimately programmed people to believe male leaders were better than females.

Mazibuko said society has programmed most from a very young age to believe that males were naturally better leaders than females.

She said this was a wrong perception and needed to be changed.

"It needs to become a policy that SNAT should have an equal number of male leaders as females if the organisation is to reach the 2030 Sustainable Development goals," she said.

Celucolo Mndzebele, however, warned the organisation against adopting such a harsh feminist mindset and wondered if they were

not over-stretching things by adopting it as a policy.

He wondered if the new way of thinking where men are equal to women would change as even the Lord's prayer was from 'Our Father to Our Mother' and wondered if children would assume their mother's surname.

Mndzebele also mentioned that women were the ones not voting for their female counterparts because if they did then the organisation would have more female leaders since the organisation had more females voting.

Bongiwe Khumalo, NEC Gender Officer, said the notion that women leaders were more empathetic and quick to show emotion than males had to stop.

She said the only way this could be done was if males showed more support to their female counterparts.



**READY: All 15 eventual Hhohho regional election winners to represent the region in the upcoming SNAT national elections in August.**



**HERE: Ballot box where members placed their votes.**

## Deputy president wins by only two votes

THE eventual winner of the position of NEC/Deputy President Vusi Sibanyoni won by only two votes and was by far the most exciting in the elections.

The event was also graced by SNAT President Freedom Dlamini, who congratulated the Hhohho region for hosting a successful event.

"The entire SNAT organisation

can be very proud that the elections were not only successful but showed that SNAT as an organisation is not short of leaders the members and community can identify with," said Dlamini.

## Election

He also said "the closeness of the election results means the organisation has plenty of internal leaders even without prestigious positions."



# PARLIAMENT STAFF LEFT WITH 13 DAYS

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini  
Mbabane

**THE staff in Parliament is left with only 13 working days to indicate if they want to remain under the employ of the institution.**

Those still interested in being members of the Parliamentary Service staff would have to submit their application letters for the positions they are currently occupying on or before May 31.

A minute written by the Clerk to Parliament Ndvuna Dlamini to the Parliamentary Service staff, states; 'every officer employed in Parliament should apply or indicate in writing, whether he or she chooses to continue with his or her employment with the Parliamentary Service or whether he/she shall opt to be re-deployed elsewhere in the public service.'

## Transition

Dlamini said this transition was pursuant to Section 29 (1) of the Parliamentary Service Act, 2015.

Dlamini issued the minute on April 28, 2016 and copied it to the Chairperson of the Parliamentary



Service Board Senate President Gelane Zwane and the Speaker of the House of Assembly Themba Msibi.

The Parliamentary Service Act, 2015 sought to operationalise Section 131 (1) of the constitution which states that: 'There shall be a parliamentary service which shall form part of the public service of Swaziland.'

## Constitution

The section of the constitution also states that the parliamentary service shall be administered by a Parliamentary Service Board consisting of the president and speaker who shall be chairperson on a rotational

basis.

Currently, the PSB members are MP Mjuluk Dlamini, Senator Prince Kusa Dlamini, Deputy Senate President Ngom'yayona Gamedze, Deputy Speaker Esther Dlamini and Trusty Gina. Section 132 (1) of the constitution states that: 'There shall be a clerk to parliament and such other staff of the parliamentary service as the Parliamentary Service Board may determine.'

The constitution provides that the clerk to parliament shall be the controlling officer of the parliamentary service.

## ...NDVUNA DEMANDS APPRAISAL REPORTS

**FOLLOWING the transition taking place in parliament, heads of departments have been asked to compile and submit performance targets and Appraisal Reports of officers under their supervision.**

Clerk to Parliament Ndvuna Dlamini has set the deadline for submitting both targets and appraisal reports as Friday May 27, 2016. 'The Performance Appraisal Reports will be submitted to the board for evaluation when requests for re-employment and promotions are being considered,' Dlamini informed the staff through a minute he sent to them on May 4. Following concerns that the staff members were not directly engaged on the process, Dlamini said a workshop on the parliamentary service transition would be conducted before May 31, on the new terms and conditions of service.

'We hope to have an open and healthy discussion. Moreover, a comparative analysis of conditions and benefits offered in the public service vis-a-vis the new Parliamentary Service,' Dlamini said. He said the discussion and policy decisions to be taken will be informed by the provisions of

Section 29 (2) which states that the transition shall not in any way disadvantage any employee.

Dlamini said by pushing the deadline for indicating intention or re-employment to month end was because they were cognisant of the fact that the transition process has to be properly managed.

## Spirit

'Pursuant to the minute dated 28 April, 2016, the office of the clerk to parliament would like to clarify that the Notice is in line with the spirit and dictates of Section 29 of the Parliamentary Service Act, No. 6 of 2015,' said Dlamini. He further explained: 'what is worthy of note is that the Act was passed on 12 November 2015. Section 29 (1) categorically states that all members of staff should indicate 'within the six months of the coming into force of the Act'.

He said the parliamentary administration was obliged to issue such a Notice before the expiry of the six months.

'Bearing in mind that the law was passed in November last year, the six months expired on 30 April, 2016,' Dlamini explained.

## Pistol belongs to my late father, accused tells court

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**A man of Lukhula who was arrested for allegedly being found in possession of a pistol has told the court that the firearm actually belonged to his family.**

Nkosingiphile Hlophe appeared before Principal Magistrate Dumsani Magagula on Monday after he was charged with two counts of contravening the Arms and Ammunition Act. On the first count he was said to have contravened Section 11 (1) as read with Section 11 (8) of the act, in that he wrongfully and unlawfully possessed a star pistol without being a holder of a valid permit or licence.

He was also charged with a

similar offence on the second count in that he wrongfully and unlawfully possessed 15 live rounds of ammunition for the same firearm without a licence.

During his first appearance before court, the accused person pleaded guilty to both counts. The crown, however, opted to call witnesses to prove commission of the crime.

## Accused

A police officer who presented evidence as a witness, told the court that they had earlier received a tip-off from community members informing them that a motor vehicle was spotted loading dagga at Hlophe's homestead.

While acting on the tip-off, the officer said they eventually

met with the accused along the way, driving the same vehicle they had been informed about.

Upon searching the vehicle, the officer said they could not find the dagga, thus they asked Hlophe to lead them to his home.

## Bullets

Another search was conducted at the homestead and the firearm and its bullets were found. When defending himself, Hlophe told the court that the firearm belonged to his late father and was rightfully given to him by family members.

He said the family was in the process of getting proper documents for the firearm and have it registered in his name. The matter was then postponed to June 17, 2016 for continuation of trial.

## Two men steal E250 000 items from Asian national

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**AN Asian national has allegedly been robbed items worth E250 435 by two men at Matsapha Citi Group.**

The two men, namely, Nathi Sizwe Sifundza (24) of New Village and Simanga Kenneth Mkhonta (39) of Ezulwini, were subsequently arrested and appeared in court in connection with the stolen items.

They appeared at the Manzini Magistrate's Court on

Monday, where they were charged with theft.

It is said the two while at Matsapha Citi Group, acted jointly and allegedly stole property valued at E250 435, which was in the lawful possession of Mohammed Emam last Friday.

## Bail

During their court appearance, the accused were remanded back into police custody and were informed to make their bail application at the High Court because the value of the stolen items was

too high.

The Magistrate's Court has no jurisdiction over the matter. List of items alleged to be stolen by accused:

- Three rugs valued at E435
- 25 office chair push backs valued at E100 000

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# William Ndlela heads new tourism board

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**WILLIAM Ndlela has been appointed new chairman of the new Swaziland Environment Authority (SEA) Board of Directors.**

Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani Mabuza announced the appointment of the board at the ministry's conference room on Monday.

The new board is expected to

be in office a duration of next three years.

Other members are; Nompumelelo Msibi, Musa Mkhonta, Lindiwe Ntshangase, Wonder Khumalo, Mancoba Dlamini, Prince Mshengu, Steven Zuke and Emmanuel Dlamini.

The board members come from different government ministries such as finance, agriculture and tourism, among others.

Mabuza, in his remarks, reminded the board that the role of SEA was to ensure that all players were consulted and mon-

itored to make sure that the environment was not handled in a bad way, which could create negative benefits.

"SEA is a public enterprise that was established for a purpose. It is under the ministry of tourism and environmental affairs.

Therefore, all of its work must be reported to the ministry. Board decisions must be reported to the ministry," Mabuza said.

He told the board that it was critical for them to understand their roles in order to help the authority to accomplish its goals and objectives.



**ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT: Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani Mabuza.**

## Board tasked with raising funds for SEA

**THE new board of the Swaziland Environment Authority (SEA) has been given the task of raising funds that will sustain the Authority and improve the economy of the country.**

This task was given to the board members by Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani Mabuza during their appointment on Monday. The minister had just arrived from Durban, South Africa, where he had attended the Tourism Indaba.

Mabuza said he was aware that funds had been a huge challenge for the Authority and he expected the board to overcome it.

He pointed out that SEA was tasked with a mandate of making sure that the environment was taken care of.

This includes keeping it clean and making sure that plants and animals, especially the wild ones, are not killed in a random fashion.

The Authority advocates for conservation of all the plants and animal species to avoid a situation where they go extinct.

Mabuza urged the members to understand the laws establishing the enterprise, to understand the public enterprise law and various circulars, and to understand corporate governance rules, procedures and regulations.

He said the environment was a cross-cutting sector and government was responsible for taking care of all its environment issues.

Some of these issues, according to the minister, were addressed through SEA and other government ministries and private sector.

## Environment Act needs to be reviewed – SEA Chairperson

**THE Environment Management Act (EMA) needs to be reviewed because a lot of things have happened on environmental issues since the legislation was enacted.**

This is the view of the new SEA Board Chairperson William Ndumiso Ndlela. The board was appointed by Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani Mabuza.

Ndlela said the review of the EMA was among the issues they would be focusing on during their three-year period in office. He said as the board, they were fully aware that their job was to

govern SEA by establishing broad policies, selecting, appointing, supporting and reviewing the performance of management. He said they would also approve annual budgets and ensure availability of adequate financial resources in the organisation.

He promised that they would do anything in their power to help the country achieve the first world status by 2022.

"We are aware that according to the national development strategy (NDS) for the period of 1997 to 2022, environment protection has been identified as a

cornerstone of sustainable development and a central component of all sectors of the NDS.

"The sectors are: poverty reduction and elimination, employment creation, gender equity and social integration," Ndlela said.

**Other focus areas of the authority include;**

- Governance within the organisation in terms of improved financial structures, revenue expenditure controls, accountability and performance targets.

- Geographical footprint of the organisation in line with the

decentralisation strategies for the country.

- Capacity building at local and national levels.

- Form partnerships with civil society, communities, government and private sector entities to carry out environment management activities.

- Incentivising those who comply with policies, standards and regulations.

SEA will play a vital role in this regard because local actions alone will not save the planet, but there is a need for national solidarity if sustainable development goals are to be achieved.

## US Distillers pledge E50 000 towards Ndunayithini hall

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

**SIGWE Member of Parliament David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala has heaped praises on US Distillers, a Lubombo-based company that has pledged to assist with material worth a sum of E50 000 towards the construction of a community hall at Ndunayithini Umphakatsi.**

Ngcamphalala, who is also minister of sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, comes from Ndunayithini. The MP, who is idolised by many in the area, said US Distillers remained one of the companies that had been availing itself each time it was approached for assistance on any activity under the constituency.

"US Distillers is a company which I feel has caring directors who know the plight of this community. Each time there is an event that needs financial help, US Distillers is always willing to contribute and this has been the trend the company has adopted over the years. It is companies like these that government has to thank for the contributions they make in communities. US Distillers is a company that has changed the lives of many under this constituency," said Ngcamphalala.

The MP said when the community hall project was introduced to US Distillers management, he was excited to hear that the company was ready to assist with material worth E50 000.

He said 100 bags of cement as well as 3 000 concrete blocks were part of the material that the company was ready to provide towards the project.

"The good thing about US Distillers is that they don't just give lip service, but they honour their pledges. There are a number of projects in the community which have been financed by the company.

Even during gatherings such as the yearly Ndunayithini Development Festival Day, US

Distillers has always contributed something since we started 13 years ago. This is a company that has brought hope to the hopeless and


life to the lifeless.

"In fact, US Distillers is considered our loyal partner here at Ndunayithini. This company has played an important role in a number of community projects under the constituency," said Ngcamphalala.

During the event on Saturday, US Distillers was represented by John Creamer, who announced that the company would provide material worth E50 000 towards the construction of the community hall at Ndunayithini Umphakatsi.



**HELPING HAND: US Distillers Administration Manager John Creamer.**




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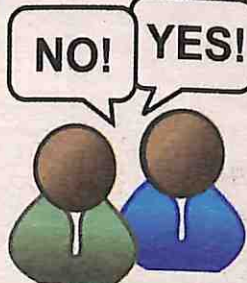
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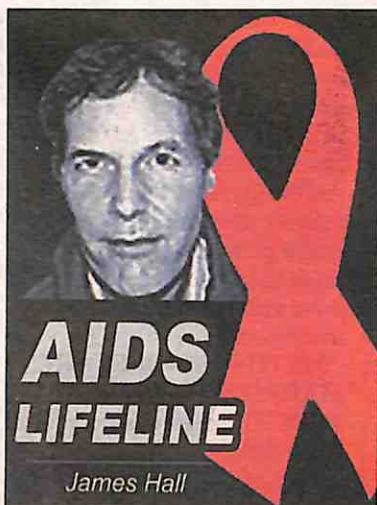


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## Rising awareness for health benefits of male circumcision



ONE out of every three males in the world are circumcised.

However, that figure rises to almost 100 percent in Muslim and Jewish countries where male circumcision is a cultural imperative. These are some of new statistics published in Population Health Metrics that will guide policymakers to come up with new initiatives and reassess existing programmes dealing with male circumcision as a means to lower HIV infections.

### Religious

Population data for 237 countries and United Nations figures for males aged 15-64 were used for the study. The report includes reasons why men underwent the circumcision procedure. About half of all circumcisions were done for religious and cultural reasons.

"The prevalence of circumcision varies widely in western countries led by the USA (71 per cent), New Zealand (33 per cent), Australia (27 per cent), the UK (21 per cent), France (14 per cent), Germany (11 per cent), Sweden (five per cent), Italy (three per cent) and Ireland



(one per cent)," the study reported.

Male circumcision was almost universal in countries where the Muslim or Jewish faith are predominant, including Iran (where male circumcision stands at 100 per cent), Iraq (99 per cent), West Bank (99 per cent), Yemen (99 per cent), Indonesia (93 per cent), Syria (93 per cent), and Israel (92 per cent).

The study was headed by Dr. Brian Morris, Professor Emeritus at the University of Sydney, who found that male circumcision prevalence worldwide stands at 38%.

### Affirmative

"Given the known benefits and low risks of male circumcision and recent affirmative recommendations in the interests of public health and disease prevention by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, the WHO and UNAIDS, these findings on male circumcision across

geographies and cultures may help to guide policy development and resource allocation in all countries," Dr. Morris said of his work.

Male circumcision has been promoted in Swaziland as a means to lessen the risk of contracting HIV, though not eliminate the risk entirely.

Two years ago, in 2014, this column reported that more evidence emerged in favour of the procedure when data was published showing the ratio between the benefits of circumcision and its risks is an overwhelming 100 to one.

### Normal

Dr. Morris also headed that study. He expressed belief that circumcision is so beneficial that all babies should be circumcised at birth as normal public health procedure, the way all babies are given vaccinations here in Swaziland. To Morris and other circumcision advocates,

this is just common sense.

"Both vaccines and circumcision have a benefit for the entire population, but they also carry a risk that affects only a very small proportion of individuals.

There are also extremely rarely deaths from each. A vaccine is highly specific (dealing with one particular disease) whereas the protective effects of circumcision cover a wide array of medical conditions," Morris said in an interview with an American publication.

### Lessening

In addition to help lessening the risk of a man acquiring HIV, circumcision also assists with the prevention of urinary tract infections, penile cancer and the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases other than HIV.

For years one of the world's largest medical bodies devoted to child health care, the American

Academy of Pediatrics (pediatrics is the medical science dealing with health care from a person's birth through infancy and childhood up to age 18), has confirmed the health benefits of circumcision. However, for years the group felt it was up to parents to decide whether their male babies should have this procedure. No more. Two years ago, the group moved toward advocacy of circumcision as a mandatory procedure required for all male babies.

However, the recommendation has proved controversial. According to opponents of circumcision, who call themselves the "intactivists," circumcision is little more than "genital mutilation." These critics have a point when they argue that in the developing world's clinics and hospitals haven't the resources or standards of state-of-the-art US facilities.

### Infection

At such places, babies undergoing circumcision operations face "serious health risks, including infection, hemorrhage, surgical mishaps and death."

Arguing the other side of the coin, advocates of circumcision note that globally these problems are very rare. Only 0.2 percent (or two-tenths of one percent) of babies undergoing circumcision experience any negative complications.

"Just like failure to vaccinate, failure to circumcise will put your son at serious risk of adverse medical conditions and he could indeed die from some of them.

What's more he will harm others from sexually transmitted infections. Denial of infant male circumcision is denial of his rights to good health, something that all responsible parents should consider carefully," Dr. Morris said. In Swaziland, male circumcision has been introduced as a procedure done in adulthood.

Swazi men choose to voluntarily undergo this procedure on their own as a means to safeguard themselves against a sexually-transmitted infection.

The time has come to promote the procedure in infants as well.

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY:** Your aspirations are your possibilities. -Dr. Samuel Johnson

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## ON THIS DAY

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**2015** - Two art-works set world records at a Christie's auction in New York, with Pablo Picasso's painting 'Women of Algiers Version O' selling for \$160 million and Alberto Giacometti's sculpture 'Pointing Man' selling for \$141.3 million.

**2014** - Electronics manufacturer Samsung is diversifying into the pharmaceutical industry; after besting Apple in the smartphone market, Samsung has now set a goal to become the leader in the growing biotechnology sector.

**2014** - Regions of eastern Ukraine announce that their self-organized elections show most voters to be in favor of secession; the election results aren't recognized by the Ukrainian government or its allies.

**2013** - George Osborne, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, announces that G7 finance ministers and central bankers agree that coordinate action should be taken against tax evaders.

**2013** - Cairo, Egypt conducts a retrial of its former President Hosni Mubarak over his alleged role and complicity in the deaths of protestors during the 2011 Egyptian revolution.

**2012** - A memorial service is held for San Diego Chargers' Junior Seau; his #55 will be retired by the team.

**2012** - U.S. researchers report that preventable infections are the leading cause of the world's child mortality rate, where out of 7.6 million children who died before the age of 5 in 21010, 60% died of infections like pneumonia.

**2011** - In Nepal, Sherpa Apa Sherpa achieves a new record by climbing Mount Everest for the 21st time.

**2011** - The Tokyo Electric Power Company together with the Government of Japan will not cap compensation payments resulting from the Fukushima I nuclear accidents.

**2010** - The Gulf of Mexico oil spill threatens sensitive marshes and wildlife along the Gulf Coast; Admiral Thad Allan is appointed to lead the Federal response to the spill.

**1998** - India resumes underground nuclear tests after more than a 20 year gap.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**1963** - Natasha Richardson, actress (Gothic, Handmaid's Tale), born in London, England



**1989** - Giovanni dos Santos, Mexican footballer

## DON'T BE APOLOGETIC FOR BEING SINGLE

## Youth Talk



With Malvin M. magugu-  
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**SOCIAL** psychologists Bella DePaulo submits that if you tell your new acquaintances that you are single, often they think they know a lot about you.

They already understand your emotions: you are miserable and lonely and envious of couples. They know what motivates you: more than anything else in the world you would like to be coupled. If you are of age: you are commitment phobic or too picky or have baggage. All these conclusions stem from a statement highlighting your singular status.

Our society puts labels on people and the singles are not exempt. Sociological neologisms have been created for almost every class of people but

one cannot help notice the negativity attached to the neologisms that reflect singlehood. For example:

**YUPPIE** stands for Young Upwardly-mobile Professional Person in Employment

**DINK** stands for Double Income, No Kids.

**DINKY** stands for Double Income No Kids Yet

**OINK** stands for One Income No Kids

**LIPS** stands for Low Income Parents Supporting

The latest one that has been created relates to Singlehood:

**SINBAD** - Single Income, No Boyfriend Absolutely Desperate. Desperation has often been attached to singleness, to such a point that it becomes repulsive to many.

Marriage should not be a product of fear. Some people get married today for fear of being single. **THIS IS WRONG!** You marry because of love and commitment to another **SINGLE** person. The fear of being single is propagated by the myths of singleness.

**MYTH #1 SINGLES ARE IMMATURE.** Our society reflects on marriage and settling down with kids as true measures of Maturity. Regardless of age, single women can still be treated as girls and single men are often thought to be too fun loving or self centred to get on with life.

**Myth #2 SINGLES ARE INCOMPLETE.** Being social beings in need of relationships, love and intimacy, the common thought line is single people lack these vital qualities thus they are incomplete.

**MYTH #3 SINGLES ARE UNSTABLE.** Many believe that single people are restless and are looking for new ways to have fun and forget the serious things about life. They think because they haven't settled down they are unstable in all they do.

They don't know the first thing about budgeting and responsibility and it is surprising that some married people (though they were once single) think singles can never do anything worthwhile and achieve it.

**MYTH #4 SINGLES ARE DAMAGED.** If you are unmarried people wonder what is wrong with you! If your partner dies and you don't remarry, people wonder what is wrong with you. Somehow, singleness is associated with wrong doing rather than right doing. Some climb the ladder of criticism to such a point that they venture into the sexuality of your life and offer to help you with medicine and concoctions that claim to help you perform better in the bedroom.

Their preconceived thought is that your singleness has some-

thing to do with a disability or inability. In my opinion, what a weird society we live in!

