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# 2016 US presidential elections

## ANTI-TRUMP PROTESTS TURN VIOLENT

● as cops clash with 6 000-strong crowd  
● An office block was also attacked, daubed with 'f\*\*\* Trump' and 'kill Trump' graffiti and then set alight. And thousands more filled streets in Los Angeles before taking over the 110 Freeway while other protesters gathered outside City Hall, lighting fires and waving Trump heads on sticks. There were 14 arrests

**NEW YORK - Violence has broken out at anti-Trump rallies across America overnight as tens of thousands marched against the President-elect before angry mobs attacked police, started fires and shut down highways.**

The streets of downtown Oakland in California were choked with smoke yesterday as police launched tear gas and protesters lit fires, in what became by some distance the most violent of the many protests against the election of Donald Trump. More than 6 000 protesters were seen on the streets of Oakland with an initially peaceful march down a cop-lined street turning nasty after some protesters threw bottles at officers and torched a police car. An office block was also attacked, daubed with 'f\*\*\* Trump' and 'kill Trump' graffiti and then set alight.

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In New York, home of the

President-elect, at least 30 people were arrested when cops cracked down on twin demonstrations in Columbus Circle and at Trump Tower. As many as 7 500 demonstrators were believed to have been split between the two locations, chanting 'Black Lives Matter' and 'Donald Trump, go away, racist, sexist, anti-gay.'

Cher and Madonna were among the NYC protesters, with Cher telling one supporter they needed to "fight."

### Win

Trump's poll-defying win has sparked a wave of similar rallies across the country. Protests stopped traffic in Chicago, Illinois; Portland, Oregon; and San Francisco, California, among many others.

Outside the White House, a candlelit vigil was being held in protest against Trump's inflammatory and divisive brand of politics. But even peaceful protests in that city went awry, with at least one protester being bundled into the back of a van by the Secret Service.

Masses of protesters - more than



**RIOT: Los Angeles protesters lit fires on the steps of City Hall in Los Angeles in the middle of an apparently disorganised protest. (Daily Mail)**

6,000, according to the East Bay Times marched down a cop-lined Broadway, protesting the election of Donald Trump.

The group had convened in Frank Ogawa Plaza for a peaceful but passionate protest - that plan, however, went to pieces after 8pm after the crowd threw glass bottles at the police line.

### Devices

The cops responded in kind, firing incendiary devices into the crowd as unlawful assembly orders were read out. Two groups were still contained by police in the area, feeding fires and being blocked from entering the I-90. It's not yet clear how many - if any - were arrested in that incident, but one person was taken in after shining a laser at a police helicopter - something that cops say is a federal offence.

Twitter videos showed many fires burning in downtown streets, and cops marching in formation on protesters.

Crowds of disgruntled voters packed into the northern plaza of Union Square, in Downtown

Manhattan on Wednesday night - among them pop star Cher. One protester announced on Facebook: "Cher just told me we have to fight. I trust in Cher." Madonna posted footage of crowds chanting 'Not my President!' on her Instagram feed.

### Rally

The rally, organised by a group called Socialist Alternative, called on people to 'build a movement to fight racism, sexism, and Islamophobia'. Among the crowd was teacher Julia Dunn, who told NBC 4 New York: "There's a man who's the human embodiment of hate who's going to become our next president, so the best thing we can do is try to connect with people who are representing love and connection."

"Fight white power" and 'Love Trumps Hate' were printed across dozens of placards as people voiced their anger over the election result.

There were reports of 'multiple arrests' as the crowd started their march 40 blocks uptown towards Trump Towers. Father Craig Wolf was reportedly detained as he marched with his 15-year-old daughter and her friends, and NBC later reported at least 30 arrests.

One woman taking part in the event was Julie Rossman, 30, who told DNA Info: "He is a misogynist, he's a racist, and he ran a campaign on hate and lies." In Columbus Circle demonstrators hung a plastic effigy of Donald Trump as cries of 'Black Lives Matter' rang out across the crowd.

At around 8pm, NYPD officers outside Trump Hotel & Tower attempted to break up the crowds and move them onto the sidewalk. Video on Twitter showed rows of police standing in the road as a robotic voice warned that anyone refusing to leave the street would be arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. *Daily Mail*

**BURN IT UP: A protester setting the US flag on fire.**

## ...Donald Trump's home declared a no-fly zone

**MANHATTAN - Donald Trump's transition from a flashy businessman and reality TV star to the President of the United States is keeping the security services busy.**

A no-fly zone has been imposed over his home and workplace, Trump Tower, on Fifth Avenue in New York.

The 58-storey building, which was the setting of the NBC television show 'The Apprentice', is not only Trump's main residence but also a massive tourist hotspot.

The Federal Aviation Administration has issued a temporary flight restriction for a

two-nautical mile radius around Trump Tower that will effectively put a stop to popular sightseeing flight paths.

The no-fly zone will be in play until Trump's inauguration on Friday 20 January, 2017, when he will move into the White House.

### Barriers

Meanwhile, on the ground, police officers have helped to install concrete barriers around the Tower.

A row of sanitation trucks filled with sand has been acting as barricades along Fifth Avenue since Monday.

*Daily Mail*



## 'Trump's victory prevented World War III'

**NEW YORK - Donald Trump's election may have prevented World War Three, a top official at the Kremlin has revealed.**

The Republican's victory was greeted with jubilation in Moscow yesterday, with Russian President Vladimir Putin known to loathe Trump's opponent, Hillary Clinton. Relations between the two super-

powers have been frosty during the Obama administration, and during Trump's campaign the President-elect promised friendlier relations with Moscow. The Russian premier yesterday spoke of his hopes that tensions can be set aside. His aide Sergei Glaziev went further, describing Clinton as a symbol of war. He told reporters, Lenta reports:

"Americans had two choices: World War Three or multilateral peace.

"Clinton was a symbol of war, and Trump has a chance to change this course." Fellow Putin aide Vyacheslav Volodin, said the end of the Obama years will signal "an end to the problems it caused between the Kremlin and Washington".

*Daily Mail*

## It's a cold weekend - Forecasters

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**FORECASTERS** are pointing to a cold weekend that will be accompanied by isolated thunderstorms today and tomorrow in some parts of the country.

According to information sourced from the Swaziland National Meteorology Services, this weekend temperatures will remain at 17 degrees in the

Highveld and 23 degrees in Lowveld.

"There will be afternoon thunderstorms later today, and tomorrow," the forecasters said.

**Temperatures**

However the forecasters pointed out that tomorrow temperatures will slightly rise up to 25 degrees in the Highveld and 31 degrees in the Lowveld.

Chances of rains are high throughout the weekend.

Today, there will be occasional rains and fog patches, other-

WEATHER UPDATE					
TODAY	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
Mbabane 13/17	14/18	15/20	15/19	16/22	17/23
SATURDAY					
14/25	15/26	16/28	16/27	17/30	18/31
Tomorrow, there will be morning drizzle and fog at places, otherwise cloudy becoming partly cloudy and warm to hot in the Lowveld with afternoon thunderstorms.					
SUNDAY					
14/17	15/18	16/20	16/19	17/22	18/22
On Sunday there will be occasional rain and fog at places, otherwise cloudy with sunny intervals and cold but cool in the Lowveld.					

wise partly cloudy with sunny intervals and cold but cool in the

Lowveld. Isolated thunderstorms are expected later.

## GOVT FREEZES HIRING OF CIVIL SERVANTS

## COVER STORY

By Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

● Minister for Finance Martin Dlamini on Wednesday stated that government would be operating on a deficit of E7.7 billion because of, among other things, the implementation of the salary review recommendations known as *dvuladvula*

**THOSE** who were hoping to be employed by government in this financial year will have to wait a bit as employment of new civil servants has been frozen.

This unfortunate stand has been taken by the ministry of public service to mitigate the high costs on personnel. Government is not happy with her wage bill.

Minister for Finance Martin Dlamini on Wednesday stated that government would be operating at a deficit of E7.7 billion because of, among other things, the implementation of the salary review recommendations known as *dvuladvula*.

This he told Members of Parliament in the House of Assembly when he delivered the Mid-Year Budget Report for

2016/2017. Yesterday, Minister for Public Service Owen Nxumalo told senators that the implementation of the salary review would undoubtedly have a negative bearing on the wage bill.