**Myth #5 SINGLES ARE DANGEROUS.** Only a few couples are 100% secure in their marriages. The marrieds are usually suspicious of the single people. If a single person hangs around a married person, the other partner usually start to doubt whether this is innocent friendship or subtle flirtation. Singles are considered a threat to marriages. Singles are also credited with more sexual harassment and rape related incidents as compared to married men.

**MYTH #6 SINGLES ARE COMMITMENT PHOBES.** A recent study funded by Match.com conducted by researchers at Rutgers University and Birmingham University found that single men have as high hopes for marriage as women of the same age do. Age did play a role-men aged 21-24 and those older than 50 were actually more inclined towards marriage than women of the same age while those in-between these years were a little commitment friendly.

**MYTH #7 SINGLES ARE MARRIED TO THEIR JOBS.** There is a misconception in the dating world that if you are a hard worker, you have no interest or time for love. In a recent survey of more than 4500 single people from the dating site Zoosk, 64% single men reported that they, actually, are more productive in the office when dating someone and about a half of women said the same. That means these people are harmoniously dating and working without wrecking relationship or career.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## MPs must stop NAMBoard madness

Dear Sir,

**KINDLY** publish this letter in your widely read newspaper.

As a follow up to my letter earlier in the week with regards to the threat by NAMBoard to suspend all importation of mealie meal into Swaziland, it is now history that NAMBoard has lived up to its promise, promptly stopping all mealie-meal imports by individuals into the country.

According to NAMBoard, they are merely enforcing existing regulations with respect to the importation of mealie-meal and they are doing that out of patriotism, to protect the milling companies and by extension jobs.

What baffles me, however, is the media reports that our honourable members parliament were 'crying' foul over the decision by NAMBoard. Members of parliament don't have the luxury to 'cry', they are the architects of all our laws, insensitive or not.

They are in a position of power in as far as making, amending or repealing laws is concerned. I therefore view this as merely act-

ing by our honourable ones.

What I expect from the honourable ones is to simply move an urgent motion in parliament stopping this 'madness'.

**The people that who opted to buy mealie-meal in RSA are not driven by hatred of the country, but by the very compelling conditions that we find ourselves in, namely:**

- The severe drought which has been declared a national disaster
- The difficult economic conditions prevailing in the country
- The daily job losses through retrenchments and downright closure of businesses
- The inability of government and NGOs to cope with the acute food shortages across the country.

The people who have opted to buy mealie-meal in RSA are mainly the rural folk who are the worst affected by the drought, these people don't under normal

conditions, have the luxury of

purchasing mealie-meal.

They harvest their maize and use the hammer mills scattered across the country in converting their harvest into mealie-meal. It is mainly people in the urban areas who have the luxury of purchasing mealie-meal.

The prevailing drought has forced many of the rural folk into buying mealie-meal and for them this is not a normal situation.

The fact that government declared the drought a national disaster means that it is not a normal situation and logic says that if it is an abnormal situation, you cannot react to it in a normal way!

Why then should we pick this time to enforce regulations that were clearly designed for normal situations?

Why can't we accept that our situation, because of its abnormality, requires abnormal interventions?

Members of parliament are the

only ones empowered with setting aside the absurd regulations that NAMBoard is finding itself having to impose.

I smell a rat in as far as the decision by NAMBoard to enforce these regulations in its entirety in concerned, there must have been immense pressure and my guess is as good as yours as to who stands to benefit the most from this 'madness', it is certainly not the average Swazi who NAMBoard would like us to believe they are protecting, it is likely the milling companies and I wonder how much margins these guys will make out of our predicament and misery?

To the honourable members of parliament, the ball is in your court and you have the constitutional power to intervene.

If you fail us this time around, rest assured that those who will survive this imminent famine which NAMBoard and by extension yourselves are driving us into will not forget that come election time in 2018.

Hanger  
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# The ills of the world: 'I blame the media'



By Tom Eaton

**VERY special correspondent**  
Tom Eaton managed to uncover an explosive document, tipped off by an unusually reliable source.

Your highnesses, supreme rulers, presidents, prime ministers, kings, sheiks, chiefs, prefects and commanders-in-chief. I bid you welcome to this, the 5025th annual Secret Meeting of World Leaders, also known as the Rule-O-Rama, the Power Powwow, the Conglomeration of Domination, here in the beautiful underground bunker at the Lèse-Majesté Hotel.

Before I begin, I'd like to thank our hosts, Monsieur Garrotte and his staff, who have gone out of their way to make us feel at home, whether by putting chocolates on our pillows or by feeding dissenters to the pigs in the abandoned mine shaft next door. Thank you also, Monsieur, for tonight's decorations here in the ballroom bunker. The ice sculpture is magnificent: the way the iron fist is crushing the life out of the gasping Twitter bird is simply breath-taking.

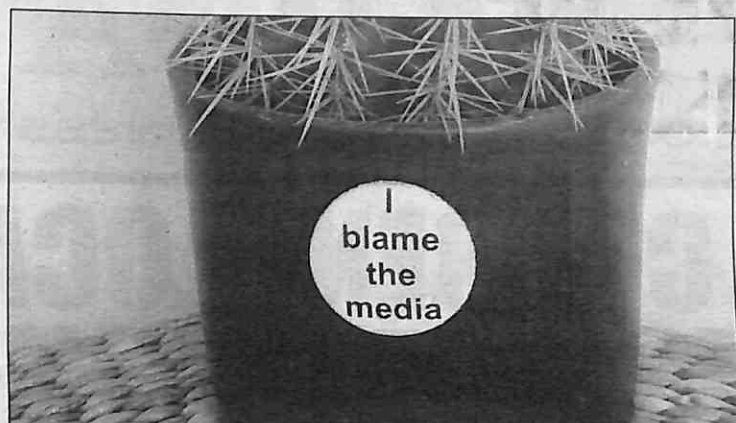
But now, to business.

Ladies and gentlemen, I will not mince my words. The thumbs of political prisoners, certainly, but never my words. As we sit here tonight, we rule a planet that is threatened by three of the most diabolical phenomena ever unleashed on humanity. You know of what I speak. Yes, Highness, you are right to push away your condor liver sorbet in disgust. These are terrible times.

## Threat

The first threat is, of course, Kim Kardashian. I have heard some of you suggest she is not as dangerous as I fear. You argue that she keeps the bovine masses docile, chewing on the cud of popular culture, dreaming their little dreams. But I say to you today: when two but-tocks command as much respect and adoration as all of us combined, then the centre cannot hold.

The second threat is climate change. Rising sea levels will wreak havoc: in 10 years, our yachts in Monaco and Hong Kong will be riding three centimetres higher, posing a massive risk of scraping their paintwork on the concrete quay. Then there is the relentless rise of renewable energy sources, and again, the science is horrifying. At current estimates, some of our colleagues in the Gulf may have to get real jobs within the next 20 years. Already, our friends in Saudi Arabia are working on plans to diversify their economy, and have mooted tourism as a possible growth industry. I'm sure this will be a huge success, especially among visitors who like sand, religious fundamentalism and executions with swords. But not all countries have such vibrant attractions. We must prepare for the worst.



As grim as these two threats are, however, they are dwarfed by the third monster looming over our community of nations: democracy. Yes! Hiss! Boo! Vent your rage! Decry the pestilence of self-rule! Condemn this passing fad of – oh, dear, Field Marshall? Excuse me, Field Marshall? While we applaud your loathing of democracy, we do ask that you not fire your golden ceremonial pistol into the ceiling as they've just finished the fresco. Thank you.

As I was saying: everywhere we look, the rabble want to be the masters of their own fate. Is this what our ancestors fought for? Did our noble forebears shed the blood, sweat and tears of peasants to build all this just so some Kardashian-worshipping rube with a ballot paper can take it all away? Of course not.

## Disparate

At first glance, it seems we are besieged on three disparate fronts. Kimmy K, climate change and democracy don't seem to be obviously connected. But tonight, lords and ladies, I put it to you that all three are controlled by a single hidden hand, that a vast and sinister puppeteer twitches them hither and thither, planning our ultimate doom.

And the name of this villain? The free press.

Think about it. Where did you first hear about Kim Kardashian? The independent media. Who endlessly bangs on about climate change? The independent media. And who travels the planet, hunting under rocks and bushes for the latest wretched election, so that it can prattle away about democracy? The independent media!

I refuse to believe this is a coincidence. Indeed, I would go further and suggest that the free press is the mastermind behind almost every catastrophe in the modern world. A murder occurs. Twenty minutes later, who's on the scene? A journalist. Plagues. Famine. War. Hurricanes. Earthquakes. Volcanoes. And wherever you look, there are journalists.

Now, modern science would no doubt dispute that journalists are responsible for, say, volcanic eruptions. Then again, there are many of us in this room who would dispute that modern science knows anything about anything. For example, just this morning the delegation over at table nine explained to me that natural disasters are in fact the wrath of God, who has been angered by seeing women in miniskirts and girls learning to read and refusing to get married before they turn 10. And so, as the PTA

committee said to the headmaster during discussions over the new curriculum, let's leave science out of it for now.

What we can be sure of, however, is that the media has killed at least one precious thing in this world: hope. Every day, it crushes the morale of our people with its petty gossip, thrusting itself into their simple lives with slogans like "transparency" and "objectivity" and other non-existent words made up by anarchists.

Does it ever stop and wonder if our people want to hear its gloomy mantra of defeat and cynicism? I mean, do our people really want to know that we've borrowed some money from the Treasury to do minor renovations on our summer palace? Do they really want to be told that a certain businessman who has been very successful in Colombia's nasally ingested stimulant industry was visiting us for the weekend and made a large contribution to our election campaign? Do they really want this stream of upsetting non-news? Of course not. The good, honest, hard-working morons of the world want football results, frightening statistics about migration and a heart-warming story about a dog that looks after endangered penguins.

## Thankfully

Thankfully, some media stables can be persuaded to see sense, either by being offered millions of dollars of state funds or by having their premises burnt down by young patriots. Indeed, even as we speak, the story about the penguin-dog is going viral, and tonight's football scores will reassure our people that all is well in the world. In fact, some of our friends in the patriotic media are here tonight – Rupert, always good to see you. Love to the wife.

To these heroes, with their giant headlines about lottery winners and suburban sex scandals and endless, endless murders, we say thank you. Your cheque is in the mail.

I would also like to applaud some of our friends here tonight who take a more robust approach against the free press. Vladimir, we're all in awe of the work you do to keep your country safe from journalism. To the Chinese delegation, well, wow. Over 40 journalists in prison in China, ladies and gentlemen! Yes, let's give them a big hand! What's that, premier? They're not in prison? Oh, I see, they're in prison but not imprisoned? They're all researching stories about the humane conditions inside Chinese prisons, and they just want to be thorough so they're spending between five and 25

years inside so they get the story right? Wonderful.

To our friends in Washington, guys, it's been a tough few years but don't lose hope: one of these days that weasel, Edward Snowden, is going to make a mistake and you're going to slip a black bag over his head faster than you can say "Next stop Guantánamo, sucker!"

And speaking of which: Denmark? Did I hear right that you gave Washington permission to keep a military jet in your country on standby, in case Snowden ever showed his treacherous little face in Scandinavia? Your part of the world is known as a bastion of freedom and democracy, but how wonderful to see you shaking off that awful reputation! Inspiring! Ladies and gentlemen, tonight I have outlined the threat we face, but I want to leave you with a message of hope. Hope that we will prevail. Hope that, with the help of your governments, the cooperative media, and the odd radioactive particle sewn into the lapel of particularly meddlesome reporters, we can end the scourge of the free press in our lifetimes. And we must. We owe it to the children.

How do we do it? We start with the written word. We start by stamping out literacy wherever we find it. Wherever outbreaks of critical reading occur, we must be there, to guide the children to safety and to guide the editors to soundproof interrogation rooms.

## Understand

Right now, millions of children around the world are learning to read and understand subtext, habits that will doom them to a lifetime of unhappiness. For them, football scores and penguin-dogs will never be enough. We have a responsibility to them and our pension funds to save them while we still can.

In this regard, I want to give special mention to the government of South Africa, which, whether deliberately or by happy coincidence, has rendered most of its young children completely unable to read, write or count. I think that deserves a round of applause, don't you? Friends, the world ran in perfect harmony for tens of thousands of years before the free press arrived. The poor worked for the rich, the strong crushed the weak, and everyone was happy, because anyone who wasn't happy was obviously poor and therefore irrelevant. I have a dream that one day we will return to that golden era, and usher in another 10 000 years of order. With your help, we can climb that mountain and see the promised land beyond, where dogs guard penguins, where Liverpool goes 2-1 up against Chelsea, and where nobody ever thinks an upsetting thought because nobody knows how to think.

I thank you.

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## Wit & Wisdom

1. "Simple can be harder than complex: You have to work hard to get your thinking clean to make it simple. But it's worth it in the end because once you get there, you can move mountains."

— Steve Jobs

2. "A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices."

— William James

3. "I do believe in simplicity. It is astonishing as well as sad, how many trivial affairs even the wisest thinks he must attend to in a day; how singular an affair he thinks he must omit. When the mathematician would solve a difficult problem, he first frees the equation of all incumbrances, and reduces it to its simplest terms. So simplify the problem of life, distinguish the necessary and the real. Probe the earth to see where your main roots run."

— Henry David Thoreau

4. "I will no longer mutilate and destroy myself in order to find a secret behind the ruins."

— Hermann Hesse

5. "I feel sorry for anyone who is in a place where he feels strange and stupid."

— Lois Lowry

6. "You can have many great ideas in your head, but what makes the difference is the action. Without action upon an idea, there will be no manifestation, no results, and no reward."

— Miguel Ruiz

7. "Everything you do is triggered by an emotion of either desire or fear."

— Brian Tracy

8. "Life doesn't make any sense, and we all pretend it does. Comedy's job is to point out that it doesn't make sense, and that it doesn't make much difference anyway."

— Eric Idle

9. "Keep me away from the wisdom which does not cry, the philosophy which does not laugh and the greatness which does not bow before children."

— Kahlil Gibran

10. "I cannot compromise my respect for your love. You can keep your love, I will keep my respect."

— Amit Kalantri

11. "Love only grows by sharing. You can only have more for yourself by giving it away to others."

— Brian Tracy

12. "The act of taking the first step is what separates the winners from the losers."

— Brian Tracy

13. "You can't dwell on what might have been...and it's not fair to condemn him for something he hasn't done."

— Wendelin Van Draanen

14. "Mistakes are the growing pains of wisdom."

— William Jordan



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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10%
First National bank	
Inflation Rate	7.8%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.0%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	6.5%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



Correct as at 09 May 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14,9698	15,0198
British Pound/SZL	21,6778	21,7502
Japanese Yen/SZL	7,1319	7,1551
Swiss France/SZL	15,4631	15,5115
Botswana Pula/SZL	1,3697	1,3803
Australian Dollar/SZL	11,0642	11,1086
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11,6288	11,6668
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Euro/SZL	17,0865	17,1436
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Moving Forward

# INYATSI CURRENT LOCAL PROJECTS WORTH OVER E1BN

● has grew from about 350 employees in 2004 to 3 000 in 2015

By Manqoba Makhubu

INYATSI Construction is currently involved in projects worth over E1billion in Swaziland only.

The company, headquartered in Swaziland, also has operations in South Africa, Zambia and Mozambique, and has registered companies in Botswana and Namibia.

In Swaziland, the company is also part of the Kiss Joint Venture, which comprises of Kukhanya and Stefanutti Stocks responsible for the construction of the International Convention Centre and Five Star Hotel (ICCFSH). Except for the ICC and FSH, the company's current projects include upgrading of portable water supply in Siphofaneni, King Mswati III International Airport staff housing, Ezulwini sewerage system and Hlane road extension.

Asked about the company's growth prospects for the ongoing year, Inyatsi Construction Swaziland Chairman Frans Pienaar said the group was currently exploring all options to ensure that they sustained their growth throughout their markets across Sub-Saharan Africa.

In Swaziland, Pienaar said the company has grown from around



**BUSY:** A grader in one of the company's local road construction projects.

350 employees in 2004 to more than 3 000 in 2015.

### Registered

Inyatsi Construction was first registered in Swaziland in 1982. Due to a number of factors, including changes in shareholding, expansion into new markets, growth and diversification, Inyatsi Construction Group Holdings (Pty) Ltd (ICGH) was formed in 2007 as the holding company of Inyatsi and its regional subsidiaries in Southern Africa.

"We are consciously limiting our growth to less than 15 per-

cent per year in real terms to ensure we can fund the cash flow of the growth," said Pienaar.

However, he said the market in Swaziland remained under pressure and as a result their growth would be limited.

Pienaar said the construction market was increasingly getting more competitive while work was coming to the market slower than the industry requirements, adding it was not likely that the market would ease up anytime soon.

"The financial slowdown in the region has a significant impact on

the local industry. With the region slowing down we have had to move some resources back to Swaziland and this places more pressure on local operations," he said.

Meanwhile, Pienaar applauded government for dedicating a lot of effort in infrastructure development saying this was the engine room for stimulating growth.

However, a lot was needed as slow growth historically has resulted in a shortfall.

"There are more and more pressures from foreign entities playing in our markets and we will have to up our game to remain competitive," Pienaar said.

He said the standards achieved in the local industry was world class and would stand the country in good stead in decades to come.

The company's export services in the Sub-Saharan Africa included the Beira port access road, Mohamba flood repairs in Mozambique.

Chikankata and Solwezi roads and Kabita Raft Foundations in Zambia.

In a book entitled 'The Civil Engineering Contractor,' Inyatsi said contracts should not be so rigidly applied in Africa, as they were designed to suit first world conditions.

## Banking industry time deposits up 34.6 percent

By Linda Dlamini

**TIME deposits held within the banking sector has increased by 34.6 percent.**

According to the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) recent economic report March/April, 2016, time deposits in the economy stood around E7 billion compared to the same period three years ago when it stood at 5.2 billion.

Time deposits is cash deposited at banks for a fixed period, they are commonly referred to as fixed deposits.

An economist, who spoke on a condition of anonymity from one of the banks, said this notable increase in time deposits could largely be attributed to corporate who were allegedly motivated by the higher interest rate environment. "Time deposits by their nature yield higher returns than savings deposits because banks keep time deposits for longer periods than savings deposits," she said.

The financial economist said interestingly there has been little significant increase in deposits by individuals, which could be a sign

that individuals were not taking advantage of the high interest rate environment to maximise their returns they could get from depositing money at banks.

Savings deposits over the same period experienced relatively flat growth.

Meanwhile, the report said savings deposits have increased by 23 percent, which was an increase from a low base of about E 1.3 billion to E1.5 billion over the period under review.

### Deposits

Savings deposits are those accounts held for transaction purposes like the ones tied to an ATM card account.

"Savings deposits are not exactly stagnant; they are just growing at a slower pace than time deposits," the economist said.

The economist said the preference of the type of deposit chosen was largely tied to the purpose for which an individual was using those deposits. "An individual could have both a savings and time deposits with a bank and keep them both for different reasons," she said.

"They could keep the savings deposit account because he can withdraw it anytime unlike time deposits in which the deposit is fixed for a certain period," she added.

She said depending on their preference; she could not tell whether Swazis have grown to prefer time deposits over savings deposits.

"From the data I have observed, as I have mentioned, it is mainly the corporates that are driving the growth rates of time deposits and therefore driving up the money supply in the economy," she stressed.

Currently broad money in the Swaziland economy stood at E13 billion and was up 29 percent from E10.1 billion.

Broad money refers to the total money that was floating within the economy, which when broken down is referred to as quasi money and narrow money.

Quasi money referred to time deposits and savings deposits that were in banks in conjunction with the total money in coins and notes that were floating in the economy, it currently stood at E8.6 billion as opposed to E6.5 billion in 2013.



# STA SCOOPS SILVER AWARD AT TOURISM INDABA

● The award was presented to STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini at their stand on the last day of the trade show which was Monday

By Simon Shabangu  
Durban

**THE Swaziland Tourism Authority (STA) made the country proud when their stand came third and scooped a silver award at the Tourism Indaba held at ICC Durban over the past weekend.**

The local stand scooped third position in the Southern African Destination Community category.

The award was presented to STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini at their stand on the last day of the trade show which was Monday.

Dlamini said they were proud to have made an impact at the Indaba.

He said they were humbled about the honour and thanked the staff, all the exhibitors and stakeholders who made it possible to get the award. This recognition means a lot on their part, he observed.

This year's instalment of the Indaba ended on a high note on Monday with exhibitors and buyers wrapping up their business and meetings. The hosts, South African Tourism, said they registered just over 1 000 exhibitors and 1 222 buyers, a seven percent drop from last year.

But it was their strategic focus on increasing the number of sponsored buyers at 360 which they believe will

reap the rewards for exhibitors.

Meanwhile Kenya Tourism Board and Rwanda Development Board got first and second position, scooping platinum and gold, respectively.

Uganda came third, winning the silver award in the category of best stall. There were 148 stands competing in this category where the judges were looking for creativity in putting up the stand to make it appealing.

Meanwhile the Tourism Indaba ended on a high note with the local exhibitors sharing different sentiments and experiences on the success of the annual travel trade show hosted by the city of Durban in KwaZulu Natal Province.

A majority of the local tourism industry players gathered at the ICC in Durban were excited about the trade show and success of the meetings they had arranged prior to going to the Indaba.

While they were elated about the success of the show, the decline in the number of buyers attending this year's instalment of the trade show kept on surfacing with some noting that every year the numbers keep on declining. Some of those interviewed on the last day of the show raised the issue of the decline in numbers.

One being the Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini who said the statistics were declining, especially on the buyers side.



**POSE:** Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani Mabuza pictured with the different exhibitors at the Swaziland stand during the Indaba.

"But that does not make this trade show of less value because it still remains one of the important places where the industry meet. One cannot ignore it because tourism is all about being visible at all times owing to a lot of competition for destinations so you cannot allow for vacuum," he said.

## Applauded

He also applauded the locals for coming out of the comfort zone and actually participating in such important meetings noting that the tourism players have realised the importance of going out and scout for business in such forums.