Nxumalo said the review had already cost government E850 million. "Due to the prevailing adverse economic climate, the ministry has seriously considered to slow down on creation of new positions and also evaluate the filling of vacant positions in order to ease the burden of the hiking wage bill in an endeavour to adhere to acceptable international standards," Nxumalo said.

However, the minister stated that positions that would need to be filled by essential professionals like

nurses and doctors could be attended to, if there is a need.

He said the education and health sectors were the ones that were to be considered.

**Concerns**

The minister was responding to concerns of Senator Chief Ngome Ndlangamandla, who wanted to know what would happen in an event there was a need for a nurse or doctor in any health facility in the country.

The issue of the wage bill was a very thorny one to senators who were debating the performance report of the public service. Senate Deputy President Ngom'yayona Gamedze told Nxumalo that the renewal of contracts for officials who were past the retirement age



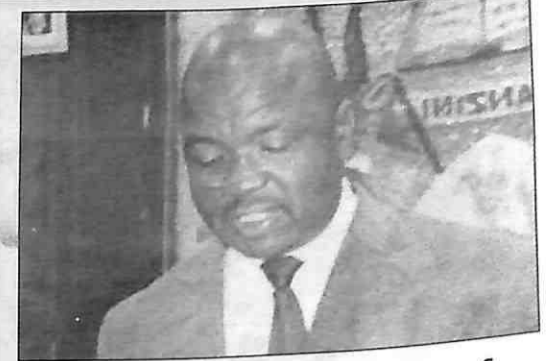
IT'S RISKY: Minister Martin Dlamini.

was the one that contributed to the bulging wage bill.

"Some of the retired officials have ventured into big agricultural projects like sugarcane growing. Some of them are regretting the time they spent in government. They say if they had retired early, they would have made a huge amount of money," Gamedze said.

What was painful, Gamedze said, was that there were many graduates that were being produced annually but there were people who were still working yet they were past their retirement age.

He said if those people were to be encouraged to embark on income-generating projects upon retirement, they would help the country to make a lot of money.



TO LOOK AT ISSUES: Minister of Public Service Owen Nxumalo.

## 189 dvuladvula appeal cases at public service

By Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

MINISTER for Public Service Owen Nxumalo told senators yesterday that there were 189 appeal cases that were brought to his ministry by civil servants concerning the salary review, otherwise known as *dvuladvula*.

Nxumalo was responding to concerns raised by the senators, who wanted to know if the civil servants who were not happy were addressed. Senator Menjani Mahlalela said it was imperative that the ministry should speedily address the matter.

"The problem here is that most of the workers who were complaining are the ones that were at the forefront when the negotiations about the salary increases were done," Mahlalela said.

Senator Ndumiso Mdluli raised the matter that involved the school heads of department (HODs), who were reportedly given a raw deal in the salary review negotiations.

Mdluli said their matter had to be urgently addressed.

"These teachers are doing a lot of work in schools. There are some schools that are big such that they have more than one deputy principal. Under the deputy principals, there are the HODs. Under them, there are a lot of teachers and pupils who need their supervision," Mdluli said. Senate Deputy President Ngom'yayona Gamedze wanted to know if there was a political will in the implementation of the review. He wanted to know if the workers were protected from being heavily taxed.

"I remember when we were encouraged to take medical aid here in Parliament, we took it with pleasure, but now, we are sitting with heavy debts that should be settled with Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA). I am asking myself if the workers have not been exposed to such conditions," Gamedze said.

In response, Nxumalo said they would further look at how they could address the issues brought by the workers.

He further said the matter of the HODs was before the Industrial Court and they were waiting for the outcome because at present, they could do nothing about it.

## Prime Minister points out six High Court mistakes

By Linda Jele  
Supreme Court

**THE** Prime Dr Minister Sibusiso Dlamini said the High Court committed six mistakes when it ruled that some sections of the Suppression of Terrorism Act and Sedition and Subversive Activities Act are unconstitutional.

This is contained in a revised notice of appeal filed by the office of the Attorney General Majahenkhaba Dlamini before the Supreme Court. He is challenging the decision of a full bench of the High Court that issued a majority judgment finding that some sections of the two acts were not consistent with the country's constitution, therefore, invalid.

The majority judgment was issued by Judges Jacobus Annandale and Mbutfo Mamba, while Judge Nkululeko Hlophe dissented.

The constitutional matter had been filed by human rights lawyer Thulani Maseko together with political activists Mario Masuku, Mlungisi Makhanya and Maxwell Dlamini.

The majority judgment ruled in favour of the four in that some sections of the Sedition and Subversive Act of 1938 were null and void on the grounds of inconsistency with sections 2, 23, 24 and 25 of the constitution which stipulates that the latter shall be the supreme law of the

country and guarantees fundamental freedoms.

The court also declared that some sections of the Suppression of Terrorism Act of 2008 are null and void on the grounds of inconsistency with the constitution. It said the minister of justice, in arguments in the case, had not stated why there should be limitations to the freedoms that are guaranteed by the constitution, why they are necessary and what purpose they are meant to serve or what mischief they intend to curb.

The prime minister, who is cited as the first appellant in the appeal, submitted that the High Court full bench erred in law and in fact in holding and declaring that sections 3 (1), 4 (a), e and 5 of the Sedition and Subversive Activities Act of 1938 infringed on the political activists' rights and freedoms guaranteed by the constitution. The High Court had said the state had merely stated that the limitations were required in the interests of certain public purposes which were not disclosed. Therefore, the High Court said it was not an adequate answer to the challenge.

The majority judgment also said the onus to establish that the limitation was constitutional lay with government.

It had failed to submit any evidence or material of whatever nature in justification of the limitations

Government, in the appeal, has said the High court erred in law in holding that the onus for

showing that the limitations on the activists' rights and freedoms in terms of the impugned provisions are reasonably justified in a democratic society, rested with government, instead of the activists.

"The court a quo erred in law and in fact in declaring that paragraph (1) of Section 2, paragraph 2 (f), (g) i, ii, iii and (j), paragraph (h): Section 11(1) (a) and (b) and 11 (2) of the Suppression of Terrorism Act No. 3 of 2008 infringed the respondents' rights and freedoms under Section 24 and 25 of the constitution in a manner not justified in terms of the limitations provisions of the same sections of the constitution and accordingly striking down the said sections as unconstitutional and invalid," the notice of appeal reads.

It was also stated that it was erroneous for the High Court to hold and strike down Sections 28 and 29 (4) of the Suppression of Terrorism Act as bad and unconstitutional for not providing for a hearing before a recommendation to list an entity as banned.

"The judgment of the court a quo is bad in law for failure to appreciate that it is the entity PUDEMO as a specified entity that has generated the charges against the respondents in terms of the impugned provisions. The court a quo erred in law in holding or implying that the impugned provisions are overly 'broad or vague,' reads the notice. The appeal is pending.

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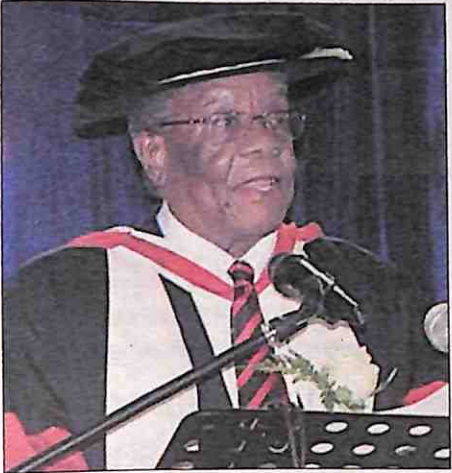
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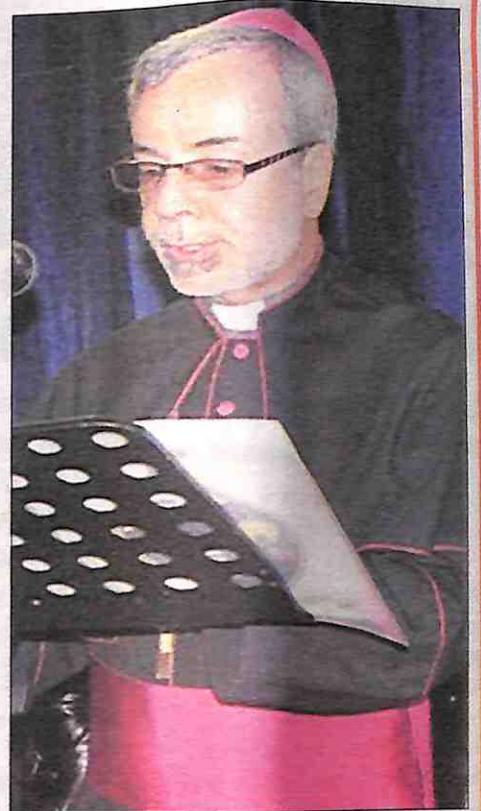
# GOOD SHEPHERD COLLEGE OF NURSING GRADUATION



**REMARKS:** PM Dr Sibusiso Dlamini delivering his speech at the graduation ceremony.



**ATTENTIVE:** Some of the graduates following proceedings.



**THE WORD SAYS:** Bishop Jose Luis Laos making his remarks.



**HEAD:** Good Shepherd College of Nursing Principal Zanele Manana making her remarks.



**GRADS:** The graduates before making the Florence Nightingale pledge. (Pics: Wonderboy Dlamini)



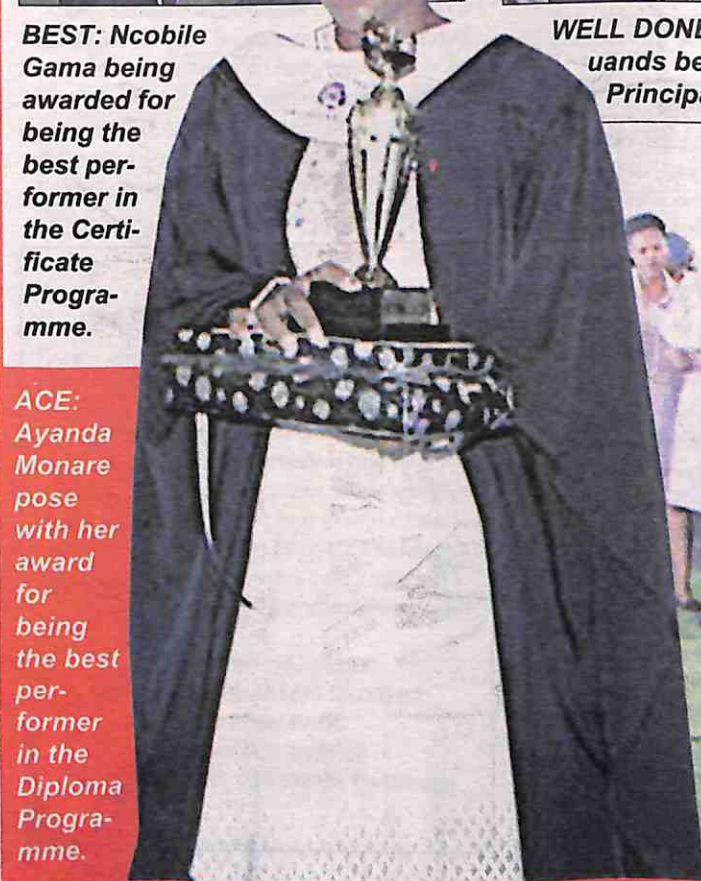
**BEST:** Ncobile Gama being awarded for being the best performer in the Certificate Programme.



**WELL DONE:** One of the graduates being decorated by Principal Manana.



**DIGNITARIES:** Minister of Education Phineas Magagula, the PM, the bishop and Principal Manana pose.



**ACE:** Ayanda Monare pose with her award for being the best performer in the Diploma Programme.



**FAREWELL:** Students rendering a song for the gathering.

## MEANWHILE FLOODS HIT SOUTH AFRICA

CHAOS: Flash floods in Gauteng on Wednesday. (Photos supplied)



# IT NEVER RAINS BUT POURS AT MUSI, LITERALLY

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**THE rainfall recordings points to Musi and Piggs Peak as having received the highest rainfall.**

However, it must be stated that Nyonyane, KaLanga, Nsoko and Sithobela did not receive any rains.

Musi recorded 42mm and this was the highest when

compared to the rest of the country.

### Rainy

Pigg's Peak came second with a recording of 25.3mm while the capital city known for receiving average rains during the rainy season came third as it recorded 13.8 mm.

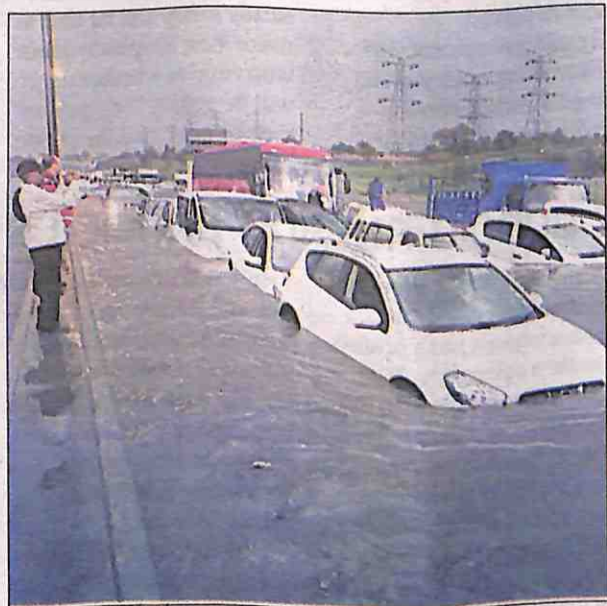
Mayiwane in Hhohho and Mahamba in Ntshingwen also recorded a better rainfall reading of 12.6mm and

9.0mm respectively.

The rains started on Wednesday evening and lasted until yesterday morning. According to information from the Swaziland Meteorological Services, Jericho an area in the Shiselweni region, received the lowest rainfall. It recorded 0.4 mm.

Moti is also another area that recorded low rainfall figures at 1.2mm

STATION	RAINFALL (mm)
Mbabane	13.8
Moti	1.2
Jericho	0.2
Big Bend	0.4
Siteki	4.5
Pigg's Peak	25.3
Nhlangano	5
Musi	42
Nyonyane	8.4
Mtsambama	0
Ka-Langa	0
Nsoko	0
Mayiwane	12.6
Matsapha	5.6
Malkerns	6.2
Sithobela	0
S'khuphe	8.3
Mahamba	9



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## 6 NATIONAL NEWS

# GOOD SHEPHERD COLLEGE HOSTS HISTORIC GRADUATION CEREMONY

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**GOOD Shepherd College of Nursing yesterday made history when it hosted the first graduation ceremony for a group of 40 students under the Diploma in General Nursing course.**

The historic graduation ceremony was also held at the institution's new structure, which is situated just below the Catholic Mission's hospital and church. Also graduating

were 45 students with Certificates in Nursing Assistant.

The graduands from both groups also wore gowns for the first time in the history of the college.

The colourful event was graced by the presence of Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini, who gave a keynote address and further made promises which will see the college growing into its full strength.

Principal, Zanele Manana first reported that the two groups reflected on the nexus of the college's

past, present and its future.

She pointed out that Good Shepherd has for the past many years been known as the only college in the country which produced assistant nurses.

Manana said the nursing assistant programme has been the college's niche in the pre-service training institutions.

The principal stated that the first diploma graduating group marked a pivotal point in the college's present

and future.

Manana then thanked government, through the ministry of education and training, which worked in collaboration with the ministry of labour and social security to fund the tuition of the diploma group.

She said this has helped in the development of the college as students were relieved from the struggle of fees. She said this has come as a result of the existing collabora-

tion between the ministries and the college.

Meanwhile, the principal said despite the evident successes, the college still faced numerous challenges which emanated mainly from financial constraints.

She pointed out that one of the main challenges was the shortage of housing for lecturers and the students.

This has seen most of the staff and students renting flats in nearby homesteads.

Manana said the college also lacked a fully established library system which could serve the educational needs of the students.

She said they also needed an auditorium and other structures which were necessary at an institution of higher learning.