Chairman of the Hospitality and Tourism Association of Swaziland (HOTAS) Darron Raw, said Swazi exhibitors registered significant number of meetings, and said prospects for the industry's growth were high.

He was at the show in his capacity as chairman and also as an exhibitor him-

self since he is the Director of Swazi Trails, which is one of the adventure tour operators that attract scores of international visitors.

"This has been a successful business outing and indications are pointing at an increase in interest on Swaziland's tourism products. Industry players who attended the show largely agreed that the Indaba is always beneficial to them.

The interest in attending such important meetings is growing within the industry which shows they have realised the importance attached to such show," said Raw. The show, which opened last Saturday, attracted over 13 000 scheduled meetings between international tourism buyers and African establishments.

About 23 local establishments



attended this year's Indaba, and were housed at the Swaziland stand, 17 of whom were able to be allocated space at the stand while the rest were 'walk abouts'. The delegation was led by the Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani Mabuza and the Swaziland Tourism Authority management led by CEO Eric Maseko and Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini.

## South Africa's downgrade duck good news for Swaziland

By Linda Dlamini

**SWAZILAND can breathe a sigh of relief at least for now as the international rating agency, Moody's decided to not downgrade South Africa's sovereign rating.**

According to reports from South African media, Moody's rating agency left its rating of South Africa's debt at Baa2, two levels above sub-investment grade, but assigned a negative outlook, citing risks to implementation of structural and fiscal reforms.

University of Swaziland (UNISWA) economist and lecturer Sibusiso Khumalo said due to the interconnection of the Swazi and South African economies, the downgrade would have been catastrophic results for the local economy.

"Given the number of South African subsidiaries in the country coupled with trade volumes between the two states, any serious economic issues that arise from our neighbouring state would have consequences within our economy," he said.

However, he said the risk was not gone yet.

"Moody's is not the only international rating agency, so South Africa, and by extension Swaziland, is not out of the woods yet. Fitch and Standards & Poor's (S&P), which are international rat-

ing agencies, are also due to rate South Africa," he said.

S&P is due to rate South Africa in June and December.

The economist said if any of these rating agencies would downgrade South Africa's debt to junk status, investor confidence in that country would fall leading to capital flight from international investors.

"This would likely cause the lilangeni against the dollar to rapidly depreciate and consequently lead to an increase in inflation as imports would be more expensive pushing up the general price level," he said.

He said unemployment rates of the country would likely experience an uptick as firms' production inputs would increase resulting in firms shedding jobs to maintain their profit margins.

As is the norm with an increase in inflation there would more than likely be an accompanying interest rate hike to deal with the inflation.

Khumalo added that the country would then experience an increase in borrowing costs.

"This would be especially felt by the government which has to finance its deficit both in terms of its domestic and external debt," he said.

"We can only hope that South Africa is not downgraded as this would be very bad news for our local economy," he concluded.

## We're not revising our outlook yet - Std Bank global markets

By Manqoba Makhubu

**STANDARD Bank economist Siphamandla Mkhwanazi says although South Africa escaped Moody's credit downgrade they are not expecting major changes to their outlook.**

Mkhwanazi was responding to a question on the recent developments of South Africa's credit rating status following his outlook presentation in Swaziland during Standard Bank Global Markets breakfast held at Royal Villas, Ezulwini held last month.

In his presentation, Mkhwanazi said result should the republic sovereign credit rating gets downgraded, both South Africa and Swaziland would lose investors, prices of assets would drop due to lack of demand, the rand/lilangeni will weaken further, inflation will shoot up and the average citizen will have to endure higher costs for goods and higher interest rates.

However, Moody's left South Africa's credit rating unchanged over the week-end.

Asked if they would revise their outlook for both

Swaziland and South Africa, Mkhwanazi said not yet.

"We are not expecting major changes to our outlook; the risk lies with Standard and Poor's and Fitch (S&P) that rates SA just one notch above sub-investment grade, with a negative outlook. Moody's affirmed SA status two notches above sub investment, albeit with a negative outlook," he said in a responding email yesterday.

He said they read Moody's action as marginally positive and believed that growth would pick up next year, which was in line with their expectations.

"At least it buys South Africa more time to come up with growth enhancing reforms and policies. But market may wait for S&P on June 3, 2016, when S&P review is due," he said.

Mkhwanazi said that was why Moody's indicated that failure to push through growth policies or clarify policies might still lead to downgrade.

The next big hurdle to overcome would be due in June when both Standard and Poor's and Fitch issue their updated credit scores. S&P has the country one notch above junk, while Fitch sits two.

## Farmers, maize retailers stand by NAMBoard

By Sikhulile Vilakati

**WHILE Members of Parliament have cried foul over the ban to purchase mealie-meal from South Africa by the National Agricultural Marketing Board (NAMBoard), farmers gave the parastatal a thumbs up.**

A farmer and maize retailer Paulina Shabangu said NAMBoard made a perfect decision as buying from SA not only affect farmers, but crippled the economy as well.

"What happened to buying locally and supporting each other? You find someone saying products from

Swaziland are of poor quality, yet they do not give suggestions on how we can enhance our productivity," she said. Shabangu said the ban would be of great benefit to farmers as this would see the nation purchasing from the National Maize Corporation (MNC), thus allowing farmers to sell to NAMBoard too while boosting local revenues.

However, she was quick to mention that they were still not happy with the price NMC offered currently to maize farmers.

"But that does not give us an excuse to run and buy mealie-meal from South Africa and further drain the economy," she said.

She said it was high time Swazis supported one another and consider what could happen if consumers rejected local products.

"Yes, we cannot argue that buying mealie-meal from South Africa was good for those who were most affected by the current drought in different constituencies as most do not have enough food to sustain them. However, it was wrong for others to see such as a business opportunity thus were selling back to the Swazis. We should be supporting each other," she said.

Another maize retailer, Nombuso Dlamini said those who purchased mealie-meal from South Africa and sold it back to Swazis were not doing any justice to the economy as all.



# AFRICA NEEDS TO DEVELOP NEW WAYS OF STEMMING ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS

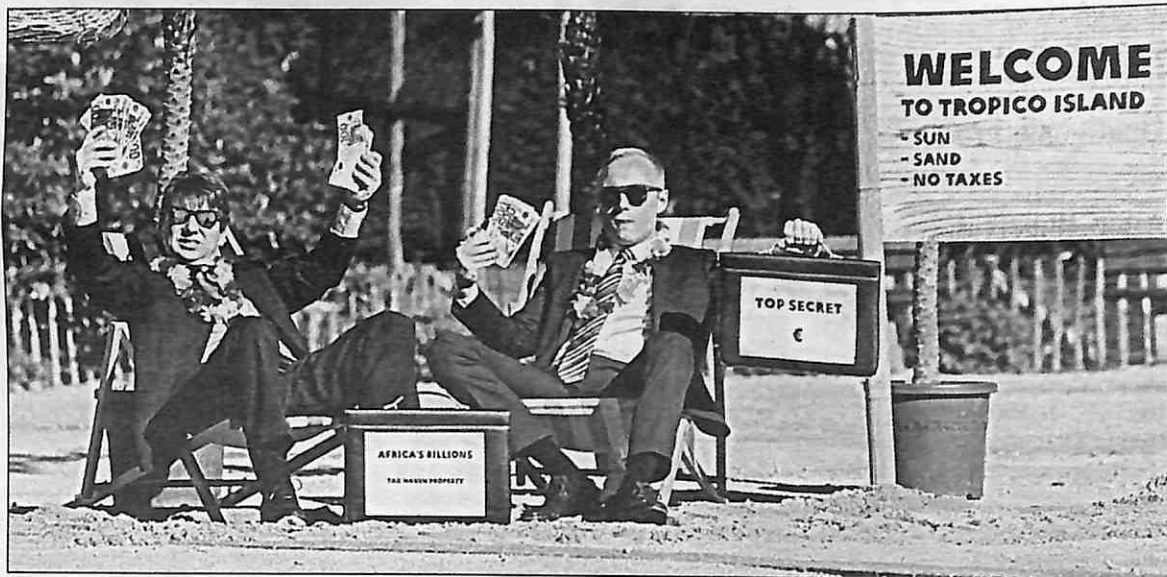
**CAPE TOWN** - Over the last 50 years, African countries have lost about \$1 trillion to illicit financial flows.

This equates to around \$50 billion a year and is equivalent to all the official development assistance received by the continent over the same period. It is enough to wipe out Africa's total external debt of around \$250 billion and still leave \$600 billion for poverty alleviation and economic growth.

Illicit financial flows involve money that is illegally earned, transferred, or utilised. The direct effects of illicit financial flows include lost investment in poverty reducing programmes such as health, education and job creation. The indirect effects include lower per capita investment and income. These effects are so detrimental that in July 2015 African nations offered to forego international aid in exchange for western countries agreeing to close tax loopholes and shut down tax havens.

But as significant as these statistics are, they do not capture the changing nature of Africa's illicit flows. Over the course of the last 50 years these have gradually evolved. They have become more complex.

Centralised public sector corruption has transformed into decentralised private sector corruption. This change reflects Africa's developmental progress away from donor reliance to trade-led economic growth. African officials no longer primarily siphon off aid into foreign accounts. Instead they act as intermediaries and gatekeepers between access to resources and



**ENOUGH IS ENOUGH:** Activists outside the European Commission show their disdain for existing measures against tax evasion and money laundering. (Google)

markets on the one side, and mostly private sector companies on the other.

The changing nature of illicit flows was well illustrated in the leaked Panama Papers. The documents offer a window into the activities of 128 current and former political leaders and officials, as well as criminals, terrorist organisations, corporations, billionaires and celebrities. The papers show that Mossack Fonseca, the law firm from which the 11 million documents were leaked, helped clients launder money, dodge sanctions and evade tax using an array of mechanisms.

## The main sources

Illicit financial flows typically arise from corruption, illegal exploitation, and tax evasion. Thus they are primarily a governance

problem arising from weak institutions and inadequate regulatory infrastructure. These include limited access to legal and financial expertise and misaligned domestic tax and trade reporting policies with global requirements. They also include outdated information gathering and sharing mechanisms, and a lack of political will.

Calculating the proportion of illicit financial flows that comprise corruption is difficult. But they have been estimated at around five percent of such global illicit flows. Some believe the figure for Africa may be much higher as the five percent does not include the role of corrupt practises in facilitating the trade and tax-related forms of illicit flows.

The Panama Papers also show that Mossack Fonseca facilitated the abusive system of transfer pricing.

This entails the use of shell companies to move profits to low-tax or no-tax countries without leaving a paper trail. It also enabled trade misinvoicing. This involves under or overstating the price, quality or quantity of traded goods and services. Over the last 10 years, African countries have lost between \$242 billion and \$407 billion from trade misinvoicing alone. This practice accounts for around 60% of illicit financial flows. About 35% arises from criminal activity.

This shows that commercial activities are the largest component of illicit flows from the continent. It is followed by organised crime and then public sector corruption.

## Efforts to stop flows

The regulatory implications of the Panama Papers are still gaining

traction.

But Oxfam's Tatu Ilunga and Transparency International's Craig Fagan argue that the leaked documents highlight the need for an overhaul of the global tax system. Africa has two significant endeavours aimed at curbing illicit flows and recovering the money stolen from the continent;

- The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa's High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows, led by Thabo Mbeki, and
- The Africa Progress Panel, chaired by former UN general secretary Kofi Annan.

Both initiatives are still at the policy formulation phase.

But much more needs to be done. Closing tax havens and loopholes will significantly benefit Africa's economies. For example, South Africa was able to recover \$2 billion in taxes after tax authorities uncovered a multinational company engaged in abusive transfer pricing. But there is also a need to deepen the anti-corruption and regulatory institutions. This will limit the capability of corrupt leaders and officials. Examples include the US Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Initiative and the World Bank's Stolen Assets Recovery Initiative and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Africa's democracies can be strengthened by entrenching transparency and accountability. As noted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, measures could include strengthening Article 22 of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption. It could also include a governance mechanism in the African Peer Review Mechanism. Combating Africa's illicit financial flows will require a much closer and more active continental and global partnership than has historically been the case.

*The Conversation*

## Unemployment hit its highest on record

**JOHANNESBURG** - STATS SA reported that unemployment had risen to 26.7% of the labour force in the first quarter of this year — the highest since the current method of collating the figures was introduced in 2008.

This was up from 24.5% in the previous three months and well above the 25.7% that had been predicted by economists. The number of people without a job rose by 521 000 to 5.71 million.

Manufacturing shed 100 000 jobs,

trade 119 000 and construction 77 000. Agriculture and government service were the only sectors in which employment grew.

The rand retreated more than two percent in the first quarter, partly because of the jobless rate but also because of a global commodity sell-off and a firmer dollar. The currency later recovered to trade 1.9% weaker at R15.15 to the dollar, near its worst level in a month.

Gauteng municipalities had the biggest fall in employment with

195 000 jobs lost. Six of the country's eight metros recorded job losses, with eThekweni, in KwaZulu-Natal, shedding 144 000 and Ekurhuleni, in Gauteng, 111 000. The Cape Town and Nelson Mandela Bay municipalities increased their payrolls by 4 000 and 3 000 jobs respectively.

After the decision by Moody's on Friday to keep its rating steady, Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan said he intended to show other agencies that this country was on the right economic track.

Gordhan said yesterday: "We developed a common intent among labour, business and government that we don't want to be downgraded and we have many positives to say about ourselves."

"All we can do is work as hard as we can to convince people out there that we are a country capable of solving its problems." President Jacob Zuma was scheduled to meet business and labour leaders yesterday.

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## Vodacom to shut down M-Pesa business (Mobile Money)

**JOHANNESBURG** - Mobile network Vodacom South Africa has moved to shut down its sluggish mobile money transfer service M-Pesa.

M-Pesa enables customers - particularly unbanked users - to transfer money from person-to-person using mobile phone and text-messaging technology.

In 2010, Vodacom launched M-Pesa in South Africa and the company set a target of reaching 10 million local users.

But only 76 000 people were actively using the service last year, according to Vodacom's 2015 integrated report. Subsequently, reports state that Vodacom was reviewing the service and the company has confirmed that it will discontinue the product from June 30, 2016.

"Vodacom's decision is based

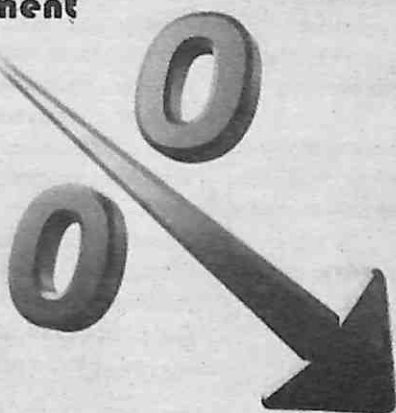
on the fact that the business sustainability of M-Pesa is predicated on achieving a critical mass of users," said Shameel Joosub, Vodacom's Chief Executive Officer. "Based on our revised projections and high levels of financial

inclusion in South Africa, there is little prospect of the M-Pesa product achieving this in its current format in the mid-term," said Joosub in a

statement. Joosub further said "Vodacom is fully committed to mitigating any inconvenience to customers" and that "their funds remain safe and readily accessible". "We remain of the opinion that opportunities exist in the financial services environment and we will continue to explore these," said Joosub.

*fin24*

## Unemployment







# ZIMBABWE OPPOSITION UP IN ARMS OVER 'US DOLLAR' PLAN

**HARARE** - Zimbabwe's opposition condemned the government's plan to print a local version of the US dollar as "madness" on Monday, as panic set in over a crippling cash shortage.

"The printing of bond notes will be the death knell to this economy," the main opposition party, the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), said in a statement.

"Zimbabweans have walked this road before. They have not forgotten the dark days when they were poor quintillionaires."

Zimbabwe adopted the US and South African currencies in 2009 after hyperinflation peaked at 231 million percent, rendering the national currency worthless.

A recent shortage of foreign notes prompted Central Bank Governor John Mangudya to unveil measures including limit-



**EARLY BIRDS:** Zimbabweans queue to withdraw cash outside a bank in Harare, Zimbabwe, after the government slapped new limits on cash withdrawals and announced that 'bond notes' at par with the US dollar would be introduced. (AFP)

ing withdrawals to \$1 000 per day and printing a series of tokens, called bond notes, rated at par with the US dollar.

"The MDC is preparing a

robust response to this madness and the party reserves its right to mobilise the people against this ill-advised decision which is certainly not backed by economic

logic," the party said.

Bond notes will complement bond coins, which were introduced in 2014 to tackle a lack of small change.

The notes, which Mangudya said were "at design stage," will be in denominations of \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$20.

They will be backed by a \$200-million support facility provided by the Afrexibank (Africa Export-Import Bank).

Mangudya's announcement last week prompted panic, with long queues of desperate depositors trying to withdraw their money at banks and automated teller machines.

Economists blame the cash shortage on lack of investment and a trade deficit which saw the country's import bill standing at \$490 million in the first quarter against \$167 million in exports.

AFP

## Canada freezes aid to Mozambique government

**OTTAWA** - Canada has joined the IMF, World Bank and a number of countries in cutting aid to Mozambique over concerns about the country's finances.

Mozambique had more than US \$1.3 billion in undeclared debts, which raised concerns among donors over its financial management. Fourteen donor agencies and countries, including the UK, Portugal and Switzerland, are freezing a portion of their development assistance.

Canada's high commissioner in Mozambique said on Twitter yesterday that general budget support has been frozen -- that's aid that goes directly to Mozambique's government. Development assistance provided to NGOs and multilateral organisations like the UN remains in place.

Canada provided \$92 million to

Mozambique in 2012-2013, the last year for which statistics were provided on the Global Affairs Canada website.



A local media report in Mozambique said the minister of economy and finance spoke on Monday about fears the country will have to cut non-essential services and sell off assets if the suspension of aid lasts too long.

ctvnews.ca

## 'Bleak' outlook for drought-hit Zimbabwe

**HARARE** - Zimbabwe faces a growing food supply crisis, with a \$290 million shortfall in funding desperately required to feed up to 4.5 million people in need by next year, the United Nations warned.

A regional drought worsened by the El Nino weather phenomenon has hit Zimbabwe hard, with Mozambique, Malawi and Zambia also affected as thou-

sands of cattle die, reservoirs are depleted and crops destroyed.

### El Nino

"The general outlook is the food security situation in Zimbabwe from now right up to March 2017 is bleak," UN World Food Programme (WFP) Country Director Eddie Rowe said at a media briefing in Harare.

"Rains received in March-April have marginally

improved the situation. For most, however, it was too late to revive failed crops. There are quite a number of districts that are still feeling the full brunt of El Nino."

President Robert Mugabe in February declared a state of disaster in rural areas hit by drought in Zimbabwe, where the moribund economy has worsened the shortages.

AFP



**WITH LOVE:** Prince Harry spread the love on the first full day of the Invictus Games, posing with babies (bottom right with British recumbent cyclist Rob Cromey-Hawke and daughter Pippa), offering kind words of encouragement, and even planting kisses on a lucky few near Orlando, Florida. Harry, who founded the games for wounded, injured and sick veterans, now in its second running after the London Invictus Games in 2014, surprised many of the competitors by handing out medals himself. The royal planted a kiss on road cyclist Katie Kuiper, (main) who served in the US Army as an intelligence analyst and suffered a gunshot wound to the head in 2013. (Daily Mail)

## BRIEFS

### Landslides kill dozens in Rwanda

**KIGALI** - At least 49 people were killed at the weekend in landslides caused by torrential rains in rural Rwanda, the government said. The worst-affected district was Gakenke in the north, where 34 people were killed. Another 15 were killed and 26 injured in western parts of the country. "More than 500 houses were destroyed and road sections rendered unusable," the government said. Twelve people died on a single night in the capital Kigali, where 1 500 homes were damaged in rainstorms. The authorities blame the El Niño weather phenomenon for the disasters. Reuters

### Gunmen kill Nigerian policemen

**ABUJA** - Gunmen killed four Nigerian policemen in the oil-producing southern Niger Delta, police said. The officers were ambushed in the Okobie community while travelling to Yenago, the capital of Bayelsa state, police spokesman Ahmad Mohammad said. He said it was unclear who was behind the attack. Attacks on oil pipelines and kidnappings have been rising in the Delta, which produces much of Nigeria's oil output, since authorities issued an arrest warrant in January for a former militant leader on corruption charges. Reuters

### UN worried over expelling refugees

**GENEVA** - Kenya's decision to stop hosting refugees could have "devastating consequences" for hundreds of thousands of people, the UN warned, urging the country with the world's largest refugee camp to reconsider. Citing security concerns, Kenya said it planned to close refugee camps on its soil and would no longer automatically grant refugee status to arriving asylum seekers. The UN refugee agency voiced alarm at the announcement, warning against "the potentially devastating consequences for hundreds of thousands of people that premature ending of refugee hosting would have."

BBC

### Police disperse protests in Nairobi

**NAIROBI** - Kenyan police have tear-gassed opposition leaders and hundreds of their supporters who were holding protests demanding the disbandment of the electoral authority because of alleged bias and corruption. Police surrounded the offices of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission, in the capital Nairobi, with water cannons and baton-wielding officers in anticipation of the demonstration organised by the Coalition for Reforms and Democracy. Japheth Koome, Nairobi's police chief, warned that police would allow peaceful demonstrations but would not tolerate any breach of peace.

AFP

### Court slaps life terms 'coup plotters'

**NAIROBI** - Burundi's Supreme Court slapped life sentences on 21 army officers involved in a supposed coup plot in May last year. The court had in January given 30-year jail terms to nine officers and sentenced eight other soldiers to five years while acquitting seven others. But prosecutors appealed the initial sentence. The decision is however, not binding as it can be appealed once more. AFP



# Focus on SA scene

## 12 MILLION PEOPLE SET TO DROP OFF VOTERS' ROLL

**JOHANNESBURG** - The IEC have been wrapped over the knuckles for dragging its heels since 2003 for proper registration, an oversight which could essentially halve SA's voters.