**NICE MEETING YOU: Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini greeting Good Shepherd Hospital Administrator Dumsile Simelane upon his arrival. (Pics: Wonderboy Dlamini)**

## PM to work on Good Shepherd financial issues

**PRIME Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini has pledged to work tirelessly in assisting the Good Shepherd institution to rise above its financial problems.**

The prime minister said the challenges faced by Good Shepherd College of Nursing should not only worry the institution but also government and all stakeholders.

Dlamini said government has taken note that the college was facing financial challenges which have resulted from shortage of funding.

This was after the principal of the college, Zanele Manana, informed the PM that the institution shared its budget with the hospital. This means any subventions directed to the Good Shepherd institution is



**I PROMISE: The PM delivering his speech.**

shared by the hospital and college.

When responding to this report, the premier said government would work on separating the college's budget from that of the hospital. He said this would help the college to have full management of its funds, instead of leaning on the

hospital. Dlamini said this would also help both structures to accordingly allocate funds depending on their priorities. The prime minister also pointed out that government was also looking forward to the growth of the college into a university in the near future. He said such development, however, needed the institution to be independent and stable on its funds, hence the need for government to make initiatives aimed at making this possible. Dlamini further stated that government remained committed in providing scholarship for all students at tertiary institutions. He said this included students of Good Shepherd College of Nursing.

Currently, government provides scholarship for students only under the diploma programme and a

## Nurses' salary problems will be sorted - PM

**THE issue of salary delays for nurses at Good Shepherd Hospital, which have become a norm, may soon be a thing of the past as government considers including nurses who are deployed at missionary hospitals in her payroll.**

This was announced by Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini during the graduation ceremony of 95 students at Good Shepherd College of Nursing.

The premier said parliament has on several occasions

deliberated on the issue of salaries for professional workers who are deployed in missionary institutions. These include teachers, nurses and other professionals.

### Payroll

The prime minister said so far, government has managed to put all teachers (including those in missionary schools) under its payroll.

He said government was now working on doing the same for nurses who are deployed either under the Catholic or Nazarene health

facilities.

Dlamini said this would help ease the financial burden carried by the missionary institutions.

Simultaneously, the prime minister said this would also help in giving all professional workers equal treatment. "We want to make sure that all nurses are guaranteed of a steady salary and be able to make their budgets without worrying on whether they will be getting their pay on time or not," said the prime minister.

## Graduates must uphold nursing principles

**THE graduates of Good Shepherd College of Nursing were yesterday urged to uphold the principles and ethics of nursing, regardless of any challenges.**

Distinguished speakers of the day took turns in warning and urging the graduands to be a good example in the profession.

Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini highlighted that nursing was not just a profession but a calling which required one to adhere to its principles at all times.

Dlamini also noted that since many years ago when there was no mention of, or need for, most of the professions that existed in the modern world, nursing was there.

He stated that caring for the sick and injured remained as a vocation which calls individuals to the service of others. The graduates were also urged to give back to their parents and the society. Principal of the college, Zanele Manana urged the graduates to work diligently and represent the institution well.



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### Purchase of Documents

Tender documents shall be purchased between 12<sup>th</sup> November to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at a non-refundable fee of E500.00 from NAMBoard Cashiers Office at Head Office Cnr. Mbabha & Masalesikhundleni Streets Manzini. A briefing meeting will be held on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 09:00am at Head Office Boardroom, Manzini.

### Closing Date

The closing date for the submission of proposals shall be the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 12noon. The tenders will be deposited into the Tender Box placed at the reception at Head Office Cnr. Mbabha & Masalesikhundleni Streets Manzini. Late entries will not be entertained.

### Submissions

The documents for eligibility, include a copy of the current Tax Clearance Certificate, A valid Trading Licence, Form J, Form C, Labour Compliance Certificate for local Tenderers, Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) Employers Compliance Clearance Certificate for local Tenderers A signed and sealed tender bid envelope clearly marked "Tender No.02 of 16 - Salary Review, addressed to: The Chairperson of the Tender Committee, should be deposited in the tender box situated at the NAMBoard Head-Office, Cnr. Mbabha & Masalesikhundleni Streets Manzini, Swaziland. If posted the tender bid must reach NAMBoard on or before the closing date.

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# PM CUTS SOD FOR E93M PHARMACEUTICAL PLANT

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Nokwane

**IT will cost over E93 million to construct the pharmaceutical plant structure at Bio Technology Park at Nokwane.**

Mylan Laboratories Limited based in the Republic of India is the company responsible for the construction of the plant.

The figures were revealed by Assistant Vice President of Mylan Laboratories Limited, Prashawt Deshpande during the sod-turning ceremony for construction of the pharmaceutical plant at the Bio Technology Park at Nokwane yesterday.

Deshpande said it will cost them approximately seven million US dollars (about E93 million) to construct the structure, which he called the civil phase of the pharmaceutical plant.

"The seven million US dollars will only be used in the construction of the structure which is the first phase. The second phase will be the purchasing of chemicals that will be used in the laboratory," he said.

He said the company was looking forward to work in collaborative terms with the Kingdom Of Swaziland.

He said on their part there were no major challenges that would hinder them from completing the structure as soon as possible, as expected by many Swazis.

Amongst the things the pharmaceutical plant will provide for Swazis is Anti-Retroviral drugs. He said Swazis will no longer have to purchase such medicines from overseas countries.

Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini, who was a guest speaker during the ceremony, was represented by Minister of Information, Communications and Technology Dumsani



**FROM THIS DIRECTION: Minister of Information, Communications and Technology (ICT) Dumsani Ndlangamandla representing the PM during the sod turning ceremony for establishment of a national pharmaceutical plant at Nokwane Biotechnology Park yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)**

Ndlangamandla.

Making his remarks on behalf of the PM, Ndlangamandla said the infrastructure which the Government of Swaziland has been putting up at the Bio Technology Park was starting to yield the right fruits of attracting foreign direct investment that will assist the country in achieving vision 2022.

"We are greatly privileged on this day, as we are gathered here at the Bio Technology Park, one of our infrastructures under the administration of the Royal Science and Technology Park, to mark the official sod-

turning for the construction of the awaited pharmaceutical plant," he said.

He said the completed infrastructure at the Bio Technology Park will provide all the required reticulation services for a modern science park.

He also mentioned that the park will provide things such as water lines, electricity lines, sewer lines and telecommunication lines as well as modern road networks.

The PM also welcomed the executives from Mylan Laboratories Limited to the Kingdom of Swaziland.

## MTN cleaner gets E15 000 bail

By Linda Jele  
High Court

**THE MTN Cleaner accused of stealing E300 000 worth of cellphones has been admitted to E15 000 bail.**

Bongiwe Hedzane had been arrested together with businessman Amla Javid originating from India for having stolen 31 Samsung cellphones from Mahlalekhukhwini House at Ezulwini on September 8, 2016.

She had stolen 12 Samsung S7, 13 Samsung Galaxy Note 5 and six iPhone Cellphones, all valued at E303 967.90.

She yesterday filed an urgent application for bail before High Court Judge Ticheme Dlamini.

She denied that she ever committed the offence and was desirous of being admitted to bail to return to her E900 monthly paying job.

She said she would plead not guilty to the charge at trial.

### Bail

"Accordingly, I am desirous to be admitted to bail and submit that I am going to abide by the conditions of bail as the above honourable court may deem fit to impose.

May this honourable court hearings take into account the fact that I am earning E900 monthly when setting the amount of bail I have to pay," she said.

She undertook to attend court hearings whenever directed to do so and promised that she would not interfere with crown witnesses. She also undertook not to undermine the objectives of the criminal justice system. She said her continued detention was prejudicial in that she risked losing her job due to absenteeism.

She further alleged that her minor child was sickly and this forced his elder son to stop going to school in order to care for his sibling.

She further claimed that she was diagnosed with a sickness which required her to take food on a regular basis yet in custody she was provided with food on scheduled periods.

The application was not opposed by the crown and bail was fixed at E15 000.

She was directed to pay E5 000 cash and provide sureties to the value of E10 000.

## Lack of Land Act poses a challenge – Housing Minister

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**MINISTER of Housing and Urban Development Phiywayinkosi Mabuza said lack of land legislation in the country poses a challenge.**

The minister was speaking on the second day meeting of the Local Government Symposium held at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre.

Mabuza said land issues were often contentious and sensitive.

He said the ministry had not been able to conclude the process of a land policy that was started some years ago.

"Ideally, a policy covering the whole aspect of land should be in place, and even perhaps a Land Act that would govern all matters to do with land for better regulation and transparency.

In the absence of such a policy or Act, we in the local government sector have to come up with ideas as to how we can solve the problems we face as a result of lack of a clear policy regarding land," he said.

He revealed that some of the challenges they faced included that there was sometimes non-acceptance of municipal or town boundaries by neighbouring chiefdoms or people who pay allegiance to those chiefdoms.

He said they often insist that they are not within urban local authorities boundaries and

this causes a lot of confusion and a lot of time is wasted discussing none issues, because any property can easily be determined as to whether it falls within urban boundaries or not. Mabuza further said urban municipalities ought to have the latitude to increase their physical space to accommodate the demands for living and working spaces as populations and the economy continue to grow.

"While traditionally urban areas have always increased their boundaries by incorporating adjacent title deed farms, we now face situations where urban areas can only grow by incorporating Swaziland National Land (SNL).

### Areas

In some cases peri-urban areas are situated in SNL, in fact that is the case in most of our peri-urban areas.

In that case, it is clearly the duty of the state to provide services for those people in the peri-urban areas.

In fact, in some areas the municipality already provides services to those peri-urban areas in SNL. The logical step is for those peri-urban areas to be incorporated into the municipality. The arising difficulty is in the question of governance of those areas," he said.

Mabuza said the state has a challenge on how to monitor and control land allocations in the peri-urban areas. He said there has been a shocking increase in the urban sprawl arising from seemingly uncontrollable or uncon-

trolled land allocations.

"It is imperative that we all recognise that while we may blame unscrupulous land allocators for the urban sprawl we see, particularly around Matsapha-Manzini urban areas, we have to also admit that these activities point to a clear weakness of our land policies or land laws and land allocation processes," he said.

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## SOD CUTTING CEREMONY AT NOKWANE



**ON BEHALF:** Minister of Information Communications and Technology (ICT) Dumsani Ndlangamandla represented the PM during the sod turning ceremony for establishment of national pharmaceutical laboratory at Nokwane, Biotechnology Park yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**SUPPORT:** Indian Consular in Swaziland Mona Ashraf being welcomed by ICT Principal Secretary Sikelela Dlamini.



**LEGISLATORS:** Senators Chief Ngome Ndlangamandla, Khanyisile Malambe and Meninjeni Mahlalela also attended the function.



**FROM THIS DIRECTION:** ICT Minister Dumsani Ndlangamandla taking instructions prior to the start of works.



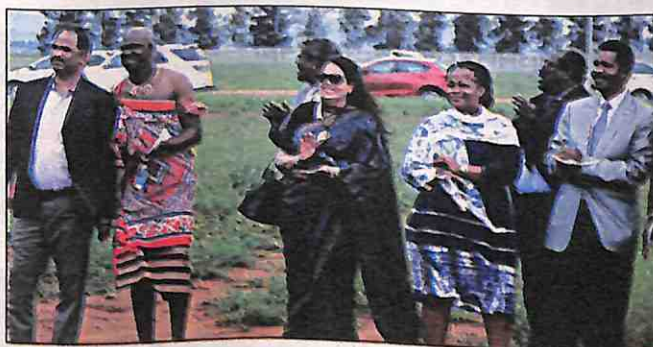
**DIGGING:** Invited people watching as the minister does the sod cutting.



**ATTENTIVE:** Invited guests listening to Prashawt Deshpande's briefing.



**REVEAL:** Assistant Vice President of Mylan Laboratories Limited, Prashawt Deshpande making his remarks.



**YOU DID WELL:** Attendees clapping hands in appreciation of Ndlangamandla's good job.



**COME THIS SIDE:** ICT PS directing his minister.



**MAN AT WORK:** Prime minister's representative ICT Minister Dumsani Ndlangamandla performing the sod turning.



**OBSERVING:** The minister hard at work as the attendees observe.



**IT'S OVER:** Ndlangamandla climbing out of the grader after doing his job.

# SITEKI TOWN COUNCIL LAUNCHES WEBSITE

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

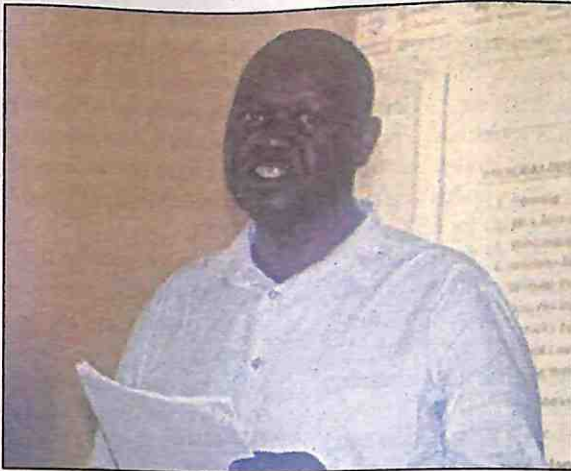
**SITEKI** Town Council yesterday officially launched its website, an improved facility with the purpose of creating and maintaining a positive image and strong relationship with the general public.

The website, which was designed by interns from Limkokwing University of Creative Technology, was officially launched by the Mayor Norman Sigwane in the presence of the business community and ratepayers.

Sigwane highlighted that the Council was making all means to improve its communications mediums with ratepayers and the public.

He stated that previously, they have been using the old means of communication which included letters, posters and radio announcements. This, in many instances, would have less impact to some residents, especially the business community.

During the launch, it was illustrated how the website would be used to access current information about the town. Sigwane said such information



**GEARED FOR 2022: Siteki Town Mayor Norman Sigwane speaking during the official launch of the town's website.**

would also include the advertisement of tenders, land and other business related announcements.

This was said to be one way of moving towards the country's vision 2022, where all services should be available at an advanced level. It was further said that members of the public will also be able to send requests, proposals or even give comments about the running of the town through the facility.

Sigwane also announced that the website will be maintained and upgraded by the Limkokwing students who designed it for the next 12

months. He thanked the university for considering the Council in bringing their students for internship.

Meanwhile, Shiral Way, who represented business people of the town, thanked the Council for the improvement in communications.

Way pointed out that the website would help in informing potential business people from other areas about the beauty of the town. She said for instance, the Siteki is the first town closer to Mozambique, hence having online communications would also market local businesses to their Mozambican counterparts.

## 'Asian businesses are of less benefit to the town'

AMID the probe of the influx of Asian nationals into the country, Siteki Mayor Norman Sigwane has expressed his concern about the number of Asian business people in the small town, saying they were of less benefit.

Ironically, the town has about 80 per cent of businesses owned by Asians.

Speaking during the launch of the town's website, Sigwane said it was disappointing to note that none of the Asian business people participated in events or initiatives undertaken by the Council.

The mayor pointed out that the Asian business owners who run almost all the shops in Siteki were invited to the launch of the website but none of them attended.

He further noted that the Council recently hosted a braai in collaboration with two other organisations, and still, the Asian business owners did not contribute in any way. The braai was meant to

raise funds for charity.

Sigwane said what also worried the authorities of the town was that the Asian business people were never seen even at any bank either to deposit money or do any of the services provided.

He then wondered whether the Asian businesses were benefiting anyone in the town or not.

"We only see them at their shops when we go there to give them money through shopping," said Sigwane.

Interestingly, residents of Siteki have over the past years been raising concern about the influx of Asian nationals in the town.

One particular instance, local residents blamed the town council for allowing Asian nationals to do business at the market which was initially established only to benefit native residents as a way of empowering small business people. Currently, about 70 per cent of the shops housed at the market are operated by Asians.



**MATSAPHA**  
Municipality

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### IMPROPERLY MANAGED ANIMALS

Matsapha Town Council calls upon all owners of animals including dogs, cows, goats, horses, sheep, etc. within and outside the Matsapha urban area to ensure that their animals are kept within their premises in accordance with the Urban Government Regulations of 1969. Poorly kept and improperly managed animals have been identified as a nuisance in terms of the Public Health Act of 1969 section 11 (k) as they pose a threat to the safety and health of the public.