If the Constitutional Court (ConCourt) does not overturn the Electoral Court's finding that all registered voters had to have a traceable address, more than 12 million people would have to be removed from the voters' roll, the ConCourt heard yesterday.

The legal and constitutional ramifications of postponing the Tlokwe municipality by-elections because of a defective voters' roll "imperilled" local government elections, due to be held countrywide on August 3, the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) submitted to the ConCourt yesterday.

Wim Trengove, for the IEC, said the effect of the Electoral Court's judgment in *Kham and Others v Electoral Commission and Another*, meant the IEC would have to obtain the addresses of all 25.6 million registered voters who have physical addresses, regardless of when they were registered and remove from the voters' roll all the voters whose addresses are not on the roll.

If the IEC did not do this, the voters' roll would be invalid, Trengove argued.

The IEC, ANC and department of cooperative governance and traditional affairs are in court hoping to have the Electoral Court's finding urgently overturned, while the DA, six inde-



**ONE MAN ONE VOTE:** The IEC office which is preparing to stage Local government elections, countrywide on August 3. (Google)

pendent candidates and others are hoping the court will rule the IEC had better get a move on in registering the possibly more than 12 million voters who do not have addresses registered against their name. Trengove said after the Electoral Act had changed in 2003, it was only "implied" the IEC should keep track of voters' addresses. It was a point Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng conceded when he noted it was only from November last year the IEC was required to keep addresses. The Tlokwe furore broke last year when the Electoral Court overturned the North West provinces Tlokwe by-elections because they were not free and fair, due to the voters' roll being incomplete. "Even following the two successful weekend registration drives conducted by the IEC in 2016, there remain 12.2 million registered voters

in the country without any addresses or with incomplete or generic addresses on the IEC's system," Trengove said. He added it would be impossible for the IEC to obtain the addresses of those voters before the local government elections. "The notion of 12 million registered voters being deprived of their right to vote is unthinkable," Trengove said.

The IEC came in for sharp criticism from the court for having dragged its heels since 2003 over registering voters without addresses, and a suggestion was made by Mogoeng that STATSSA become involved in supplying manpower for the registration.

Advocates struggled to come up with an answer to Mogoeng's question: "What do you want us to do?" and for the most part, said the IEC had to do its job.

*The Citizen*

## N West Premier Supra Mahumapelo's axe has fallen again!

**JOHANNESBURG** - The chopping and changing of the cabinet was long overdue as there has been a lot of talk about reshuffling since December.

At the time, the premier poured cold water over it.

But on Sunday night, he axed two

MECs, filled two longstanding vacancies and moved others around.

The fired MECs are Maphefo Matsemela and Gaoe Molapisi.

Matsemela was axed from her post as education and sports development MEC and the position was handed to Sello Lehari. Molapisi was replaced

by Mpho Motlhabane as Community Safety and Transport Management MEC. One of the two vacant posts was that of local government and human settlements MEC, a position left open by Collen Maine when he was elected ANC Youth League President. *Daily Sun*

## 'wean young girls away from sugar-daddies'

**JOHANNESBURG** - The health minister wants to keep "girls in school until matric" and "wean them away from sugar-daddies".

Dr Aaron Motsoaledi announced, during his department's budget vote yesterday, a "major programme...to deal with the young generation".

It will, he said, start in Youth Month (June), run for three years and focus "on girls and young women, in the age group 15-24, and the men who are infecting and impregnating

them".

This campaign has five objectives:

- "Decreasing infections in girls and young women;
- "Decreasing teenage pregnancy;
- "Decreasing sexual and gender-based violence;
- "Keeping girls in school until matric; and
- "Increasing economic opportunities for young women to try and wean them away from sugar-daddies."

"This campaign must be a whole of government and whole of society campaign and led by young people," said Motsoaledi, before pointing to his six young "guests in the gallery" and asking them "to stand so you can all see them!"

This campaign is set to cost R3-billion, and will be funded by government departments the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, the Global Fund and German Development Agency. *News24*

## DA, Women's League call for probe in Judge's rape comments

**JOHANNESBURG** - The ANC Women's League has called on the Judicial Service Commission to investigate whether High Court judge Mabel Jansen should be removed for comments linking rape with black culture.

And the Democratic Alliance, which also intended to report her to the commission, wanted the South African Human Rights Commission to investigate.

"Her comments made on Facebook where she claims that the rape of young children is part of black culture, are purely racist and misrepresentation of facts about black culture. The comments are not in any way assisting in fighting the scourge of sexual abuse in the country,"

Women's League Secretary-General, Meokgo Matuba, said.

Although recorded cases of rape had decreased by 7.4%, from 46 647 in 2014 to 43 195 in 2015, the figures were still high, she said.

Democratic Alliance member of Parliament Glynnis Breytenbach said Jansen had violated Article 7 of the code of judicial conduct.

According to Article 7, a judge must at all times "personally avoid and dissociate him or herself from comments or conduct by persons subject to his or her control that are racist, sexist or otherwise manifest discrimination in violation of the equality guaranteed by the Constitution".

*News24*



## DA has lived up to its promises in Cape Town - De Lille

**CAPE TOWN** - The DA-led Council in Cape Town has made great progress in the past five years, Mayor Patricia de Lille said yesterday.

However, she said, "there is still a lot more work to do," which was why she was standing for re-election as mayor.

She was speaking at the launch of the Democratic Alliance's Cape Town manifesto, a glossy 29-page book in the party's trademark blue.

The manifesto used the same five "pillars" as those first launched by the DA in 2011.

These pillars were "building an opportunity city, a safe city, a caring city, an inclusive city and a well-run city".

De Lille said her re-election and the use of same pillars

were to demonstrate that the DA was on a continuous journey.

"We have put in place mechanisms to drive change and have to continue the hard work of seeing change occur," she told journalists and party delegates.

"That is a task that will take years. We believe we have lived up to the promises we made and have demonstrated good faith to the electorate and so we are running on our record." De Lille said elections were about choices.

She believed the manifesto represented a "new watermark" for public policy proposals in local government.

"It is realistic, achievable, and forward-looking."

*Daily Mail*



# MEET THE MAN WHO CAN'T STOP GROWING

**BEIJING** - One of China's tallest men is due to undergo life-changing surgery that will hopefully mean he will finally be able to walk on his own two legs.

Xu Fuhai, 26, has been walking with the help of crutches since his teens following an injury according to Huanqiu, an affiliate of People's Daily Online.

However, after almost a decade of suffering, the 7ft 11in giant from a rural village in the eastern province of Shandong, has finally been offered a new lease of life.

According to on.cc, Xu, from Dong Guan Tun village, was 7ft 8in last year but he grew three inches in the space of a year to 7ft 11in.

This means he is now taller than the current official tallest man in China, Bao Xishun, who is 7ft 8in.

He has an enormous appetite and eats up to 16 buns each meal.

And because he is so tall, he needs his own custom-made furniture.

However, despite his stature, Xu hasn't walked tall since his teens.

The giant accidentally fell while playing basketball when he was 15, causing undiagnosed injuries to his legs that led to poor circulation.

Within six months, Xu started seeing swelling in his legs and sores started to develop, leading him to fall back on crutches.

His injury has also meant that Xu is entirely dependent on his parents, who also have to care for his three younger siblings.

Xu has become an enormous financial, physical and emotional burden on his parents, who are both of average height.

But now an unnamed hospital has offered Xu pro-bono surgery to relieve his condition meaning that, for the first time in over a decade, he could finally stand on his own two feet.

Daily Mail

- Xu Fuhai has been on crutches since he was 15 after a basketball accident
- The villager from Shandong, east China, is still growing at 26 years old
- He's offered surgery to give him independence for the first time in a decade



**TALL ORDER:** Xu Fuhai (centre) is one of China's tallest men at 7ft 11in and he's still growing at 26 years old. (Daily Mail)



**STILL TODDLER:** The villager from rural Shandong, east China, still relies on his parents (pictured) as an accident has meant that he cannot walk without crutches.



**NEW LIFE:** Xu has been offered free surgery by a Chinese hospital which could give him independence for the first time in a decade.



**UNIQUE:** Because Xu is so tall, he has his own custom-made furniture to sit and sleep comfortably (pictured).

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## BRIEFS

## Senate presses on with impeachment

SAO PAULO - Brazil's Senate forged ahead with impeachment proceedings against President Dilma Rousseff on Monday, rejecting a surprise decision by the acting speaker of the lower house, who tried to annul a key vote just days before the president could be suspended from office. The clash between Brazil's two most senior lawmakers threw markets into disarray and threatened to drag out a painful political crisis with a constitutional standoff that could end up at the Supreme Court.

AFP

## Harry gets Barbara's phone number

NEW YORK - Prince Harry appeared on Monday morning where he not only got to speak about the Invictus Games but was also offered a date with a former first daughter at the end of his interview. After telling Jenna Bush Hager that he was single and did not know why people constantly asked him if he wanted children, Jenna told the 31-year-old: "You know what, I have a single sister and she feels the same way. Listen, she's available!" Jenna then said she would give him Barbara Bush's phone number after the interview, adding: "She's going to kill me! Does it make you laugh that people are already asking you about children?" *Daily Mail*

## Controvecial Mayor leads in elections

MANILA - Firebrand city mayor Rodrigo Duterte looked virtually certain to become the Philippines' next president, with one of his main rivals conceding he has won. This appeared to be confirmation that the political outsider's pledges to crush crime and corruption had resonated with voters. With 80 percent of the vote counted late on Monday night, Duterte had 13.2 million votes, about 5.5 million more than his nearest rival, according to the PPCRV, a Catholic Church-run poll monitor accredited by the government to tally the votes.

Daily Mail

## Woman blasted with an AK-47

AFGHANISTAN - This is the moment a woman was forced to her knees and blasted in the head with an AK-47 as 'punishment' after she was accused of killing her husband in Afghanistan. The woman, dressed in a blue burka, was dragged before a Taliban court in northern Afghanistan's Khanaqa district before being sentenced to death. Footage shows her on the ground surrounded by a crowd of shouting men - including members of her husband's family - who were calling for her to be executed. The harrowing video shows the crowd then spreading out as a masked executioner steps forward with a machine gun. *Daily Mail*

## Muslim student misidentified

RANCHO CUCAMONGA - A Muslim high school student said on Monday she's hurt after being mistakenly identified in her Southern California yearbook as "Isis Phillips." Bayan Zehlf, a 17-year-old high school senior, said at a news conference with Muslim community advocates that she found it "coincidental" that she was mistaken for a girl whose name is widely associated with a terror group. *Daily Mail*



## LONDON'S NEW MAYOR TO VISIT USA

LONDON - Presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump has said that London's new mayor will be exempt from his ban on Muslims.

Trump first announced his controversial plans to bar all non-American Muslims from entering the United States in the aftermath of the San Bernardino terror attacks last December.

But as Sadiq Khan was voted the next Mayor of London last week, the real estate mogul has said he will allow 'exceptions' to the ban. "There will always be exceptions," Trump told the New York Times, adding that he was happy to see Khan become the first Muslim mayor of a western capital because he can 'lead by example'. "I think if he does a

● In case Donald Trump is elected new American president  
● Sadiq Khan who is also a Muslim was voted the next Mayor of London last week

great job, it will really — you lead by example, always lead by example. If he does a good job and frankly if he does a great job, that would be a terrific thing."

Trump has come under heavy criticism for his stance on Muslims which critics have called discriminatory and racist.

But rather than back down from his inflammatory claims, last week Trump doubled down on his call to ban non-American Muslims from entering the United States - even if it causes problems going forward in the general election.

"They're destroying Europe, I'm

not going to let that happen to the United States," Trump said this morning during an interview on Morning Joe.

While he may be an 'exception' to the ban, Khan said he was planning to visit the US before this year's presidential elections in November 'in case Donald Trump wins.' In an interview with Time magazine, before Trump's announcement yesterday, he said: "If Donald Trump becomes the president I'll be stopped from going there by virtue of my faith, which means I can't engage with American mayors and swap ideas."

He has previously expressed admiration for mayors Bill de Blasio in New York and Rahm Emanuel in Chicago, both Democrats, and said he hoped to meet them both. Khan criticised his rival in the bid to become the next mayor, Conservative party member Zac Goldsmith, for attempting to link him with extremism. "Conservative [party] tacticians thought those sort of tactics would win London and they were wrong. I'm confident that Donald Trump's approach to politics won't win in America."

Daily Mail



INDOOR SWIMMING: Unbelievable video footage shows students swimming in their dorm room after 'flooding halls' to create a pool. The students, who are all from Fangchenggang, Guangxi Province in China, apparently turned the taps on in their room and flooded the halls to create an indoor swimming pool. They then captured footage of themselves having the time of their lives splashing about in the ankle-high water and later sitting down in the middle of the room for a casual game of mahjong. It is not clear what the repercussions were following the room being flooded and the video appearing online. (Daily Mail)

## New Panama Papers data leaked

PANAMA CITY - The latest data to be leaked in connection with the Panama Papers scandal reveals the names and details of thousands of offshore companies including those of 36 Americans who have been accused of financial misconduct.

The easily searchable online database includes the names of Americans who have been convicted of fraud or other crimes. Six Americans listed in the papers were accused in a lawsuit in federal court in the state of Washington for using an off-

shore company to run a Ponzi scheme that cost thousands of middle-class Indonesians nearly \$100 million. The names were made available by International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, based on the massive trove of information discovered on the finances of the rich and powerful.

The latest files to be released also contain basic corporate information about companies, trusts and foundations set up in 21 jurisdictions including Hong Kong and the US state of Nevada. The data was obtained from

Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, which said it was hacked.

Among the 36 Americans are Martin Frankel, a Connecticut financier who pleaded guilty in 2002 to 20 counts of wire fraud, securities fraud and racketeering conspiracy.

Frankel became notorious for his lavish lifestyle, which included purchasing jewels, furs, luxury cars and a compound where he recruited women 'through advertisements in alternative publications'.

Daily Mail

## El Chapo's extradition proceeds after prison transfer

MEXICO CITY - Joaquin 'El Chapo' Guzman is one step closer to being extradited to the US, where he has been indicted on charges of drugs and arms trafficking, money laundering and murder.

A federal judge in Mexico ruled Guzman's extradition can move forward, although the Foreign Relations Department still has 20 days to approve the decision, which can be blocked by his attorneys.

The decision comes just two days after the Sonalua cartel boss was moved from a maximum-security prison near Mexico City to a one in Ciudad Juarez.

Mexico's Judicial Council said the judge, who it did not name, had agreed that the legal requirements laid out in the extradition treaty between the two countries had been met.

## Protocol

The Foreign Relations Department has 20 days to decide whether to approve Guzman's extradition, although his attorneys can request a delay or stop the process altogether if the decision is appealed.

Guzman was moved Saturday from a prison outside Mexico City to one in Ciudad Juarez near the US border.

Mexico's National Security Commission said the transfer was in line with security protocols, and it has rotated more than 7 400 inmates nationwide as part of a security strategy implemented last September.

Questions have arisen on both sides of the border about the decision to relocate the convicted drug lord to a region that is one of his cartel's strongholds.

One Mexican security official who spoke on the condition of anonymity acknowledged Sunday that the sudden transfer was to a less-secure prison.

Daily Mail





## EARLY-BIRD TICKETS FOR #FILLUPMAVUSO EXTENDED

Stories by Phumelele Mkhonta

**THE** selling of early bird tickets for the Fill-Up-Mavuso initiative has been extended to next Wednesday as opposed to the previous detailing which stated that tickets were to be sold until the last day of April.

The Fill-Up-Mavuso concept was initiated by Imitsanyelo We Fashion Front founder and CEO and hip/hop star Sifiso 'Illa' Mntungwa.

### Support

In his concept, he envisioned a Swaziland that would pleasantly fill up a venue just to support local talent and musicians.

According to Illa, the extension is a gesture from him to fun lovers to thank and appreciate their heartfelt support towards making this initiative work thus making history in Swaziland.

"We appreciate the support from many Swazis by immensely buying the tickets," said Illa. Meanwhile, revellers who would buy two general tickets will get a free VIP tag.

This treat is also extending to next Wednesday.

### Awarded

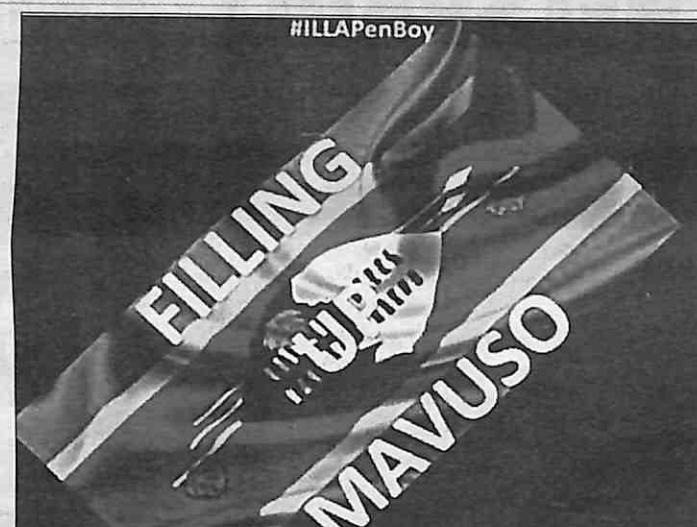
"Once a reveller produces two general tickets at the gate, that person will be awarded with a VIP tag on the spot," explained Illa.

The show will be held on the May

21 at the Mavuso in Manzini and gates will open at 2pm.

Performances will be by Illa Penboy, KRTC, Kangaroo, Switch, Tribal Misfits, Tiya, Stich, Diba Diba, MBO, Sands, Eskay, Lyrical Bust, Verse, Nkamba Nkamba, Sgazo, Dj Lolo, The Scientists, Speech and Crooks. The surprise guest is yet to be announced.

Ticket are available at Galitos in Manzini and Matsapha, 50's Kitchen at Kwaluseni, SDEEZ in Manzini, Ocean Basket in Mbabane and Ezulwini, Boisen Music in Mbabane (Mall), Glamour Salon in Nhlanguano (Mall) and New Life (RSG Complex) in Nhlanguano. No tickets will be available at the gate.



## ...Gains to go towards charity

**TEN percent of proceeds from the show will go towards charity under the Manzini Municipal Council (emadladla).**

Some gains will be piped to SNCAC Charity programmes.

"Our greatest appreciation also goes to Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture and the Manzini Municipal Council for giving us their greatest support while we make history," emphasised the hip/hop guru.

## Crowd dazzled by Heavy K down south

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta

**SOUTH** Africa drum boss 'Heavy K' dazzled a crowd of close to 1 000 fans at the Southern Swaziland Country Club.

The show attracted music lovers across the Kingdom and beyond the country's borders.

Mfundo Mbhamali a.k.a. DJ Mfundo, who celebrated his birthday during the show, said he was impressed with the turnout.

He said this was one event his company Kool Swazi Entertainment considered as the show of the year.

He said it was the fourth time he was celebrating his birthday in this fashion wherein he invited acts from South Africa to share the stage with other local DJs.

"I am more than impressed. The crowd is overwhelming and the hall proved to be too small as others waited outside.

"I had not anticipated that my important day will be turned into a show of the year," said DJ Mfundo.

DJ Mfundo said he had a good working relationship with the South African top DJ, Heavy K, as every time he invited him to play in the country during shows organised by his company, he always honoured the invitation.

"He does not just honour the invitation, but his performance always leaves the crowd screaming and shouting, a sign that they enjoy all the beats and vibes he plays for them.

"Even this time around, just when he was introduced, the roar that came from the crowd shook the building.

"It was worse when he took over the turntables as the excitement was astonishing.

This proves that Heavy K has a large



**WE ARE ONE:** Heavy K flanked by DJ Mfundo and DJ Kish. This was during Mfundo's birthday celebration held at the Nhlanguano Club on Saturday night. (Pics: Starsky Mkhonta)



**BLESSED:** Fun lovers enjoying themselves during the event.

following in the country.

"There is no doubt that he is a crowd puller and I thank him for making my important day a memorable one," said DJ Mfundo.

### Celebrating

He said it was four years ago when he started celebrating his birthdays with music lovers at clubs and lodges.

"The first event was at Lituba Lodge in Big Bend wherein I brought DJ Tira

who is also a household name in SA.

"The second one was held at Siteki Hotel where I hosted Shota also from SA.

The third birthday party of this nature was at Siteki Hotel last year where I also featured Heavy K and this year I decided to stage it here in Nhlanguano and invited Heavy K for the second time.

"I am planning to stage my next

## Nhlanguano folks top priority for Kool Entertainment

**EACH** time Kool Swazi Entertainment plans to stage a show, the first place it considers as suitable is Nhlanguano.

"My company has since resolved that any show we plan to organise, Nhlanguano is our priority. I feel welcomed at this part of the country hence I have decided to have my birthday celebrated here this time around. It's always a full house when I have shows here and this is encouraging," said DJ Mfundo.

DJ Mfundo said the way he was enjoying support from the people of Nhlanguano, he felt this was now his 'home'. He said this was the reason he always brought household names in the music industry each time his company staged an event in Nhlanguano.

"The people of Nhlanguano are always important to us as a company in music. It is this reason why I make sure I bring top DJs each time we come here. This is one way of thanking them. Even the two DJs who have previously featured several times in our shows held here, DJ Heavy K and DJ Tira, have proved how much they are loved by the people of this region," said DJ Mfundo.

He said what was also encour-

birthday party in Manzini," said the director of Kool Swazi Entertainment.

Other DJs featured during this show included DJ Mix Mash, DJ Kish, DJ Deep Motion, DJ Free



**BIRTHDAY BOY:** The MC of the night Frankie with the birthday boy.

aging was that the crowd behaved in all the shows his company had staged in the region.

"The people are well behaved, so we see nothing stopping us from considering Nhlanguano our first choice when it comes to shows," said DJ Mfundo.

The spinner also thanked the police, saying the patrols conducted throughout the show were another contributing factor that all their shows were successful.

He added there were a number of shows to take place in the region as the year progressed.

"We have something in store for the region's folk. A series of shows to feature top South African and our local DJs is on the offing," said DJ Mfundo.

Style and DJ 'GP', who collectively left the crowd thrilled.

Heavy K started his session at around 3am and proceeded up until 6am. However, the crowd wanted more from him.



# SCENES OF DANCE TOUR CONTINUES AT NKANDLA, NELSPRUIT

Storie by Tenele Dlamini

THE scenes of dance tour continues as the show goes on and this time would be held at the Solanis Shisanyama location in Mbabane.

The event, scheduled to take place on May 21 at one of the country's night time hotspots, has been themed # We Support Lokal and is the 'Scenes of Dance Nkandla Edition'. Previously the event was held at Finesse Restaurant in the capital city.

According to one of the participating DJs who helped throw an impressive Live in Colour Braai after party event at Finesse Restaurant two weekends ago, DJ Dexter from the Pure Grooves DJs ensemble, he too would be playing alongside the other Scenes of Dance DJs. "Pure Grooves is not necessarily organising the event,



but I am one of the DJs who will play at the Nkandla show.

## Organise

The scenes of dance is more or less like a tour, meaning we are yet to organise our next stop," said the DJ who also invited the public to come in their numbers.

Other music men who will show their skills behind the turn tables include; DJs Dope Deep, The Scientists, Cup, Dexter and Ace4nic. Entrance at the door is affordable and doors open at 6pm at the event expected to last until 5am.

## This is a movement we have started- DJ Dope

DJ Dope Deep, also known as Sebenle Xaba, one of the organisers of the Nkandla Edition's Scenes of Dance says what they have started is a movement.

"This is just a movement we have started and are trying to push ourselves as local DJs through trying to attract fun-lovers from Swaziland. Our main goal is networking and putting ourselves out there. We are not relying on South African organisers and artists, but doing it ourselves," explained Xaba.

When questioned on other venues

the movement has been able to grace, he said they have performed at a number of night spots and were looking to expand throughout the country.

## Performance

"We have previously had our team of DJs performing at Solanis Shisanyama a venue we would be hosting the upcoming tour on May 21 as well as a recent performance at Finesse Restaurant. Other clubs we are looking at are Mario's Club in Manzini, but are waiting for confirmation, Esibayeni Lodge's Déjà vu and the Pub and Grill Restaurant

in Ezulwini," the organiser stated.

He went on to urge the public to come and enjoy the show on the said date for they have a vast selection of music for everyone.

"Our music to be showcased is club and a lot of underground deep house music, which is not necessarily commercial sound," he concluded. In South Africa, the show will go on once again, according to the organiser, as on May 25 and 26 Nelspruit will experience the Mbombela Shisanyama Edition, also part of the 'Scenes of Dance' tour.

## MORE KWESTA'S ALL WHITE PARTY PICS



ILALA VUKA: South African artist Kwesta commanded a full house of all white clad patrons at his show held at the White House Club in Manzini on Saturday night. (Pics: Phesheya Kunene)



IZANDLA PHEZULU: Kwesta's fans with their hands in the air singing along to the South African musician's popular tunes.



'I'M NGUD': Kwesta dances and hops on stage while smiling at his excited fans.

## Imvelo incorporates Ingadla in this year's Traditional Dance Competition

By Phumelele Mkhonta

THE traditional dance competition organised by Imvelo and Swaziland Beverages which only involved Sibhaca dancing, is now incorporating Ingadla dance as well.

This was confirmed by Swaziland Breweries Sales Manager Traditional Ernest Mavuso.

Mavuso said this yesterday in the Imvelo Sibhaca/Ingadla National Competition 2016 Strategic Plan Launch, which was held at Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture offices in Manzini.

### Competition

"This year's competition will be different as we will categorise personnel into RSP, HMCS, and USDF) in the broader categories. In those categories will be sub-

divided into Sibhaca and Ingadla categories. So to say, we are expecting this year's event to be bigger," explained Mavuso.

### Required

Teams are required to be a minimum of six members who should be above the age of 18. The joining fee for each team is E100 and deadline for registration is May 26. Prizes to be won during the finals will be worth E40 000.

### COMPETITION DATES:

The following are competition dates in the different regions of Swaziland.

- Lubombo : Dvokodweni Inkhundla, May 28
- Hhohho : Hhukwini Inkhundla June 4
- Shiselweni: Maseyisini Inkhundla June 11
- Manzini : Ekukhanyeni Inkhundla June 18

## ENTERTAINMENT EXTRA

## AMANDA DU-PONT TO LAUNCH SHOE LINE

JOHANNESBURG - Actress and fashion guru Amanda du-Pont is set to take her love for fashion to new heights with the launch of her very own designer shoe collection.

Speaking to TMG Entertainment, Amanda said she is incredibly humbled and excited about her collaboration with designer shoe company, Footwork South Africa.

"Footwork is a shoe brand that can be found in all major retailers in South Africa, so you can imagine how excited I was when they approached me," Amanda said.

Amanda added that this is the first time the shoe company is partnering with a celebrity,



BOSS LADY: Actress and fashion guru Amanda du-Pont.

which makes her feel incredibly honoured.

"I'm involved in the entire process of making the shoes in this collection. From the design

to naming them, everything will reflect me and my love for shoes."

Amanda explained that she will be naming pieces in the collection after her siblings and other loved ones.

### Lustrous

The TV personality described the range as lustrous, sophisticated yet affordable and not out of reach for young women.

"All the shoes in the line are stilettos and are very much in line with my personal shoe style," Amanda revealed that her shoe line is set to officially launch in summer and more details will be unveiled closer to the launch date.

Sunday Times Live





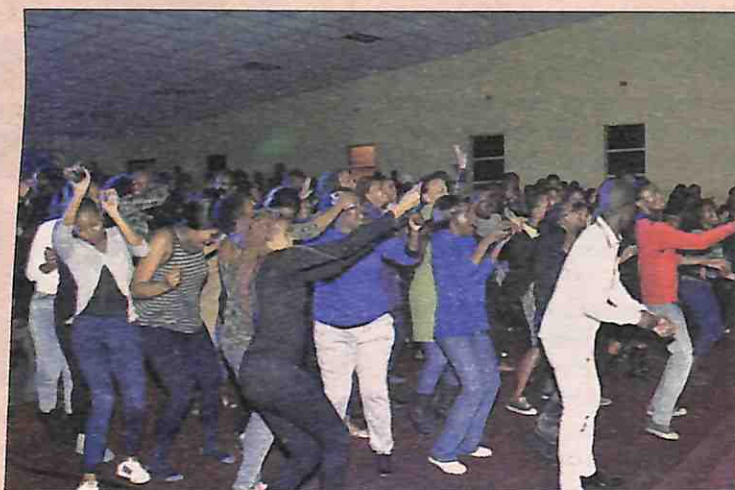
**MAN OF THE MOMENT:** Gospel artist Linda Dlamini performing to a full house at his double CD launch held at Divine Healing Ministries in Manzini on Saturday night. (Pics: Tenele Dlamini)

## LINDA DLAMINI'S DOUBLE CD LAUNCH

@ Divine Healing Ministries



**JOLLY:** The crowd dancing and singing to gospel artist Linda Dlamini's renditions.



**FEELING THE SPIRIT:** Scores of gospel music lovers leave the comfort of their chairs to sing and dance in front of the stage as artists belted it out.



**SUPPORTIVE:** South African gospel artist Lundi Tymara singing to an excited audience.



**ME AND MUM:** Linda's mother sheds tears of joy as the artist introduces her to the crowd.



**VIP:** Pastors from Divine Healing Ministries joined by Deputy Senate President Ngom'yayona Gamedze and MP Frans Dlamini enjoying the gospel melodies.

## CHOMEE IN ACTION

@ the SwaziBank Cup finals



**IN FULL CRY:** South African kwaito artist Chomee singing her lungs out at the packed Somhlolo National Stadium during the SwaziBank Cup finals last Sunday. (Pics: Mangaliso Dlamini)



**ENTERTAINMENT:** South African musician Arthur Mafokate performing his greatest hits accompanied by his back-up dancers.



**JIVA SEXY:** Chomee getting down to some serious dance moves as spectators look on.



**THE DUO:** Mafokate and Chomee clearly upped their game on the day.



**STRUTTING:** Dancers dancing and strutting their stuff in their black, white and blue outfits at Somhlolo stadium.



**SENTA NJE:** Chomee accompanied by her dancers strut around showing the peace sign to all their fans.





NEWS

# MULTICHOICE SWAZILAND CELEBRATES AFRICA MONTH



MULTICHOICE is truly proud to celebrate Africa.

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Multichoice looks forward to introducing new and exciting talent from around the continent to viewers, many of which are celebrated at the annual Africa Magic Viewer's Choice Awards. Our flagship channel, M-Net, also invests heavily in producing the best

local content in which millions of dollars have been invested. These include productions such as Big Brother, Idols, Survivor and more. And who can forget about the exceptional sporting action offered on our World of Champions, SuperSport? Over the years, Multichoice has also made significant investments in local sport which are unmatched by any other operator in Africa. Promoting the local entertainment industry is not the only way we at Multichoice have committed ourselves to building a better Africa. We also have strong focus on education and long-term sustainability of the communities where we operate. To Africans.

date, we have delivered the DStv Education Bonquet, free of charge, to aid learning and development in 20 schools across the country. Multichoice also celebrates members of the fourth estate, through the CNN African Journalist of the Year Awards which recently closed for entry. We truly hope you've all submitted your entries as this is an incredible opportunity for us, and your peers, to honour excellence in the media industry. We hope to see some winners coming from this wonderful country. This month we would like to renew our commitment to the promoting and showcasing the best African stories made in Africa for

FROM June 1, 2016, DMX audio and radio channels will move to new channel numbers for easy navigation and to create capacity for future channel expansions. The DMX audio channels will move from 800 to channel 750

onwards and radio channels from 900 to channel 800 onwards. Customers These changes will happen automatically – DStv customers don't have to do anything. Any customers who don't see the

audio channels on the new channel numbers after June 1, can simply reboot their decoder. For more information, please visit DStv.com. Current and new audio channel numbers:

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801	751	DMX - Adult Contemporary
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803	753	DMX - 2K Hits
804	754	DMX - 70's Hits
805	755	DMX - 80's Hits
806	756	DMX - Familiar Favourites
807	757	DMX - Soft Hits
808	758	DMX - Love Songs
809	759	DMX - Metro Blends
810	760	DMX - Cityscapes
811	761	DMX - Groove Lounge
812	762	DMX - House Party (ex Subterranean)
813	763	DMX - Power Hits
814	764	DMX - Dance
815	765	DMX - Electrosphere
816	766	DMX - Campus Rock
817	767	DMX - Alternative
818	768	DMX - Hard Rock
819	769	DMX - Classic Rock
820	770	DMX - Golden Oldies
821	771	DMX - 90's Hits
822	772	DMX - Classic R&B
823	773	DMX - Urban Adult
824	774	DMX - Urban Beat
825	775	DMX - Reggae
826	776	DMX - Modern Country
827	777	DMX - Traditional Country
828	778	DMX - Gospel
829	779	DMX - African Rhythms
830	780	DMX - Italian Contemporary
831	781	DMX - Smooth Jazz
832	782	DMX - Classic Jazz
833	783	DMX - Blues
834	784	DMX - Beautiful Instruments
835	785	DMX - Contemporary
836	786	DMX - New Age
837	787	DMX - Light Classic
838	788	DMX - Aras and Overtures
839	789	DMX - Chamber Music
840	790	DMX - Symphonic
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855	815	Tobela FM
856	816	Tru FM
857	817	Ukhozi FM
858	818	Umtshini FM
859	819	X-K FM
860	820	Groot FM
861	821	LM Radio
862	822	Hot 91.9
863	833	Mix FM

## The Truth About...

Tonight at 20:01 on TRACE Sport Stars (188)

Mayweather has conquered the boxing world – follow his rise from Olympic medalist to his "fight of the century" with Manny Pacquiao. Plus, a look at football's biggest rivalries, and the secret talents of Novak Djokovic, Kobe Bryant and more! Wednesday at 20:00(CAT).

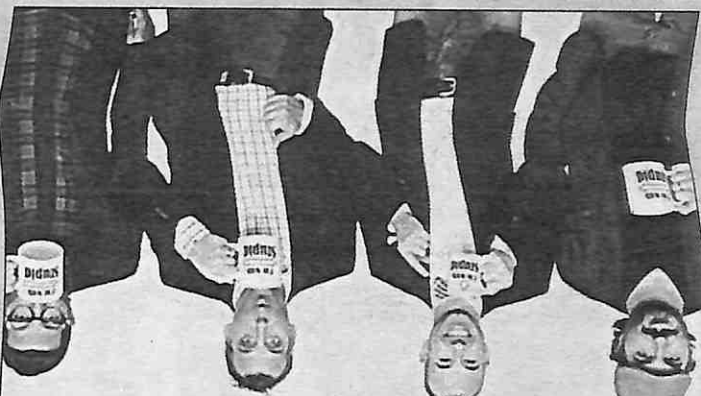


HIGHLIGHTS

## Impractical Jokers

Tonight at 21:00 on SONY MAX (128)

The guys get jazzy with a motorised scooter and work the door at a swanky nightclub. Also, one joker tries not to lose his head when faced with an alligator. Miami.



"S7/E1 - Welcome To Miami". The jokers take over

Tonight at 21:00 on Food Network (175)

## Cutthroat Kitchen

Two chefs must cook while riding a tandem bike in a French-inspired challenge. Finally, one chef has to make a rum cake in a bottle of rum. Enjoy the game in full HD on the DStv Explora. You can also catch our broadcast via live video streaming on supersport.com or stream the game on your tablet or mobile device with the Supersport app.



Tonight at 20:55 on Supersport 3 Africa HD (223)

## BPL: Liverpool v Chelsea

"S8/E1 - Live And Let Diner". Three chefs find

themselves on the other side of the diner counter.

Enjoy the game in full HD on the DStv Explora. You can also catch our broadcast via live video streaming on supersport.com or stream the game on your tablet or mobile device with the Supersport app.



England.



# ★ Celebrity ★ Watch ★

## Selena throws 'Marry Justin' sign

**FRESNO** - Selena Gomez is definitely no longer a Belieber. The 23-year-old threw away a 'Marry Justin Please' poster mid-song during a Fresno concert on her Revival Tour Sunday night.

In a fan's Twitter video, the songstress was captured grabbing the poster from the audience and crumpling it up before she threw it down on stage, all the while never skipping a beat.

**MARRY JUSTIN:**  
**Selena Gomez.**

*Mail Online*



It seems a certain fan couldn't get over the pop star's breakup with famous ex-boyfriend Justin Bieber.

The same fan that posted the revealing video on Twitter wrote the accompanying message in all caps, 'SELENA CRUMPLED UP MY SISTERS SIGN IM CRYING.' The 'Heart Wants What It Wants' hit-maker continued singing while throwing away the sign, and didn't mention it to the crowd.

## Ozzy has just 3 weeks to save marriage

**CALIFORNIA** - He is reportedly in crisis talks to save his marriage.

But veteran rocker Ozzy Osbourne doesn't have time on his side due to forthcoming touring commitments with his band Black Sabbath. According to a report in The Mirror, the 68

year-old has just three weeks to salvage his relationship with

long-term wife Sharon, 63, before being taken away on the road.

The news comes shortly after allegations surfaced that the pair are headed for divorce after rumours of his supposed infidelity with hairdresser Michelle Pugh.

A source said: "Ozzy is on a short time-

**MARRIAGE CRISIS: Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne.**

line to resolve these issues and effectively save his marriage because he has to be on the road." *MailOnline*



## Is Blac Chyna 'a rebound'

**LOS ANGELES** - Nobody wants baby drama - unless your life is a TV show.

The Kardashians thought Rob's relationship with Blac Chyna would be just a brief 'rebound'.

But according to People magazine, they are happy the baby will provide a new storyline for KUWTK.

The family in general still feels Rob's relationship with Chyna is very rushed," a source told the



**REBOUND:**  
**Blac Chyna.**

"They were hoping that Chyna would be more like a rebound. Someone who was able to help Rob, but that he then would move on. They never expected an engagement and a baby."

However, that is exactly what happened, and the 29-year-old 'seems very happy'.

"Rob has made it clear though that this is what he wants" they added.

*Mail Online*

## Gosling keeps mum on birth secret

**LOS ANGELES** - Ryan Gosling wasn't asked and didn't mention having a secret second child on Monday during an appearance on Jimmy Kimmel Live.

The 35-year-old actor was on the chat show promoting his new comedy The Nice Guys co-starring Russell Crowe.

Jimmy asked Ryan if they called their mutual friend Don Rickles

as he turned age 90 on Sunday.

Ryan said he didn't have his phone number but said the comedian was a 'lovely man' who sent his daughter Esmeralda Amada a gift certificate to Toys R Us after she was born in September 2014.

"The Big Short actor said the legendary comic included a note that read: 'Don't worry, you'll get another job. Kids are expensive.'"

*Mail Online*



**SECRET: Ryan Gosling.**

## Chrissy shares pics breastfeeding

**LOS ANGELES** - She welcomed daughter Luna three weeks ago and Chrissy Teigen is already mastering the art of juggling motherhood and her career.

On Monday, the 30-year-old shared a Snapchat video which showed her breastfeeding while getting ready for a photo shoot. Chrissy could be seen topless



**BREASTFEEDING:**  
**Chrissy Teigen.**

with little Luna nursing on top of a cushion on her lap, as someone pinned her into a dress.

The clip, which also saw the model sporting dramatic false eyelashes, was captioned: "Christine wears many hats."

Chrissy later shared a photo of her finished look, which showed her in a printed floral dress with a yellow headband and winged eyeliner. *Dailymail*

## Does Boity have a new man?

**JOHANNESBURG** - Boity and Cassper's relationship

seems to be over for real this time, as Boity has been spotted canoodling with a new man.

Drum reported that Boity's new man is none other than her photographer and social media influencer Anele Papu.

"According to our source Boity and Anele have been going out for

a little while and she seems to be very happy. 'Anele is actually staying with Boity and they are happy,' our source tells us."

Drum revealed. The pair have been showing each other major love on social media, and by the looks of things, been mixing business with a bit of pleasure.



**NEW MAN: Boity and Anele.**

*Daily Sun*

## Sheridan Smith hits back at Twitter critics

**LONDON** - Sheridan Smith has hit out against critics on Twitter after she pulled out of yet another theatrical performance just 24 hours after a night of partying at the Baftas due to health concerns.

Her character in Funny Girl was played by understudy Natasha Barnes last night, less than two weeks after a performance was cancelled half way due to 'technical difficul-



**CRITICS: Sheridan Smith and a friend.**

ties'. But fans said she appeared to have been drunk on stage, amid concerns for her health after she openly admitted struggling to deal with her father Colin's cancer diagnosis in March. ut on Sunday, Baftas host Graham Norton publicly mocked her, joking that they could have a few drinks, 'or as we call it in the industry, a couple of glasses of technical difficulties'.

*Mail Online*

## Cassper surprises celebs with cellphones!

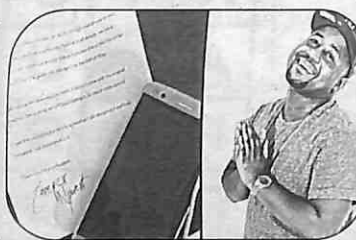
**JOHANNESBURG** - In case you have not heard, Cassper Nyovest has teamed up with mobile service provider, AG Mobile, on a brand new cell-phone. According to AG Mobile, the AG#Hashtag, boasts a "5.5 inch High Definition Corning Tempered Glass touch screen and a 13MP front camera".

**SURPRISE: Cassper Nyovest.**

The red phone, which has Cassper's signature on the back cover, was to be available to the public yesterday.

If you're a friend of the star though, you may be in luck. Cassper started handing out his AG#Hashtag to some famous faces ahead of the official release.

*Daily Sun*



## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Fezile is pushed to the edge of despair. Bhikifa's will has some shocking bequests. Samson Ndlovu makes a deal that will change the nature of the taxi industry in Bhubesini forever!

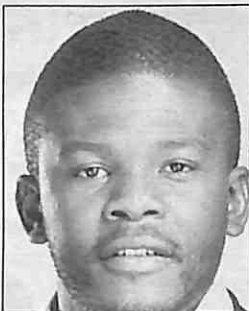


**PUSHED:**  
**Fezile.**

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Samantha follows through with her sexual harassment charge against Rajesh. Sechaba and Lerato find that work and life are keeping them apart.



**HARRASSMENT:**  
**Sechaba.**

Muvhango

TODAY

Ranthumeng finds Thandaza in Pheko's hotel room. James needs to know if the picture of Nthabeleng and Ndalamo together was actually photoshopped. Vhangani invites Fheli out for dinner.



**DISCOVERY:**  
**Ranthumeng.**

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Selina tells Zinzi's secret to Lerato and when Lerato tells Doc, Selina is fired. Brenda discovers that David isn't really dead and Bash asks Emmanuel to help Reneilwe around the house. Lerato breaks up with Doc.



**SECRET:**  
**Lerato.**





## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

**Capricorn** - There are lots of activities in the home before you even prepare for work. Perhaps young people need help or a loved one needs your emotional support.



**Cancer** - You might spend a great deal of time communicating with co-workers and people outside the workplace today. You have enough enthusiasm to do your work well. There could be an air of seriousness to your business dealings or with superiors today.



**Aquarius** - There is time to reflect and understand your own job situation. Your emotions, as well as the emotions and feelings of others, may be very clear. Clear decisions affecting others could be made.



**Pisces** - The type of mental stimulation from others this morning is contagious. A round table discussion or some other way to encourage participation in a conversation is strong and competitive.



**Aries** - You may feel like being different and trying something new and unusual today. This is a perfect time for new ideas, a breakthrough in thinking. Another who may not know your practical side could challenge your actions today.