Council will remove all poorly and improperly managed animals found along the roads, streets and within public spaces: Livestock will be taken for impoundment at the Manzini City Council Pound or any other pounding facility within the country; dogs and such other animals will be exterminated with immediate effect.

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# DAGGA RAIDS GETTING MORE DANGEROUS - COPS

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

SENIOR police officers in the anti narcotics unit have highlighted some of the difficulties they face when they go to raid dagga fields that are sometimes trapped.

They said the need for a helicopter was greater now more than ever. The officers stated that as time goes on the dagga dealers were finding clever and more daring ways of cultivating their dagga and the fields now have traps and alarm systems.

"The dagga dealers are getting smarter and are now growing dagga at the top of mountain with special seeds, plants and equipment that is so hard to reach. So many of these places are impossible to reach by car, so we travel on foot which is extremely dangerous and the dealers know this," said one of them. The policeman said in some areas they have to climb up steep inclines to get to the dagga fields that have safe mechanisms and dangerous booby traps.

"In one field there was an actual alarm system that was placed at the

● they say the need for a helicopter is much greater now as dagga growers are becoming more sophisticated



**WE ARE HOPEFUL: Acting PICO Phindile Vilakati.**

entrance of a small field and the wire was running bellow the soil.

Once you stepped on it the alarm that was hidden in a tin went off and alerted the owners of the field to escape or attack us as the police."

The policeman further stated that at one field they found a trap where the dealer had dug a pit and placed broken bottles at the bottom and then covered the pit with grass that if one stepped on

the grass it will result in them getting injured. The policeman said at more than one of these fields they found booby traps one of which had a pit.

He said another had hidden barbed wire that cut an officer on his finger and they had to test him for HIV.

He highlighted that all these things put their lives as police officers at risk.

The police officer was speaking during an interview at the Pigg's Peak Police Station before the dagga burning exercise on Tuesday.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati stated that they were still hoping that government would help the police to secure a helicopter as it was much needed in their line of work.

"It's no brainer that we need a helicopter in order to make our work much easier and we have forwarded our request to government.

Hopefully, we will receive approval of this important request to buy a helicopter to help us in our fight against dagga," she said.

## E320 000 robbery: E15 000 cash was my pension money - Suspect

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

ONE of the suspects in the E320 000 armed robbery at Hhelehhele, Douglas Stanford has revealed that the E15 900 which police found in his possession was his own money which he got from the Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF).

This was revealed by the accused's attorney yesterday during the ongoing trial for the eight suspects.

During cross examination, the court was told that Douglas Stanford had reached the age of 50 and he had received his pension money which was over E50 000.

### Affidavit

In his founding affidavit, Stanford stated that he had withdrawn E23 000 from his pension money on the day of his arrest. Stanford stated that he had forgotten his cellphone in Mzwandile Mazibuko's car.

Mazibuko is one of the accused people but he is out on bail.

The accused said he called his cellphone to find out where he had left it and fortunately it was with Mazibuko who told him to come and fetch it.

Stanford is said to have travelled all the way from Mbabane to Manzini to meet Mazibuko.

However, little did he know that Mazibuko had allegedly planned a plot with the police to have him arrested.

### Accused

He said when he arrived at Mafutseni he found the accused in the presence of the Royal Swaziland Police and Lukhozi unit.

The accused stated that he was then arrested on the spot. He stated that during his arrest police found in his pocket money amounting to E15 900.

Stanford revealed that the money which was in his possession was his pension money.

He further alleged that police arrested him on the basis that his cellphone was with Mazibuko who was arrested for the robbery and kidnapping which took place at Hhelehhele at Taga Investments.

## ...Accused denies contents of affidavit

MZWANDILE Mazibuko, who is one of the accused, in the matter has changed his story and is now denying most of what is contained in the affidavit that was made when he was applying for bail.

During cross examination yesterday, Mazibuko stated that he agreed to sign the affidavit which was prepared by his attorney but he never read the whole contents.

He was denying that he made a statement that when police caught him at a tavern he had E4 000 in his pockets, which he said he got from his money lending business.

Mazibuko further denied ever saying on the day of the incident he met two gentlemen who asked for directions to Taga Investments.

He was told that he stated that

the two enquired about the directions and asked for a shortcut which will give them access to Taga Investment by foot. It is alleged that Mazibuko agreed and gave the two directions to Taga Investment.

### Denied

Mazibuko denied all this, saying he does not recall saying any of it. When asked if he said what he told his lawyer just to gain his liberation, he said that was not the case.

An application was made to the court to have the Commissioner of Oaths, Mazibuko's attorney Simelane Simo, and the police officer who is in charge of the matter to come before court to give clarity because Mazibuko was stating that he just signed the last page of the affidavit without knowing what was written.

## Brazen thieves steal car keys and drive away

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

A 31-year-old man of New Village has revealed how brazen thieves sneaked into his house to steal his car while he was asleep.

The red Toyota Hilux was stolen from New Village in Matsapha between 1am and 4am on Tuesday.

According to the owner, who refused to have his name mentioned, the thieves appeared to have sneaked into the house and grabbed the car keys before making off with the car.

"I had locked the car but I was shocked to find it missing in the morning," he said.

He said he then remembered that he had not closed one of the windows in

the house so the thieves were able to use it to gain entry.

He said the Toyota Hilux, registered ESD 025 AM, is valued at E45 000.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the matter and further mentioned that Matsapha Police were investigating the theft of a motor vehicle stolen at New Village.

"Anyone who may have information that may lead to the arrest of the suspect (s) can contact Matsapha Police at 2518 8711 or dial 999/9999 for emergency."

Meanwhile, Mliba police arrested and charged two men aged 29 and 27, both of Dvokolwako for being in possession of dagga weighing 44.9kg with a street value of E35 920 without a licence or

permit while at Croydon.

"Suspects will appear before Manzini Magistrate's Court," Vilakati said.

She further mentioned that there was only one major accident reported, wherein along

Kaphunga/Lavundlamanti public road at Matjana, a Nissan LDV driven by a 24-year-old man of Ngceka lost control of the motor vehicle and it overturned.

She said a 12-year-old girl of Ngceka who was a passenger sustained serious injuries and was rushed to RFM Hospital, where she was certified dead on arrival.

"Meanwhile, two boys, a 12-year-old and 16-year-old of Ngceka, who were passengers, sustained injuries and were admitted at the same hospital."

Vilakati said police are still investigating the matter.

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1. Sifiso Mabuza P.O. Box 1758, Matsapha grant of a Wine Malt liquor license situated at Farm 126 Kashali Shopping Complex known as Social Centre Bar.

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

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#### Region Manzini

1. THABILE ZWANE, P.O. Box 1359 Manzini renewal/transfer of a BOTTLE STORE Liquor Licence situated at Matsapha Plot 204 known as Matsapha Central Park Bottle Store.

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#### Region Manzini

1. ROBERT LOBI ZWANE, P.O. Box 1359 Manzini renewal of a WINE & MALT Liquor Licence situated at Ngwane street known as MANGIPHILILE WINE & MALT.

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# SENATORS WANT PROGRESS ON LUFABA GOLD MINE

By Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**SENATORS** are concerned about the progress or lack of at Lufafa Gold Mine in the northern Hhohho region.

The senators expressed this during the debate of the first quarter performance report of the ministry of natural resources and energy.

The lawmakers told Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama that they were concerned about the state of the mining industry in the country.

They wanted to know why the economy of the country was doing badly yet the country had natural resources that could improve it.

Senator Prince Kusa was the first to raise such a question. He wanted to know what the ministry has done to find out why the mining industry was not performing as expected. He then raised the issue of Lufafa Gold Mine.

"This year, we opened a gold mine and we have heard nothing about it. There have been more talks about diamond mine ever since the minister came into office. What is happening regarding these issues?" Prince Kusa asked.

Senator Sibusiso Shongwe wanted to know from the minister why the Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) board was not present when JSW Energy Limited, which is a division of JSW Group, based in Mumbai, India signed an MoU with SEC.

Shongwe said the minister and the

board had to be present to show that they supported the proposal made by the company to extract coal to be used to produce thermal power. Shongwe also expressed concern if this kind of mining was environmentally friendly.