**Taurus** - There is a drive to work through some strong internal changes. You may be ready to move into new directions with regard to work or education. Obstacles to self-discipline or to your sense of organization may appear—careful—move slowly.



**Gemini** - This is actually a good time to settle down to the process of work and rising above any challenges. This is also an excellent time for dealing with people in positions of power and leadership. At this time you will be inclined to dig deep into mysteries such as why the human psyche is motivated. Also, you may seek for the key that makes people want to purchase an item and what it is that catches the eye.



**Sagittarius** - There may be an air of seriousness with your partners or co-workers this day. People that come to know you value your ability to make practical decisions. You have a natural sense of what the public wants and can put together advertisement ideas at the drop of a hat—most of the time.



## BABY BLUES



## BUCKLES



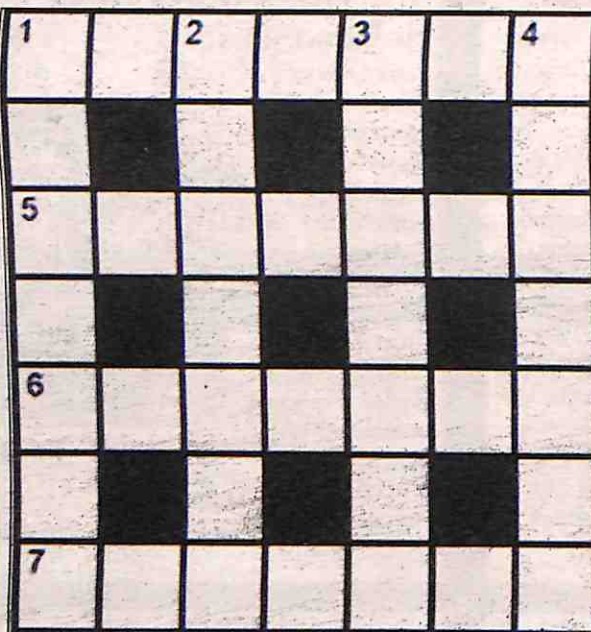
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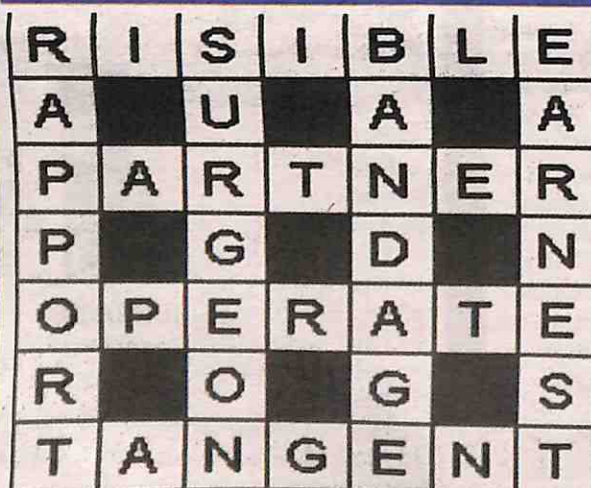
## MINI CROSSWORD - 03

## PUZZLE CHOICE

- Across
1. Amusing
  5. Associate
  6. Run
  7. Trigonometric function
- Down
1. Compatibility
  2. Physician
  3. Dressing
  4. Sincere



## SOLUTION



## LOL

I met a Dutch girl with inflatable shoes last week, phoned her up to

arrange a date but unfortunately she'd popped her clogs.

## USELESS FACTS

1. Between 25% and 33% of the population sneeze when exposed to light.
2. The most common name in world is Muhammad.
3. Mount Olympus Mons on Mars is three times the size of Mount Everest.
4. Most toilets flush in E flat.
5. 2 000 pounds of space dust and other space debris fall on the Earth every day.
6. Approximately 40 000 Americans are injured by toilets each year.

BRAINTEASERS  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Yesterday's Brain Teaser

1. What has wings, can fly but is not living?  
A. 34
2. What does this say?  
ARREST YOU'RE  
A. You're under arrest.

## Today's Brainteasers

1. What does this

mean?  
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2. What does man love more than life, fear more than death or mortal strife, what the poor have the rich require, and all contented men desire. What misers spend and spendthrifts save and all men carry to the grave?



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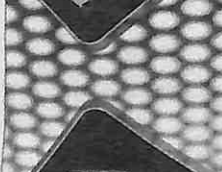
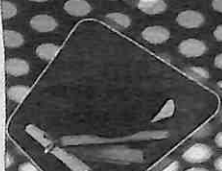
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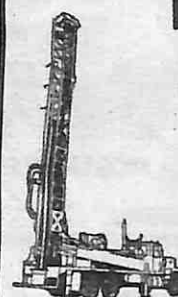
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# BAYERN BEAT MAN UNITED TO SIGNATURE OF RENATO

**MUNICH - Manchester United have been dealt a significant blow with news Benfica starlet Renato Sanches has joined Bayern Munich in a deal which could rise to £63million.**

The Red Devils have been tracking the 18-year-old throughout the current campaign but have been made to pay for failing to finalise a deal for the Benfica man.

Sanches' transfer to Bayern Munich could suggest Jose Mourinho's proposed move to Old Trafford is off as both the former Chelsea boss and the Bayern Munich new boy are clients of Portuguese super agent Jorge Mendes.

Portuguese wonderkid Sanches becomes the first signing under Carlo Ancelotti, who will take over the reins from Pep Guardiola at the end of the season.

Sanches has put pen to paper on a five-year deal with Bayern after



**CAPTURED:** Manchester United have received a huge summer transfer blow as Bayern Munich have revealed the signing of Benfica starlet Renato Sanches. (Daily Mail)

Benfica agreed to cash in on the teenager in a deal worth an initial fee of £28million.

The Bundesliga champions, who retained the German league title at the weekend, could pay an additional £35m due to several additional clauses inserted into the agreement between the two clubs.

Bayern will pay a considerable amount more if Sanches wins the

Ballon d'Or and is named in FIFA's World XI during his time in Germany.

A statement on Benfica's official website read: "Benfica can announce it has reached an agreement with Bayern Munich for the permanent sports athlete rights of Renato Sanches for the amount of 35million euros."

**Daily Mail**

## Bayern complete signing of Dortmund captain Hummels

**MUNICH - Bayern Munich have announced their second signing of the day after taking Mats Hummels from Bundesliga rivals Borussia Dortmund for £30million.**

The Germany international has long been linked with a return to the club he started his career with before leaving for Dortmund in 2009.

And it was confirmed on Tuesday that the 27-year-old World Cup winner will join the recently-crowned German champions on July 1 on a five-year deal, subject to a medical.

Carlo Ancelotti, who will take over from Pep Guardiola at the end of the season, has boosted his defensive ranks with the signing and the move has been hailed by

club chief Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

"We're delighted that Mats Hummels has decided to join Bayern," said the Bayern chairman on his club's website. "Mats is one of the best central defenders in the world and we're able to improve the quality of our team even further with him."

Hummels had one year left to run on his contract at Signal Iduna Park and had informed Dortmund recently of his desire to leave them this summer.

But the defender, who initially joined Dortmund on loan in 2008 before

sealing a permanent move the following season, has revealed his emotional attachment towards the club.

"This was not an easy decision for me after eight and a half successful years with BVB," he told the club's website.

"I was always proud and still am to wear the BVB shirt and to be part of this extraordinary team."

**Daily Mail**



**SIGNS:** Mats Hummels. (AP)

## 'London Grand Prix could happen as soon as next year'

**LONDON - Formula One chief Bernie Ecclestone has revealed that a Grand Prix in London could be held as early as next year.**

Plans have been in the pipeline for a street race to rival Monaco for several years but the proposals have faced a number of obstacles.

Early ideas for a track have involved sections going past Hyde Park and Buckingham Palace.

Before a race can be added to the F1 calendar, however, government has to pass legislation enabling councils to close certain roads for a high-speed race.

But Ecclestone, 85, insists that a London circuit could be in place by 2017.

Asked when it could come into place, Ecclestone replied: "Next year if it's possible. There is a small technical issue, who is going to pay for it, but other than that I can't see any dramas."



**ALL SET:** The route for a potential London Grand Prix was revealed in 2012, and takes in some of the capital's top sights. (AP)

"[A race] in the middle of London would be fantastic. I mean we're having the same sort of thing in Baku now and like in Monaco. Street races have become very popular. We'd

have a lot more viewers than they do in Monte Carlo."

London has previously held Formula E races.

**Daily Mail**

## FIFA to enlist Mourinho to help reform football

**ZURICH - Resting former Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho has been enlisted by FIFA President Gianni Infantino to help return football to the top of the governing body's agenda.**

Infantino will announce plans for his squad of 200 Legends at the FIFA Congress in Mexico City on Friday.

They will play matches around the world, boost charity initiatives and have input into FIFA decision-making. Footballers' views were seemingly ignored during the Sepp Blatter era.

Mourinho, who supported Infantino during his

election campaign, is travelling to Mexico to manage a male and female FIFA Legends side playing Mexico All Stars at the fabled Azteca Stadium tomorrow.

The Legends line-up includes ex-Manchester United star Dwight Yorke plus Marcel Desailly,

Fabio Cannavaro, Mia Hamm, Samuel Eto'o, Clarence Seedorf and Luis Figo, whose 2015 FIFA candidature was endorsed by Mourinho.

**Daily Mail**



**ENLISTED:** Jose Mourinho. (AP)



**TO BE REWARDED:** Barcelona forward Neymar. (AP)

## Neymar set to sign new Barcelona contract

**BARCELONA - Neymar's new Barcelona contract will include a huge buyout clause totalling £174million in an attempt to fend off potential suitors, according to reports in Spain.**

The Catalan club are desperate to keep hold of the Brazil captain and will reportedly take extreme measures to ensure he stays at the Nou Camp beyond this summer.

Neymar previously signed a five-year deal with Barcelona when he arrived from Santos in June 2013, and talks are ongoing

regarding a new deal through until 2021.

The front page of Spain's Mundo Deportivo newspaper on Tuesday leads with Barcelona's 'top secret' offer to Neymar, which includes an 'escape clause' of €220m (£174m) - second only to Lionel Messi at the Nou Camp. Neymar's clause now is €190m (£153m). There is optimism on all fronts that the 24-year-old will sign the improved deal, with confirmation expected before the start of next season.

**Daily Mail**

## Leaked bonuses in Neymar's current

1. If Neymar plays 60% of matches (at least 45 minutes to complete a match) Barcelona is obliged to pay him €1,062,500 (£850,867).
2. Each time Barcelona qualifies for the Champions League, the Brazilian earns €637,500 (£510,563). The contract clarifies that this must be through finishing in a high enough position in La Liga, not via the play-offs.
3. Every time the Catalans qualify from the group stage, Neymar will

receive €425,000 (£340,375).

4. Neymar has set a series of bonuses for each title Barcelona win.

La Liga represents a premium of €637,500 (£510,563); the Champions League: €850,000 (£680,751) and the Copa del Rey: €850,000 (£680,751).

5. If Neymar wins the Ballon d'Or he will be awarded €425,000 (£340,375).

6. Neymar's buyout is confirmed at €190m (£153m).





# TANZANIAN STRIKER JETS IN FOR CHIEFS TRIAL?



TRIAL: Simba SC striker Ibrahim Ajib.

JOHANNESBURG - Simba SC striker, Ibrahim Ajib, is reportedly in South Africa to begin a 10-day trial with 2014/15 Absa Premiership champions, Kaizer Chiefs.

The young forward, who has nine goals this season so far, is said to have left Tanzania without permission to undergo a trial with the Amakhosi, with an anonymous source passing the news of his departure on to local publication, The Citizen.

The Citizen were told, "Ajib is already in South Africa. He will be there for at least 10 days where he will have trial at Kaizer Chiefs."



"He will not start the trials straight away because Kaizer Chiefs have a Premier League match on Wednesday. We hope that the coach will have more time to assess our player from Thursday."

"He will start normal training with the youth team before linking up with the senior side after their match against the Free State Stars. We believe that he will be successful. He is a very talented player."

The Siya crew will look into the matter over the coming days to see what Ajib's situation at Naturena will be if he does arrive for trials with Steve Komphela's side.

*Soccer Laduma*

## PSL sees no hitches for promotion playoffs

JOHANNESBURG - Premier Soccer League general manager Derek Blankensee is hopeful that nothing will get in the way of the promotion play-offs.

After match-fixing allegations threatened last season's play-offs, the league is crossing fingers that things will run smoothly this year. Jomo Cosmos are being questioned over allegedly using an improperly registered player - goalkeeper Thabo Modiba - after Maritzburg United lodged a complaint, and they could be docked points. The case is due to be heard on Thursday.

"I can't discuss those cases. All we can say is that we hope that it does not affect us. We must wait for the outcome, so we won't comment now," said Blankensee on Monday. Blankensee was speaking at the draw for the promotion/relegation play-offs at the PSL offices in Parktown. *Times Live*

## Arrows can decide promotion-relegation fight

JOHANNESBURG - As the Premier Soccer League marathon enters the last two laps, Golden Arrows find themselves perfectly placed for a top-eight surge.

If they were able to show the consistency that marked them as a dangerous team at the start of the season, they would not have found themselves in the lower mid-table rat race.

However, for a team that jumped straight back into the Premier Soccer League after being relegated in the 2013-14 season, ninth place with 37 points from 28 matches is still cosy.

In their quest for a first top-eight finish since the 2008-09 season, Arrows will have a big say

in the relegation battle. They face teams who are fighting for their lives.

Jomo Cosmos Wednesday evening at the Princess Magogo Stadium and the University of Pretoria at Tuks Stadium on May 21 lie between Arrows and their dream of a top-eight finish. The point gained through their goalless draw against Chippa United on Saturday at Buffalo City Municipality Stadium may be important in the bigger scheme.

With Polokwane City holding SuperSport United to a 2-2 draw in Pretoria on Sunday afternoon, the gap between the latter and Arrows, eighth and ninth respectively, has been narrowed to a point. *Times Live*



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### BACKGROUND

Sexual harassment is one form of sexual discrimination or gender based violence against women that has gained momentum over the years and can cause harm to the survivor. Sexual harassment is addressed in a number of international instruments, the International Labour Law Organisation (ILO) Employment and Occupation Convention No C111, Rights of Minority or Indigenous Persons Convention No 169 Article 20, the Beijing Platform of Action para 178 and UN CEDAW General Recommendation 19. Sexual harassment is defined as "..... unwelcome sexually determined behaviour such as physical contact and advances sexually colored remarks, showing pornography and sexual demands whether by words or action". Such conduct can be humiliating and may constitute a health and safety problem (CEDAW). Sexual harassment therefore directly contributes to new HIV infections and constitutes a form of gender based violence that is found in the workplace and not effectively monitored by the employer.

Sexual harassment occurs when there is a job benefit such as pay rise, employment, training, appointments or promotion opportunities leading the survivor to accede to demands and engage in some sexual favour or through a hostile environment which can be intimidating or humiliating to the survivor. Harassment includes abuse of power between senior and junior employees, expression of sexuality or have sexual connotation, joking, innuendoes, flirting, forced fondling, sexual assault, and rape to mention a few. Sexual harassment is therefore, often not reported by the survivor due to fear of being ridiculed, punished or ignored by management. Some employees do not have an understanding of what constitutes sexual harassment at workplace hence the lack of reporting or addressing it as it occurs. Some employers do not have adequate policies, code of conduct or systems for redress should an employee be violated.

A baseline study is being conducted on Sexual Harassment in the workplace, to assess the extent of sexual harassment experienced by both females and male employees in the private and public sector including civil society organisations; understand the nature of sexual harassment that exist and also explore cultural impediments that constitute sexual harassment in the workplace with a view of developing mitigation strategies and programmes for its elimination and reducing new infections at workplace. The study will further assist with the establishment of appropriate strategies for creating awareness programmes on preventive strategies on sexual harassment at the workplace; identify a clear definition for sexual harassment in Swaziland and also develop appropriate policy for both private and public sector for the prevention of sexual harassment.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The objective of the study is to assess the magnitude of sexual harassment in the public and private sector including civil society organisations; establish benchmark indicators to inform programming interventions aimed at eliminating sexual harassment, promote sexual autonomy and bodily integrity in the workplace.

### SCOPE OF WORK AND DELIVERABLES

1. Conduct a desk review of the extended National Multi-sectoral Strategic Framework 2014 - 2018, International and regional conventions and protocols on sexual harassment, public and private sector policy documents, code of conduct and any other related guidelines, legal frameworks that seek to prohibit sexual harassment in the workplace.
2. Review draft sexual harassment data collection tools, in partnership with SWABCHA and PSHACC M&E Officers, supervise data collection, facilitate data analysis and prepare draft report on the status of sexual harassment in the workplace in the country.
3. Evaluate the efficacy of systems and measures established for redressing sexual harassment at the workplace, reporting systems in place for public, private and civil society organisations including the programmes established by the employer to mitigate gender based violence at workplace.
4. Qualitative and quantitative methodologies will be used to ensure in-depth understanding of the magnitude of sexual harassment at the workplace.
5. Conduct consultations with key informants and focus group discussions with policy makers, human resources principals, associations and federations of employers, trade unions representatives, arbitration commissions, on sexual harassment and its implication to HIV and Gender based violence at workplace (SWABCHA, PSHACC and CANGO members).
6. Supervise quantitative data collection, data entry and data analysis working together with the team from the UN, PSHACC and SWABCHA.
7. Assess knowledge, attitudes and practice of both the employees and employers on sexual harassment and gender based violence at workplace.
8. Identify the capacities of staff and management to support employees whose rights have been violated.
9. Conduct an analysis of the data from key informants, FDG and quantitative data including the review of systems and policies to produce the first draft report.
10. Produce a draft baseline report on the status of sexual harassment in the workplace with clear recommendations for policy reform, advocacy requirements, systems development, programme development and capacity building requirements focusing on the private sector, public sector and civil society organisations.
11. Conduct stakeholder presentation and validation on key findings on the study on sexual harassment and incorporate findings as appropriate.
12. Submit the final copy of the report both electronic and hard copy.

### Expected Deliverables:

- A comprehensive baseline study report on sexual harassment in the workplace submitted in both hard (signed) and electronic copies including recommendations made and implementation strategies adopted; existing systems and structures that need to be instituted

### DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT

This assignment is expected to be completed within 30 working days over 2 months period. The consultant shall be based in the SWABCHA offices in Matsapha, Swaziland.

### DEGREE OF EXPERTISE AND QUALIFICATIONS

This is a senior consultancy assignment requiring high level functioning abilities and professional advice based on extensive experience in the benchmarking of Sexual Harassment in the Workplace in Swaziland.

### Minimum Eligibility Criteria:

- A Master's degree, in social sciences; labour law, policy development, research, monitoring and evaluation; epidemiology and public health related discipline.
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**Submission of Applications:** Interested consultants are invited to submit detailed CV's, and an expression of Interest (EOI) (maximum 4 page summary proposal and 1 page financial proposal) covering the methodology to be adopted in the undertaking of the study. This should be submitted and marked "Sexual Harassment in the Workplace" to UNDP Offices, 5th Floor Lilunga House, P.O. Box 261, Mbabane or e-mail application to Registry.sz@undp.org on or before the 25th May 2016. Full Terms of reference <http://www.sz.undp.org>

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# VILAKAZI IN HIGH DEMAND

JOHANNESBURG - Bidvest Wits have admitted that they have had plenty of offers for Sibusiso Vilakazi, but say they will only make a decision on his future at the end of the season.

The Bafana Bafana attacking midfielder has been linked with both Kaizer Chiefs and Mamelodi Sundowns, while there has also been interest from overseas, with a move to Brondby failing to go through in 2014.

"This comes up year in, year out," said Wits CEO Jose Ferreira.

"We will see at the end of the season where we are and take a decision. He is not definitely staying or going.

"We have had a host of offers, some clubs have come in with firm offers and others have made enquiries. Yes, from both overseas and local."

The Clever Boys host Mamelodi Sundowns tomorrow, with the game having lost some of its lustre now that the Brazilians have already been crowned league champions. It looked for a while like it could be a title decider, but Wits have faded, Sundowns sealing the deal with a win at Tuks last week.

Ferreira said the club remained happy with the work done by Gavin Hunt, who has consistently



**WANTED:** Bafana attacking midfielder Sibusiso Vilakazi.

got Wits into the top three in the table since joining in 2013, though he has not won any silverware to date.

"Yes, we are disappointed we

haven't clinched the trophy, but if we were not happy with Gavin and let him go, it would be a totally shocking decision," said Ferreira.

"At the end of the last three seasons we finished third twice and this season we came second, it wouldn't make any sense (to let him go)."

Wits have had their injury problems this season, losing key players like Phakamani Mahlambi and Papy Fatty to long-term issues.

Mahlambi tore his knee ligaments and is almost certain to miss the Rio Olympics, though Owen da Gama has said he retains hope of the 18-year-old making a recovery.

"I understand Owen's keenness in having him there, but the possibilities are remote at best," added Ferreira, who remained cagey on the nature of Fatty's injury.

The Burundian midfielder is said to have a heart problem, and while he made a return recently for Wits, he is now being reassessed after collapsing during the recent 1-1 draw at home to Chippa United.

"There is a medical reassessment at the moment and the nature of the situation means I am not prepared to comment. It is a matter of medical confidentiality and the player will not be playing until we are medically satisfied," said the Wits CEO.

*The Citizen*



## Majoro takes Twitter dig at Pirates/Tinkler?

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates striker, Lehlohonolo Majoro, looks to have taken a jab at Orlando Pirates and/or Eric Tinkler on social media regarding his lack of game time.

Majoro has not had a good 2015/16 for the Buccaneers, making just six starts in the Absa Premiership, and bagging only one goal across all competitions as Tinkler opted to use the likes of Thamsanqa Gabuza and Tendai Ndoro in his place.

Now, after a season spent largely on the sidelines, the 29-year-old has alluded that has had enough, and he took to his personal Twitter account this morning to vent his frustration.

The former Kaizer Chiefs striker said, "Tired of being a spectator, something that may well signal his displeasure at featuring in just 19 games in all competitions this season. Soccer Laduma

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# ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP

**LONDON** - West Ham will offer Theo Walcott regular first-team football in a bid to lure him from Arsenal.

The Hammers want to add to their forward line ahead of next season, with Walcott featuring alongside Michy Batshuayi and Christian Benteke on the club's wanted list.

Slaven Bilic has an interest in Walcott and is preparing a big-money summer swoop.

Walcott's future will be up for discussion this summer following a frustrating season that could result in the speedster missing out on England's Euro 2016 squad, which is named tomorrow.

The 27-year-old has struggled for regular football this season and Bilic is prepared to offer the former Southampton man a prominent role in his plans next season in order to secure his services.

Sources insist the Hammers are yet to make a formal offer for the player, but Arsenal are bracing themselves for a bid.

Walcott, though, is likely to have a number of alternative options going into the summer which could see West Ham miss out.

## WEST HAM PLOTTING WALCOTT SUMMER SWOOP

... and will offer striker regular first-team football



Despite his lack of action, Walcott, on his day, is still viewed as one of the most potent forwards in the Premier League.

Bilic was in charge of Croatia when Walcott tore their defence apart with a hat-trick for England in a World Cup qualifier in September 2008.

Talks with Marseille over a £30 million switch for Batshuayi are

underway, but the Hammers fear the cost of the deal could prove prohibitive.

Likewise, Tottenham are keen on the Belgium international, which could leave West Ham with an uphill struggle to land the striker given the White Hart Lane club will play Champions League football next season.

*Daily Mail*

## MOURINHO IN LINE FOR SHOCK JOB?

**LONDON** - Former Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho has been linked with a new job, and it would shock many in the football world if he took it.

The Portuguese manager is many bookmakers' favourite to become Manchester United's next manager, but he has now reportedly become a target for the Indonesia national team.

Indonesia's youth and sports minister, Imam Nahrawi, has revealed that he sees Mourinho as a possible candidate for the national team job due to his high profile.

"This plan has been discussed with President Joko Widodo and the Chairman of the Indonesian Olympics Committee, Erick Thohir, even though this won't be easy," he told reporters at a recent press



conference. "When I asked Erick, Mourinho's salary is about £13 million (R286 million) per year.

"Mourinho's arrival would at least add enthusiasm among Indonesian football

fans. We need this as a motivation for our players.

"Our national team head coach must be a foreigner, accompanied with our local coaches as his assistant.

"Mr Erick said not Jose Mourinho, but Guus Hiddink instead. But the motivation is that we want to awaken the fighting spirit of the players."

Guus Hiddink will leave Chelsea at the end of the season, having taken over as interim manager of the Blues after Mourinho's sacking in December. *Reuters*

## VARDY REFUSES TO PRIORITISE WINNING GOLDEN BOOT

**LONDON** - Jamie Vardy insists that Leicester City ending their Premier League title-winning campaign on a high remains the focus but admitted winning the Golden Boot 'would be nice'.

The 29-year-old is locked in a battle with Sergio Aguero and Harry Kane for the highly-coveted award and is one goal behind his England international team-mate. Speaking to ESPN, Vardy is

eyeing victory against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge and will be putting the team's needs first before his own.

He said "It'd be nice but the main thing is for Leicester to keep trying

to have that winning mentality, so we'll go into Chelsea trying to win. And if I don't score and we win, that's how it's going to finish."

It's been a season Foxes supporters will never forget after shock-

ing world football by lifting the Premier League title; just a season after narrowly avoiding relegation.

And for Vardy, who has earned England recognition, he's still shocked by his own side's incredible success, which has seen them lose just three times in the league.

*Daily Mail*

## New signee Firmino impresses at Liverpool

**LONDON** - Jurgen Klopp has warned 'don't be too quick to judge players' as Roberto Firmino's promising debut season at Liverpool draws to a close.

The Brazilian international, signed for £29 million from Hoffenheim last summer, has proven a hit at Anfield having fired 11 goals and helped his side reach the final of the Europa League.

Liverpool's German boss is not surprised by the 24-year-old's success, and admits he was stunned that the Reds were able to seal his transfer amid tough competition.

"It wasn't a surprise to me when I heard people questioning him. That's how it is in Germany too," Klopp told the Liverpool Echo.

"You don't watch too much German football. You get a player from Hoffenheim in Germany and everyone thought: 'oh, a nice signing Liverpool.'"

"But not many people here knew him because he wasn't from Bayern, he wasn't from Dortmund." *Daily Mail*



**IMPRESSIVE:**  
Roberto Firmino.

## ARSENAL LEGEND HITS OUT AT ARSENE WENGER

**LONDON** - Ian Wright has revealed his thoughts on Arsenal's failed title bid.

The Gunners' season has gone downhill after their Premier League charge faded away once again.

They were top of the table at the beginning of the year but Arsene Wenger's men let it slip.

The north-London side find themselves third in the table, 12 points behind newly-crowned champions Leicester.

And former Arsenal star Wright

reckons the Gunners don't have the same unity as teams like the Foxes.

"You have to have a certain something," Wright told BBC Radio Five Live.

### Desire

"Arsenal couldn't do it because they didn't have the same desire and the same unity."

Wright has already taken a swipe at Wenger this season



after claiming the Gunners need to show more fight if they're to win their first title since 2004.

*Daily Star*

**FAILED:** Ian Wright has revealed his thoughts on Arsenal's failed title bid. He reckons the Gunners don't have the same unity as teams like the Foxes.

## Falcao expects to play for Monaco

**LONDON** - Premier League flop Radamel Falcao is expecting to play for parent club Monaco next season after netting just five English top-flight goals in two seasons.

The 30-year-old Colombian is currently on loan at Chelsea but has found first-team opportunities hard to come by at Stamford Bridge.

It comes after Falcao, who was once regarded as one of Europe's deadliest strikers, endured a torrid

time at Manchester United last season.

And the forward expects to be part of the French club's plans next season after failing to make his mark in the Premier League.

"Monaco made a big investment in me and they want some return on that. They want me back at the club for next season," he told TYC Sports.

"I need to have minutes, to play, and we'll see what happens. Monaco want to see what my position is in a

year, to see what possibilities I have.

"The project changed, it took a turn in every sense. Today they're more of a selling club than they were three years ago, when they wanted to put a very strong team together.

"In principle, the idea is that I'll be with Monaco for that season."

Falcao made his name in Europe with Porto where he helped the Portuguese giants secure a double by clinching the 2010-11 league title and the Europa League. *Daily Mail*



## REGIONAL LOGS

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## MTN Premier League

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1. Royal Leopard	21	12	7	2	31	16	15	43
2. Mbabane Highlanders	21	13	3	5	32	18	14	42
3. Young Buffaloes	21	11	5	4	31	16	15	39
4. Mbabane Swallows	21	10	7	4	47	19	28	37
5. Midas City	21	10	4	7	22	19	3	34
6. Green Mamba	21	6	9	7	35	28	7	27
7. Manzini Wanderers	21	6	7	8	21	31	-10	25
8. Manzini Sundowns	21	5	6	9	16	20	-4	21
9. Manzini Sea Birds	21	5	6	10	22	34	-12	21
10. Red Lions	21	5	6	10	18	37	-19	21
11. Bad Boys	21	4	7	10	21	35	-14	19
12. Malanti Chiefs	21	2	6	13	16	37	-21	12

## MTN National First Division

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1. Tambuti	21	19	0	2	56	11	45	57
2. Moneni Pirates	21	17	3	1	53	10	43	54
3. RSSC United	21	10	5	6	31	23	8	35
4. Citizens	21	7	7	7	29	33	-4	28
5. Madlenya	21	7	5	9	26	30	-4	28
6. Sikhalo	21	7	6	8	26	28	-2	27
7. L. Brothers	21	7	6	8	26	34	-8	27
8. Amalanda	21	6	7	8	28	29	-1	25
9. U.Flyers	21	8	1	12	26	45	-19	25
10. Hellenic	21	6	2	13	18	33	-15	20
11. Manchester United	21	4	6	11	21	31	-10	18
12. Kontshingila	21	1	3	17	24	62	-38	6

## PLS Reserve League

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1. Royal Leopard	6	4	2	0	12	4	8	14
2. Young Buffaloes	6	4	0	2	8	3	5	12
3. Manzini Wanderers	6	3	1	2	6	4	2	10
4. Sea Birds	6	2	4	0	5	3	2	10
5. Manzini Sundowns	5	3	1	1	6	4	2	10
6. Mbabane Swallows	6	2	2	2	10	5	5	8
7. Malanti Chiefs	6	2	1	2	5	4	1	6
8. Red Lions	6	1	3	2	6	6	0	6
9. Mbabane Highlanders	6	1	2	3	2	9	-7	5
10. Green Mamba	5	1	2	2	5	7	-2	5
11. Midas City	6	0	3	3	4	7	-3	3
12. Bad Boys	6	0	2	3	5	10	-5	2

## SRIC E50 000 Darts League

	P	W	D	L	LF	LA	LD	Pts
1. Scandza Club	23	23	0	0	405	105	300	69
2. Correctional	22	20	1	1	410	109	301	61
3. Ecco Water	23	17	0	6	317	203	114	51
4. Killowattz A	18	15	1	2	285	116	169	46
5. Giant A	24	12	0	12	242	274	-32	36
6. RSSC	21	11	2	8	255	222	33	35
7. Manzini Cc 1	23	10	1	12	272	273	-1	30
8. Umcohe	23	8	1	13	259	278	-19	28
9. Killowattz B	14	8	3	3	182	140	42	27
10. Makie Club	22	9	0	13	220	319	-99	27
11. Mbabane City C	23	8	0	15	230	303	-73	24
12. Killowattz Ladies	15	7	0	8	172	204	-32	21
13. Giant B	20	7	0	13	161	269	-108	21
14. Railway	21	3	1	17	142	299	-157	10
15. Uniswa	6	1	0	5	32	109	-77	3
16. Rsp	22	1	0	21	129	354	-225	3
17. Malagwane	10	0	0	10	32	170	-138	0

## Hhohho Regional Football Association

## Mp Sikhumbuto Timpisini Regional League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Soccer Rose	27	21	3	3	64	20	44	66
2. M. Swallows	28	18	4	6	48	21	27	58
3. Red Lions	28	14	10	4	46	26	20	52
4. M. Swallows	28	14	6	8	71	48	23	48
5. Msahweni	27	12	5	10	41	38	3	41
6. Golden Arrows	28	12	5	11	39	37	2	41
7. H. Pirates	28	11	6	11	45	41	4	39
8. Stone Breakers	28	11	5	12	55	44	11	38
9. Gunners	28	10	3	15	29	42	-13	33
10. Zamailek	28	8	6	14	33	53	-20	30
11. Elegance	28	7	7	14	42	63	-21	28
12. M. Sundown's	26	7	7	12	23	45	-22	28
13. AK47	27	7	5	15	45	63	-18	26
14. Ludzibini United	27	6	6	15	18	43	-25	24
15. Vusweni Cosmos	26	4	10	12	43	56	-13	22

## B. Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1.Njakeni City	20	18	0	2	90	15	75	54
2.Kudwaleni	20	14	2	4	51	21	30	44
3.Blue Birds	20	15	1	4	76	31	42	43
4.Sikheleni	20	14	0	6	55	27	28	42
5.All Stars	20	9	5	6	45	38	7	32
6.Combustion	20	8	5	7	45	40	5	29
7.M All United	20	6	3	11	22	50	-28	21
8.Juventus	20	4	4	12	31	59	-28	16
9.Young Bombers20	4	3	13	24	47	-23	15	
10.Super Strikes	19	3	1	15	15	81	-66	10
11.Young Swallows20	2	2	16	30	71	-41	8	

## MP Sompisi Ntongeni Football League

Promotion	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 PMT	30	20	7	3	53	20	33	67

1. Zibonele	29	19	8	2	59	17	42	65
2. Nkonjaneni	28	18	7	2	55	17	38	61
3. Express	28	16	7	5	60	35	25	55
4. Seven Up	29	16	6	7	45	31	14	54
5. Trounge	29	16	5	8	67	23	44	53
6. Liverpool	28	15	8	5	53	19	34	53
7. Royal Madrid	26	11	9	6	35	22	13	42
8. United Aces	27	9	12	7	29	25	4	39
9. H. Pirates	27	9	10	8	36	39	-3	37
10. Black Stone	28	8	9	10	42	39	3	33
11. Chelsea F.C.	28	8	6	14	40	49	-9	30
12. Mbabatane	27	4	8	14	31	60	-29	20
13. Hellenic	27	5	3	19	32	84	-52	18
14. Barcelona F.C.	26	4	5	16	24	64	-40	17
15. Uprises	28	4	4	20	20	57	-37	16
16. Teenagers	28	1	2	24	17	91	-74	5

## Buy Cash Pigg's Peak Football League E30 000

Play	Each	Aggs	Each	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1.	Kanjana Rovers	29	9	1	1	90	32	58	66		
2.	Pachanga	29	20	5	3	81	26	55	65		
3.	Professional	28	18	4	7	33	52	-19	58		
4.	Citizen	29	15	10	4	69	35	34	55		
5.	Phophonyane	26	18	1	7	66	40	26	55		
6.	Mhlathane United28	15	6	7	64	27	37	51			
7.	Thuluzobona	29	14	7	8	55	36	19	49		
8.	Mhlo	29	12	5	10	51	55	-4	41		
9.	Morning Star	26	10	5	11	46	51	-5	35		
10.	Hotspurs	28	8	9	12	51	40	11	33		
11.	Supersport	27	9	6	12	40	46	-6	33		
12.	Mhlathuze	27	8	7	12	56	60	-4	31		
13.	Mangwaneni	27	9	4	14	57	75	-18	31		
14.	Peak City	24	6	8	10	23	55	-32	26		
15.	White Killers	28	6	4	18	35	64	-29	22		
16.	Mpholonjeni	26	4	6	16	34	58	-24	18		
17.	Piggas Peak United	27	1	2	23	20	124	-104	5		

## Ndzingeni Regional Football League

## Northern Stream

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 K. Celtics	17	11	6	0	17	5	12	39
2 Young Chiefs	17	8	7	2	17	9	8	31
3 B. Rebels	17	8	4	5	29	20	9	28
4 Liverpool	17	6	10	1	22	16	6	28
5 Young Stars	16	6	5	5	27	23	4	23
6 Sweet Banana	17	6	5	6	21	18	3	23
7 White City	17	4	7	6	17	13	4	19
8 Professionals	17	4	7	6	18	22	-4	19
9 M. Aces	17	3	9	5	20	22	-2	18
10 Supersport	16	4	5	7	20	27	-7	17
11 Arsenal	17	3	4	10	9	25	-16	13
12 Winners Park	17	2	3	12	11	28	-17	9

## Southern Stream

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 M. Celtics	17	11	2	4	30	18	12	35
2 Super Aces	16	10	3	3	36	18	18	33
3 D. Darkies	17	10	2	5	29	20	9	32
4 M. Madrid	17	9	4	4	27	18	9	31
5 KK Ajax	16	6	5	5	16	16	0	23
6 Lozaza	17	5	5	7	14	24	-10	20
7 Happiness	16	5	3	8	19	23	-4	18
8 Red Sea	16	5	2	9	22	25	-3	17
9 FC Academy	16	4	4	8	20	26	-6	16
10 Gebhulas	16	3	4	9	12	24	-12	13
11 Blue Birds	16	3	4	9	13	26	-13	13

## Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League E70 000

## Southern Zone

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Vovovo	22	20	1	1	66	11	55	61
2 Tinyosi	22	19	1	2	56	15	41	58
3 Sibuyeni	22	10	5	7	37	35	2	35
4 Umbelebele	22	10	4	8	30	29	1	34
5 Sibovini	22	10	3	9	35	21	14	33
6 Swazi Sun	22	9	6	7	33	20	13	33
7 Gordon Stars	22	8	3	11	23	30	-7	27
8 Wizards	22	7	5	10	29	50	-21	26
9 Vusweni Killers	22	7	4	11	29	46	-17	25
10 M. Invaders	22	5	8	9	34	44	-10	23
11 L. Wanderers	22	3	2	17	23	35	-12	11
12 Pot 'O Gold	22	1	4	17	19	70	-51	7

## Northern Zone

Northern Zone								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 19 Celtics	22	15	4	3	50	16	34	49
2 M. Hotspurs	22	15	3	4	44	20	24	48
3 Horo Spinners	22	13	4	5	38	19	19	43
4 Vultures	22	12	7	3	29	13	16	43
5 Black Swallows	22	10	3	9	22	27	-5	33
6 M. Arsenal	22	9	3	10	25	30	-5	30
7 N. Swallows	22	7	7	8	20	29	-9	28
8 Ndeva Galaxy	22	7	6	9	24	27	-3	27
9 Ndalambi	22	7	4	11	29	38	-9	25
10 Fast Movers	22	5	5	11	16	26	-10	20
11 Bush Bucks	22	3	10	9	16	25	-9	19
12 Star Wanderers	22	0	5	17	15	54	-39	5



## SIDLALA KANJE...

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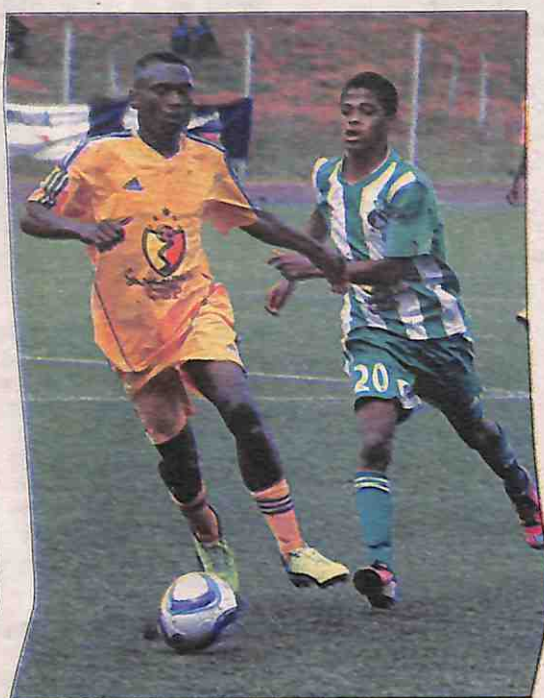
**CHAMPS:** Yong Buffaloes Under-20 receiving the trophy from His Majesty King Mswati III during the SwaziBank prize presentation last Sunday.



**ROYAL BLESSING:** Green Mamba U-20 stars posing with His Majesty.

## UNDER-20 FINALS

## YOUNG BUFFALOES 2-0 GREEN MAMBA



**CHALLENGE:** Young Buffaloes' Leon Manyisa being challenged by Green Mamba's Linda Dlamini during the SwaziBank Cup Under-20 final at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday. Buffaloes won 2-0. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



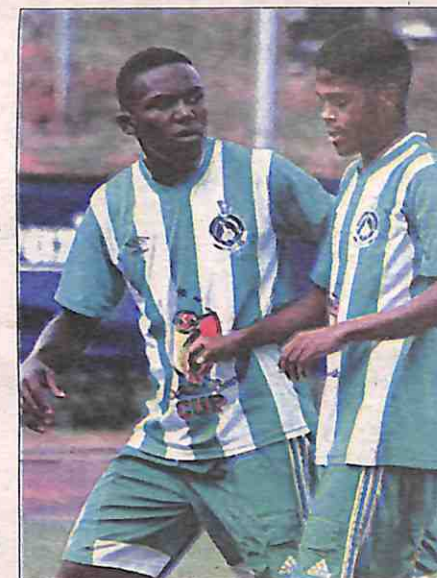
**SPORTSMANSHIP:** Buffaloes coach Mandla Mabuza and Green Mamba counterpart Gcina Dlamini shaking hands after the game.



**HANDSHAKE:** Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala shaking hands with Young Buffaloes Under-20 players prior to the game.



**DASHING:** Buffaloes' Ncamiso Gina winning the ball from his opponent.



**COOL DOWN:** Fakazi Dlamini comforting Linda Dlamini after he missed a chance from the spot kick.



**WE THANK YOU:** Buffaloes players waving to the crowd.

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## SIDLALA KANJE...

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# MATHOKOZA WINS BIG IN SWAZIBANK CUP, SWAZI OBSERVER COMPETITION

By Sibusiso Masilela

## SOCCER - MBABANE

Highlanders supporter Mathokoza Mavuso has won himself E20 000 in the SwaziBank Cup/ Swazi Observer predict the champions competition.

The 29-year-old Mbabane resident was picked from thousands of entries that predicted the winner of the 2016 SwaziBank Cup 'Sidlala Kanje' edition during a draw held at the Swazi Observer offices yesterday.

When contacted after the draw, Mavuso said he was over the moon after he was informed about the windfall. He correctly predicted the champions as Mbabane Swallows.

"I would like to thank the Almighty God for blessing me with this money which came at a time when I was still constructing my two room bedroom house. I will use my winnings to complete the project. I would like to thank both SwaziBank and the Swazi Observer for introducing the competition."

## Predicting

He started submitting his entries after *Highlanders* were knocked out of the tournament.

"I am not sure how many entries I submitted. Infact I lost count as I submitted at lot." Other winners of the competitions are Ziyanda Sifundza, who won herself E10 000 while Lucky Magagula walked

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HERE IT IS: Swazi Observer Marketing Department's Bonisile Langa, SwaziBank Executive Secretary Marketing Bonisiwe Fakudze, PRO Pheheya Vilakati and Swazi Observer Senior Sports Reporter Qondile Ntiwane displaying the winning entries after conducting the 'Predict the Winner' competition draw yesterday at Observer head offices. (Pics: Sabelo Majola)

away with E7 500.

Five other winners won themselves E500 consolation prizes.

SwaziBank Public Relations Officer Pheheya Vilakati said they were excited with the response received from the competition.

## Response

Vilakati said the huge response had shown that the nation associated

itself with the bank.