"Does this kind of mining go in line with the stand of the world to protect the environment because the world now has an agenda of producing clean energy?" Shongwe asked.

Senator Mike Temple asked the minister to clarify on the position of the government regarding the coal mine that was to be extracted by JSW Energy in Lubhuku, next to Mpaka.

## Concern

The same concern was raised by Senate President Ngomuyayona Gamedze. The president also wanted to know what the country had gained from Salgaocar.

"What is the current progress about Lufafa because we expect the gold that is mined there to help the country economically?" Gamedze asked.

Minister Mashwama told the senators that a test had been done regarding the Lufafa gold mine and it was positive.

"The gold

was extracted and purified. It went through Central Bank and was sold. The money used to buy it was gained by the country," Mashwama said.

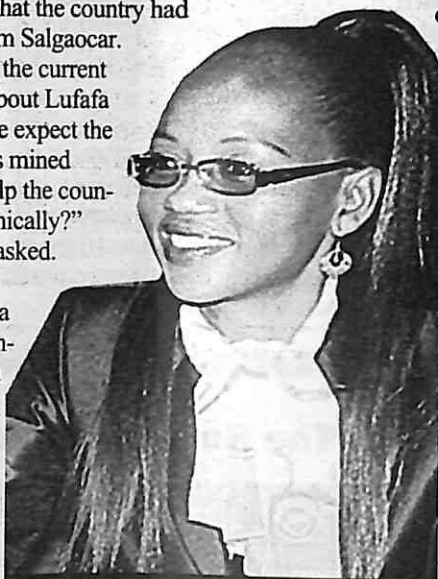
She went on to tell the senators that according to their knowledge, JSW had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC).

Currently, the company has been given a prospecting license to check if the coal was there. It was found that it was there. Mashwama said a feasibility study would then follow to see if the project would be viable.

She said the government supported the MoU. She said it was true that she, together with the SEC board, were not present when it was signed.

However, SEC management signed the MoU on behalf

of the board and the minister. She also assured Senator Shongwe that the environmental precautions would be carefully considered when the mining finally takes place.



**WAS TOLD:** Minister of Natural Resources Jabulile Mashwama.

## Businessman appeals E1m Coal Power dispute

By Linda Jele  
Supreme Court

**MAKEPEACE** Dlodlu, the local businessman who lost a dispute over shares with a South African company has filed an appeal.

Dlodlu is involved in a dispute with Coal Power Africa, based in South Africa over issues of shares and freezing of bank accounts with money estimated to be around E1 million.

However, he lost before the High Court with costs and he has now challenged that decision before the Supreme Court.

His case was dismissed on the grounds that the High Court of the country did not have jurisdiction to entertain the matter because the dispute arose in South Africa and that the company whose property was sought to be

attached was based in South Africa.

Coal Power Africa, had disputed that Dlodlu was a shareholder in the company and submitted that only Petros Van Rensburg had invested E500 000 for the establishment of the company that was to supply coal in the country and South Africa. It said Dlodlu was only engaged as an agent and that he failed to pump an agreed E500 000 to qualify as a shareholder.

## Error

In his appeal, Dlodlu has argued that it was an error in law and in fact for the High Court to find that it could only resolve a shareholder's dispute.

"The learned judge a quo erred in law and in fact when he found that the case of action arose in South Africa. The attached property was within this court's jurisdic-

tion and the cause of action arose within the court's jurisdiction," Dlodlu said.

He also submitted that the High Court erred when it found that Dlodlu failed to disclose the existence of the company, acted dishonestly and was desirous of defrauding Coal Power Africa.

## Ignored

"The learned judge ignored the fact that the appellant is a director of Coal Power Africa and not an agent. The court further ignored registration of the company documents. The learned judge erred and misdirected himself when he found that Petros Jan Vans Rensburg invested or contributed money in the sum of E500 000 towards the capital investments," he said.

He also said it was erroneous and a misdirection for the High Court to find that Dlodlu received and diverted proceeds owned by Coal Power Africa into his personal bank account.

The matter is pending before court.

## COUNTRY'S EXPENDITURE TO INCREASE BY E600 MILLION

By Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**THE implementation of the salary review will see the country's expenditure increase by E600 million.**

This was said by Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini in the House of Assembly. This was during the tabling of the Mid-Year Budget Revenue Report for 2016/2017. He said the total expenditure that was budgeted by government in April 2016 was E20.7 billion.

"However, over the course of the first half of the year, government agreed to implement the salary review whose amount was higher than what was budgeted for. Owing to this, planned expenditure for 2016/2017 is now estimated at E21.3 billion," Dlamini said.

## Budget

He then told the MPs that he was planning to go back to Parliament for the appropriation of the additional budget requirement through a supplementary budget.

Dlamini went on to state that government continued to spend highly on the wage bill.

"Estimated expenditure for

2016/2017, including salary review, is expected to be E7.7 billion, including pension contributions. This is a 26 percent increase compared to the fiscal year 2015/2016," he said.

## Fact

According to the report, the same amount of money (E7.7 billion) is expected to be the fiscal deficit on which government is expected to operate during the current 2016/2017 financial year.

This comes from the fact that the money expected to be used is much bigger than the money expected to be flowing into the wallet of the government.

Government's expenditure is expected to reach E21.3 billion yet the money expected to flow in is E13.6 billion. That is where the E7.7 billion comes from.

## Projected

Dlamini said the projected fiscal deficit had increased from 13.7 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as in the budget for 2016/2017 to 16.1 percent of the GDP at the half year mark.

Dlamini urged government to work hard in making sure that wasteful expenditure was avoided. He advised that there was a need to stop relying on SACU receipts.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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Our client, a fast growing group of companies with businesses in the property, financial services and hire industries, is looking for an energetic and dynamic individual with a strong business and financial acumen to plan, direct and coordinate the operations of the three companies. This is an exciting role for a strong leader with the drive to contribute to the growth of what is currently a successful owner managed business with great potential for growth.

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- Determination of staffing requirements in each business and arrange for the recruitment to fulfil these.
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- Management of staff, to include preparing work schedules and allocating tasks and resources as required.
- Reviewing financial statements, sales and activity reports, and other performance data to measure productivity and goal achievement, and to determine areas needing cost reduction and program improvement.
- Business development
- Management of support functions including IT, HR & Finance, ensuring timely planning and reporting, and compliance with relevant legislation.

### Professional background & skills

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Business. Articles with a recognised audit firm would be an added advantage.
- Minimum 5 years' operations management experience with responsibility for financial management.
- Hands on experience in designing and implementing systems and procedures.
- Understanding of taxation.
- Ability to work with accounting packages.
- Strong analytical skills.
- Strong computer literacy with the ability to use technology to manipulate and present data for ease of analysis & decision making.
- Effective supervisory, communication (both written and oral) and organizational skills.
- Good decision making skills.
- Ability to deal effectively with diverse stakeholder.

Closing date for receipt of applications is 18 November 2016. All applications received will be acknowledged. No late applications will be accepted. Should you not receive further correspondence within one month of the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful. Preference will be given to Swazi citizens.

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# SERVICE DELIVERY HEART OF LOCAL GOVT - PM

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**SERVICE** delivery is the heart of local government and municipalities should be preoccupied with how best they could achieve and sustain a high standard of service delivery to the nation.

This was revealed by Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini during the official opening of the Local Government Symposium at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre. The Local Government Symposium is themed "Developmental Local Government".

## Described

The Premier, in his speech, described local government as one of the central government's myriad of structures and strategies to deliver high quality and effective services to the people.

"This is the level of government closest to the people and hence best placed to know the local needs and structure relevant programmes to deliver on those needs. With the new developmental approach, it is now incumbent upon local government authorities to ensure that services delivered meet with developmental needs as



**GUIDELINES:** Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini with Hhohho Regional Administrator Prince Tshekedi and Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phwayinkhosi Mabuza when he launched the Local Economic Development (LED) guidelines.

well," he said.