"We would like to congratulate the winners and urge them to continue banking with SwaziBank.

## Variety

"If you do not bank with SwaziBank, I would like to urge you to start banking with 'the bank with a heart' by simply opening an account and access the variety of



ALL SET: Thousands of 'Predict the winner' entries shortly before the draw.

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● Majohonkhe Vilakati - E500  
● Trusty Ngwenya - E500  
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# SNRC CALLS FOR COOPERATION FROM SPORT ASSOCIATIONS

Stories by Sanele Jele

**SPORTS - THE Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) is calling statutory compliance from sport associations.**

This was said by sport SNSRC Marketing and Communications Officer Zwakele Simelane yesterday.

"As a governing body it is our mandate to regulate the recognition requirement for our affiliates.

"Therefore, we are requesting the associations to comply for the benefit of the sport, federations, sponsors, clubs and athletes. As a council we find it very disturbing to see leaders failing to work with partners and subordinates," Simelane said.

He further said they believed the elected members were chosen on merit.

## Credibility

"We believe associations' committees were elected on credibility and love for their respective sporting codes. The council is concerned about the response from the different sports associations regarding the compliance issue."

## Shukuma at Matsanjeni South Inkhundla

**SPORTS - THE Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council urged a community mass participation for the 'Shukuma activity' to be held at Matsanjeni South Inkhundla over the weekend.**

The association's Marketing and Communications Officer Zwakele Simelane confirmed the activity.

"This is our 9th outreach activity where we expect more than 300 participants on the day. People will be treated to different activities including a 5km walk, aerobics, childrens' athletics, tug-of-war and any other games are welcomed. We will be partnering with RSP and PSI, who will be providing security and marketing their ser-

Simelane said to be recognised as a full member of the entity, the associations needed to submit the relevant documents.

The associations should submit the following before the end of this month; the Code of Conduct, finance policy, gender equity policy, annual activity report, annual report,

vices respectively," Simelane said.

The event will start at 8am and the MP of the constituency Sizika Mhlungu is also expected to attend.

"We are expecting the MP and his neighbouring counterparts to be part of the event as it has always been the case with the other constituencies."

## Important

He said the most important part about the 'Shukuma programme' was that it keeps the nation healthy through exercise.

Simelane said the equipment they donated to the tinkhundla centres should be put to good use. "We expect to see the formation of Shukuma clubs as we donated equipment to the different tinkhundla centres."

audited financial statement, child protection policy, strategic plan, minutes for the last AGM, proof of payment for 100 membership fee, operational plan.

"It is upon the council's credence to reduce any association to a recreational body after failing to comply."

## Taekwondo AGM set for Saturday

By Sibusiso Masilela

**TAEKWONDO - THE Swaziland Taekwondo Association will on Saturday hosts its annual general meeting (AGM) at the Manzini Nazarene High School hall.** STA Secretary General Sandile Mchunu invited all their members to attend the event without fail.

The meeting will start at 9am. "Teams are urged to send two representatives to the meeting where we will be discussing



activities that took place in the previous year. Teams are further reminded to pay the affiliation fee for the new year with the treasurer in order for us to properly plan for the new year," he said.

Mchunu further stated that they had a very successful year as an association, judging from the number of local competitions they hosted.

"We were able to host a number of competitions where local teams showcased their talent. We also hoping to host international competitions even later this year."

He said they would also be discussing ways on how they could improve the national team so to compete effectively against other countries. The STA is still hoping to send artists to the 2016 Olympic Games to be staged in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, in August.

## SRIC Golf Business League resumes today

By Sabelo Majola

**GOLF - THE Swaziland Royal Insurance (SRIC) Golf Business League games will be underway today at the Royal Swazi Sun.**

The Championship League and Consolation League commencement is also nearing.

Top four teams in each Pool of the SRIC Business League will compete in the Championship League while the rest of the other

teams will be competing in the Consolation League and it will commence after the July fixtures of the current league.

Previc stand a better chance of finishing in the top four as they lead the pack in Pool A with 18 points. They will play against SEC today. Swaziland Beverages are at the top in Pool B with 22 points and they will be up against Central Bank.

This was confirmed by tournament coordinator Banele Mthethwa.

## THE FULL FIXTURE:

1/2nd	SEC	vs	Previc
3/4th	Royal Swazi	vs	Pots Construction
5th	MTN	vs	Liberty
6/7th	Ladies	vs	Africa Chicks
8th	Easigas	vs	Go Big
9th	RSP	vs	SGU Team
10th	SRIC	vs	Standard Bank
12th	Kukhanya	vs	Galp
13th	African Alliance	vs	Manyatsi Nhleko Q S
15/16th	Ecsponent	vs	Irish Swazi Enterprises
17th	Swd Beverages	vs	Central Bank

## LOG STANDINGS

POOL A		POOL B	
1 Previc	- 18pts	1. Swaziland Beverages	- 22pts
2 Pots Construction	- 16pts	2. SRIC	- 21pts
3 SGU team	- 15pts	3. African Alliance	- 17pts
4 Africa Chicks	- 13pts	4. Central Bank	- 15pts
5 Go Big	- 12pts	5. Standard Bank	- 14pts
5 RSP	- 12pts	6. Manyatsi Nhleko Q S	- 12pts
7 Liberty	- 11pts	7. Ecsponent	- 9pts
8 Easigas	- 9pts	8. Irish Swazi Enterprises	- 7pts
8 SEC	- 9pts	9. Galp	- 0pt
8 MTN	- 9pts	9. Kukhanya	- 0pt
11 Ladies	- 4pt		

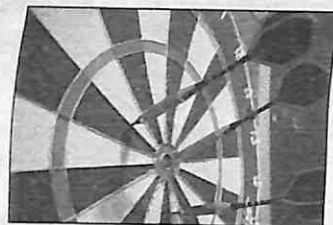
## CORRECTIONAL REDUCES GAP ON SCANDZA IN SRIC DARTS LEAGUE

By Sibusiso Masilela

**DARTS - SECOND placed Correctional have reduced the gap on Scandza in the Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) E50 000 Darts League.**

The Matsapha-based side have closed the gap to eight points between them and the five-time champions following their 19-4 win over Railway at Zakhele hall on Saturday.

Newcomers RSP have now gone 21 games without a win following their 3-21 loss to



fourth placed Kilowatts A.

Swaziland National Darts Association (SNDA) Public Relations Officer Mduduzi Masango confirmed the results.

"The games went well over the weekend and we were quite impressed with the competitiveness in the league. It was good to see teams displaying great performances."

## THE RESULTS:

Mbabane City Council	9	Giant Clothing B	15	Makie	5	Kilowatts A	19
Mbabane City Council	17	Kilowatts Ladies	6	Correctional	19	Railway	4
Umcobhe	15	RSP	8	RSP	3	Kilowatts	21

## THE LOG

Team	P	W	D	L	LF	LA	LD	Pts
1. Scandza	23	23	0	0	405	105	300	69
2. Correctional	22	20	1	1	410	109	301	61
3. Ecco Water	23	17	0	6	317	203	114	51
4. Killowatts A	18	15	1	2	285	116	169	46
5. Giant A	24	12	0	12	242	274	-32	36
6. Rssc	21	11	2	8	255	222	33	35
7. Manzini Cc 1	23	10	1	12	272	273	-1	30
8. Umcobhe	23	8	1	13	259	278	-19	28
9. Killowatts B	14	8	3	3	182	140	42	27
10. Makie Club	22	9	0	13	220	319	-99	27
11. Mbabane City C	23	8	0	15	230	303	-73	24
12. Kilowatts Ladies	15	7	0	8	172	204	-32	21
13. Giant B	20	7	0	13	161	269	-108	21
14. Railway	21	3	1	17	142	299	-157	10
15. Uniswa	6	1	0	5	32	109	-77	3
16. Rsp	22	1	0	21	129	354	-225	3
17. Malagwane	10	0	0	10	32	170	-138	0

## LOCAL ATHLETES FOR SA NITE SERIES RELAYS

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER - THE Athletics Association of Swaziland (AAS) will be hosting National Championships aimed at selecting senior athletes for the African Senior Championships to be held in Durban next month.**

The competition will be held at Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday, starting at 8am.

Last week was the selection of the juniors and according to AAS Secretary Thoba Mazibuko, it was a successful event.

## Participate

He reminded teams to fill out the necessary forms and again register their athletes for licences.

"Athletes who are not registered, will not participate as clubs but as individuals. We would also be selecting the athletes for the 4X100m and 4X400m relay. These

athletes will be going to Polokwane on May 23 for the South African Nite Series Relay as part of preparing for the Durban African Champs," he said.

The junior team will be competing in the Regional Junior Championships in Zambia from June 3-4 and the World Junior Poland in July. They would also participate in the Region 5 Under-20 Youth Games to be staged in Angola in December.



# NFD league decider as Pirates face Tambuti

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER - DESPITE** getting promotion to play in the MTN Premier League next season, arch rivals Moneni Pirates and Tambuti have one less score to settle in the MTN National First Division.

Two points separate the two adversaries in the NFD league table with Tambuti sitting at the top of the log with 57 points. Tambuti are favourites to win the title as they boast a two points lead and two goal difference advantage while Pirates need to get all maximum

points and close the goal difference deficit to stand a chance. The game will be played at Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Tambuti bagged all three points in their first round meeting, handing the Moneni side their first defeat in the campaign.

The battle for survival is still on at the bottom of the log as only the top three teams are spared from the relegation strain.

Only three points separate fourth placed Mbabane Citizens from Ubombo Flyers and Amalanda, who are sitting four and five places from basement, respectively.

Mathematically, Citizens are not

spared from the relegation dilemma as a loss could put them in an awkward position but fortunately they are enjoying a massive goal differ-

ence. Manchester United and KoNtshingila have officially been relegated from the NFD to the Super League.

## The full fixture:

### Saturday at Prince of Wales

Mbabane Citizens vs Ubombo Flyers 1:30pm

### Saturday at Somhlolo National Stadium

Hellenic vs Amalanda 1:30pm

Tambuti vs Moneni Pirates 3:30pm

### Saturday at Manzini Club

KoNtshingila vs Manchester United 2:30pm

### Tambankulu Stadium

Sikhalo Se-Afrika vs Ludzeludze Brothers 1:30pm

Madlenya vs RSSC United 3:30pm

## Bad Boys striker Sifiso retires from football

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER - BAD** Boys striker Sifiso Dlamini has announced his early retirement from football due to an unexplained ankle injury.

The 30-year-old speedy striker will be playing his last match for the 'Bad Company' on Sunday when they visit Manzini Sundowns in their last fixture for the season slated for the Manzini Club.

The striker has scored nine goals for his team in the current campaign.

Dlamini, nevertheless declared that he was ready for the weekend game. He said his focus was to help the Fairview-based side survive relegation.

"I am retiring from football due to the ailment, which has tormented me throughout the season but I have to play a role in helping the team

survive the dreaded axe. I have also told the management committee (MC) about my decision and they have accepted it.

I would like to thank the Chairman Sifiso Shongwe for the support and effort he has made by assisting me with my medical bills."

The team's Public Relations Officer Xolani 'Space' Mkhonta also confirmed the developments when contacted yesterday.

"Dlamini will be playing his last game this weekend after informing us about his situation and we are grateful with the contribution he has made to the team. We are fully focused ahead of the Sundowns match which we must win in order to maintain our top flight football status," he said.

The Mpendulo Mawelele-led side is currently perched at position 11 with 19 points in their account, three points behind the struggling 'Kappa Boys'.

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## 'DU' applauds SwaziBank

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER - PLS** Development Communications Officer Dumsani 'DU' Sibandze has applauded SwaziBank for being the 'conduit pipe' for the development of football in the country.

Sibandze made these remarks during the Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services (SBIS) Sports show.

"We are grateful to SwaziBank for ensuring the development of soccer, especially at grassroots level. We want to extend our gratitude to the institution for sponsoring the SwaziBank Cup Under-20 to the tune of E200 000 where the winner walked home with E30 000.



**ELATED: PLS** Development Communications Officer Dumsani Sibandze.

Without sponsors like SwaziBank, it would be hard for football to develop in Swaziland," Sibandze said.

Sibandze said this tournament made it possible for players to take photos with His Majesty King Mswati III, which was a dream come true

to some of them.

"The SwaziBank Cup has availed a once in a lifetime opportunity for some of the Under-20 players to take photos with the King and we want to say 'Bayethe wena Waphakathi' to the King for supporting local football," he added.

'DU' then congratulated the winners for their achievement.

"I want to praise the champions, both Mbabane Swallows and Young Buffaloes Under-20 for winning their respective divisions in this tournament. We cannot leave out the runners-up, the reasons they played in the final is because they also put a good fight in the tournament. I must say football was the winner at the end of the day as throngs of soccer lovers converged at Somhlolo National Stadium."

## Fairview Cosmos promoted to Manzini Super League

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER - FAIRVIEW** Cosmos have been promoted to the Manzini Super League for the 2017/18 season.

Cosmos got their ticket after winning 3-0 against Mhlaleni United at the Manzini Club Stadium on Saturday to be crowned the champions of the Riverview Total Filling Station E30 000 Manzini Promotion League.

It was second half goals from Sifiso Dube, Ayanda Masilela and Mpumelelo Dube that helped the Celucolo Tfwala-led side fin-

ish on top of the log with 67 points.

Speaking after the match, Tfwala said he was overjoyed with their achievement.

"I am delighted that we have gained promotion to the Super League following a tough campaign. We now have to double our efforts to remain in this division."

He then congratulated the players for working hard throughout the season.

"It was not easy and I would like to applaud the players for making this dream possible. I would also like to thank the fans for rallying behind the team."

He dedicated their promo-

tion to the entire Fairview Cosmos family.

Manzini Regional Football Association (MRFA) Secretary Njabulo Mabuza said they were happy that the league had finally come to an end.

"We are happy that the league has come to an end. Mine would be to thank all those behind this successful league. We will soon be announcing the prize presentation date," he said.

The grand closing was attended by the sponsor's representative Bethu Bartjies, MRFA Chairman Peter 'Samora' Simelane, Treasurer Siphon Dlamini and over 200 football lovers.

## 'Landers welcome Moses, 'Papi' against City

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER - CAPITAL** city giants Mbabane Highlanders will welcome their trusted defender Jimmoh Moses when they face Midas City on Sunday at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

The Nigerian defender missed the team's 2-all pulsating draw against Bad Boys a fortnight ago at the Somhlolo National Stadium due to the infamous yellow card rule.

Also returning in the 'Black Bull' camp is midfielder Xolani 'Papi' Sikondze, who also missed the previous match due to a hamstring injury.

Highlanders Chief Executive Officer Celucolo 'Dino' Dlamini confirmed the two players' return when contacted.

"The two players will be available for our last match against Midas City after missing the previous match against Bad Boys. They have been training with the rest of the team since Monday and everyone is geared up for the match," he said.

Coming to the title race, Dlamini called for unity from the entire Highlanders supporters in order to achieve their dream of ending the 15-year league drought.

"We all need to be united ahead of the last match of the season as we are also competing for the league crown, something that can be achieved by working together as a family."

The Meck Mwase-led side is in a must win situation and are also praying that their competitors Royal Leopard lose or draw against Mbabane Swallows.

Highlanders and Leopard are separated by one point with the police service side sitting on top with 43 points.



**BACK: Xolani 'Papi' Sikondze and Jimmoh Moses.**



## FIXTURES

### TONIGHT

#### AESA PREMIERSHIP

19:30 SuperSport United	v	Black Aces
19:30 Golden Arrows	v	Jomo Cosmos
19:30 Free State Stars	v	Kaizer Chiefs
19:30 Platinum Stars	v	Bloem Celtic
19:30 Bidvest Wits	v	Mamelodi Sundowns
19:30 Maritzburg Utd	v	Ajax Cape Town
19:30 Polokwane City	v	University of Pretoria
19:30 Chippa United	v	Orlando Pirates

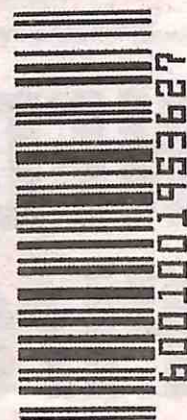
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20:45 Sunderland	v	Everton
20:45 Norwich City	v	Watford
21:00 Liverpool	v	Chelsea

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## MTN PREMIER LEAGUE

# 'LANDERS PRAY FOR 'BIRDS WIN



- 'Bull'face Midas City on Sunday
- Games to be played simultaneously at Mavuso and Somhlolo
- Four teams in relegation dilemma

By Sanele Jele

### SOCCER - MBABANE

Highlanders coach Meck Mwase is a very concerned man ahead of their last match against Midas City and will be praying for Swallows to win against Royal Leopard in order for them to clinch the league title.

With just one game to go before the end of the current MTN Premier League campaign, the Malawian coach has lent a religious edge to the 'Beautiful Birds'.

Focus will be on the two teams in Highlanders and Leopard, who are in a must win situation against Midas City and Mbabane Swallows, respectively.

Mwase said they were praying that their rivals Swallows beat Leopard and then win against City to end their 15-year league drought.

"We might do our part but if Swallows lose we are not going to win the league. Winning the league entirely relies on the Swallows/Leopard game and we cannot ignore that fact. We are praying for Swallows to win the game for us to stand a good chance of winning the league," Mwase said.

### Tough

The MTN first round best coach also mentioned that they were preparing hard for their last match "It will be a tough game against City since they are on form but we will be all out for a win because the

three points will be crucial for us winning the league. The spirit is high among the players and they are tactically ready for the Sunday clash. We have no injuries yet and we hope no player will be injured ahead of the upcoming encounter," he added. Mwase expressed his gratitude to the faithful Highlanders supporters, who have been instrumental in rallying behind the team throughout the season.

"I have been very impressed with Highlanders supporters. They have been painting the stadium black and white since the start of the season. Sometimes the results were not forthcoming but the supporters were always encouraging us and we commend them for that. We urge them

to cram the venue in their great numbers on Sunday and we promise to make them happy," he said. Mbabane Highlanders will lock horns with fifth placed Midas City at Mavuso Sports Centre at 3pm. The capital side is currently perched at position two with 42 points, one point behind log leaders

and defending champions Leopard, who have 43 points in 21 games.

Their fate of winning the league largely depend on king-makers Mbabane Swallows, who will face-off with Leopard at Somhlolo National Stadium at 3pm on Sunday that is if they win their last match against City.

### THE MTN PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURE:

#### SATURDAY

PRINCE OF WALES GROUND  
Green Mamba

vs

Malanti Chiefs

3:30pm

#### SUNDAY

MANZINI CLUB STADIUM  
Manzini Sundowns

vs

Bad Boys

1pm

MAVUSO SPORTS CENTRE  
Manzini Wanderers

vs

Red Lions

1pm

Mbabane Highlanders

vs

Midas City

3pm

SOMHLOLO NATIONAL STADIUM  
Manzini Sea Birds

vs

Young Buffaloes

1pm

Royal Leopard

vs

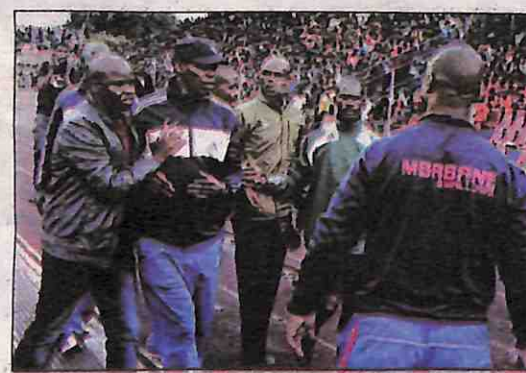
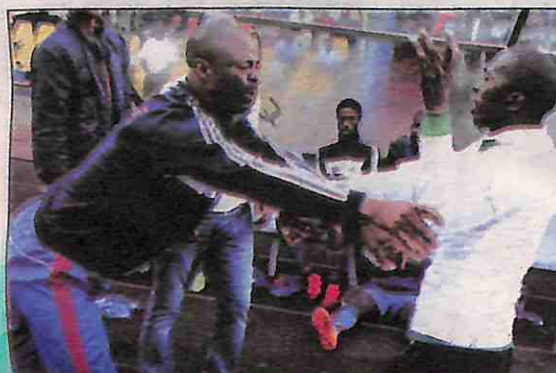
Mbabane Swallows

3pm

## We will punish officials for misbehaving – Mzuthini



**SKIRMISH:** Officials involved in a brawl during the SwazBank Cup final at the Somhlolo National Stadium last Sunday.



By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER – GREEN Mamba**  
President and His Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase says they will definitely punish the team's officials, who were involved in the fracas with Mbabane Swallows during the SwazBank Cup final at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

Ntshangase said they strongly condemn unsporting behaviour during football matches and further called for sportsmanship among officials, players and fans.

"We will launch an internal investigation on the incident where both teams' officials were involved in a scuffle. We won't tolerate violence during games and the law will take its course on the individuals involved. I hope Swallows will also address the matter within their structures," he said.

### Ashamed

The president said he was ashamed to see officials behaving in this manner in front of the King.

It is such behavior that chased sponsors away from the sport, he noted.

"Match officials must always strive to uphold a high level of professionalism during matches in order to curb such occurrences which are not welcome anywhere near football.

"I personally feel they should have done better in controlling the situation before it almost got out of hand," he said.

The incident erupted after Banele Dlamini rough-tackled Wonder 'Samba-Jive' Nhleko, something that saw tempers flaring between the two teams' set of officials as they exchanged heated words.

### Implicated

If implicated in the match commissioners reports, the officials involved will face punishment by the Disciplinary Committee according to the rules and regulations of the 2016 SwazBank Cup.

Mbabane Swallows CEO Sibusiso Manana said as a team they also condemned the act as it was barbaric and did not portray sportsmanship.

"We understand that tempers do flare up, especially in football matches of that nature but it is not an excuse for an occurrence of that fashion. We would like to forward our sincere apologies in as far as the incident is concerned."

Mbabane Swallows beat Green Mamba 2-1 to clinch the SwazBank Cup.