Dlamini highlighted that the principle of local government was not new to Swazis, saying from the word go, Swazis have always lived in communities of self-determination and participation. He said the nation then formalised these arrangements through the creation of the Tinkhundla system of governance, which is underpinned by the principles of local participation, democracy and self-determination. To further demonstrate government's commitment to local governance, he said the constitution has positioned local govern-

ment in a unified form, at the centre of national governance and development, guided by the principles of democracy, participation, and devolution of government functions closer to the people. "The theme of the symposium is aptly named, "Developmental Local Government". It articulates a shift of focus through extending from traditional local government role of providing limited range of local services to an expanded developmental agenda. Local government should now play an elevated role of assisting government deliver on national development

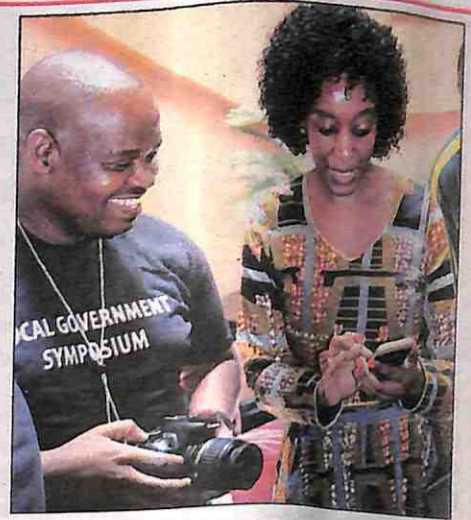
## GOVERNMENT INTERNALISING SDGS - PM

**PRIME** Minister Sibusiso Dlamini said government was in the process of internalising the United Nations Development Goals (SDGs) into the national development agenda.

He said local government would have a key role to play in addressing SDG 11, making cities and communities habitable in a sustainable manner. "We will rely on local authorities, together with other stakeholders, to ensure that this is achieved within the set period of time. The most pressing are to ensure access for all, to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services. This means upgrading slums areas and enhancing inclusive and sustainable urbanisation," he said.

goals as contained in the national development strategy," he said.

Dlamini further said local government is well positioned to generate sustainable economic development solutions through providing, or being a catalyst for, private sector investment



**ME AND MY BOSS:** Municipal Council of Manzini PRO Mathokoza Thwala and Chief Executive Officer Lungile Dlamini.

## OVERDUE RATES SOURCE OF FUNDS -PM

**PRIME** Minister Sibusiso Dlamini said to overcome the challenge of funding, local government should strengthen their mechanisms of collecting overdue rates.

He said local government cannot hope to implement developmental programmes when millions of Emalangeni lied in uncollected rates. He said they should not look for creative funding solutions when the most obvious one is collecting what is owed to them and sticking out like the proverbial sore thumb. He encouraged that during the symposium they should address the challenge while ensuring that humane solutions were found to address genuine poverty.



SWAZILAND ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED ELECTRICITY PRICE INCREASE

- The Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority wishes to inform the public and electricity consumers that the Swaziland Electricity Company has filed an application to increase the price of electricity by 20.19% for the financial year 2017/2018 and 2-18/2019.
- The Authority invites the public and all interested stakeholders to submit their comments on the proposed electricity increase before the Authority makes a final ruling.
- The Authority will also hold public hearings to gather comments on the proposed increase. Details of the public hearings are as follows:

Stakeholder Group	Venue	Date	Time
Business Customers	SIMPA Hall Matsapha	21 November 2016	10:00am-1pm
Domestic/general public	Manzini Library	24 November 2016	10:00am-1pm
Domestic/general public	Siteki Hotel	26 November 2016	10:00am-1pm
Government Agencies and Municipalities	SCOT	30 November 2016	10:00am-1pm
Domestic/general	Nhlangano Library	03 December 2016	10:00am-1pm
Civic organisations and Trade Unions	Manzini Library	08 December 2016	10:00am-1pm
Domestic/general public	Pigg's Peak Red Cross	10 December 2016	10:00am-1pm

- People who will be allowed to make submissions during the public hearings will only be those who have submitted their comments to the Authority on time.
- The deadline for submission of comments is the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2016. Members of the public that wish to make written presentations may submit their details and copies of their presentations to:

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Email; [info@sera.org.sz](mailto:info@sera.org.sz)

- Further information regarding the application and public hearings may be obtained from SERA's website at [www.sera.org.sz](http://www.sera.org.sz) or by calling +268 2404 2103, contact person is Mr Sabelo Dube.
- The Authority shall reserve the right to cancel a meeting in the case there are no submissions obtained from the public prior to the deadline of the proposed scheduled meetings.
- These public hearings will be conducted in line with our guidelines for handling public hearings, which are available on our website.

VUSUMUZI MKHUMANE  
CEO: SWAZILAND ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

## The Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation

### CLINIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

RSSC060/FINIT/2016

The Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation Limited (RSSC) invites sealed competitive bids from registered companies to supply and install a Clinic Management System.

Interested companies who have the necessary experience and capacity may obtain tender documents from the Purchasing Department at Mhlume after paying a non-refundable amount of E500.00 at the Simunye or Mhlume Cash Offices.

There will be a mandatory site meeting on **Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2016** starting at **10.00 am** at the Simunye IT Services Conference Room.

Completed tender documents must be deposited into the Tender Box situated at Reception in the Simunye Administration Building before **10:00 am on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**.

Tenders submitted after the closing date and time will not be accepted.

Tenders sent by fax, telex or email sent to RSSC employees will not be accepted.



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# PM LAUNCHES LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) GUIDELINES

**THE Premier has launched the Local Economic Development (LED) guidelines.**

The guidelines aim to assist national and municipal government, parastatals, private sector and civil society in collaborating to boost social and economic development at a local level.

The guidelines focus on the role of the local government in driving and coordinating LED. The LED guidelines have been issued jointly by the ministry of tinkhundla administration and development and the ministry of housing and urban development with the support of Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF). The guidelines are informed by the in-depth situational analysis of the economic performance and governance systems within

the country and a broad sector consultation process. The LED was piloted in three municipalities, Municipal Council of Mbabane, Matsapha Town Council and the Municipal Council of Manzini.

The activities of the LED covered both national and local level. At national level, the focus was on strengthening the enabling and legislative framework for LED whilst at the local level the focus was focusing on piloting pro-poor projects in several councils which included training and outreach for informal traders and climate smart gardeners for sustainable environmental management and food security through production of commercial products from recyclable waste.

Municipal Council of Mbabane Chief

Executive Officer Gideon Mhlango said the project was a success while Matsapha Town Council CEO Gciniwe Fakudze said they were able to have four projects under the LED project and all the projects were a success.

Same goes for the Municipal Council of Manzini as Executive Assistant to the CEO Sizwe Dlamini said the LED project was a success to them too.

Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phwayinkhosi Mabuza said the LED guidelines will offer a good platform to re-consider priorities as a nation and re-affirm commitment to the economic objectives as outlined in the National Development Strategies, which among others include securing democracy by maximising the rate of economic development

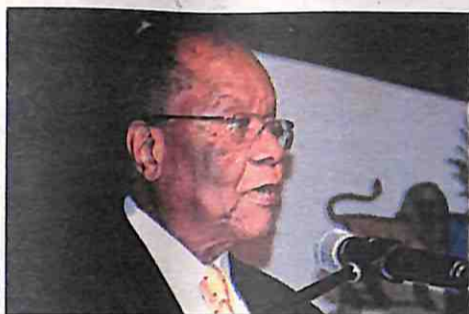
and addressing any imbalances in development between regions and rural urban areas, so that no one is left behind. He said the role of local government is changing from that of limited local service provision to an expanded role of delivering services with an orientation to the developmental agenda as a whole. "Therefore decentralisation is a gateway to effective local government since it empowers communities to fully participate in planning, implementing and managing their own development processes."

## Purpose

The purpose of Local Economic Development is to build up the economic capacity of a local area to improve its economic future and the quality of life for all.

It is a process by which public, business and non-governmental sector partners work collaboratively to create better conditions for economic growth and employment generation," he said.

Mabuza said the initiatives that the three piloting local authorities have implemented during the course of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum programme were mainly project focused.



**KEYNOTE: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini delivering his speech during the official opening of Local Government Symposium at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre.**  
(Pics: Lucky Simelane)

## COUNCILLORS WANT 'DVULADVULA' – MAYOR JONES

**MUNICIPAL Council of Mbabane Mayor Benito Jones said local government politicians also deserve a salary increase like the central government politicians.**

Jones said government recently awarded politicians with salary increases, but the politicians at the local level were never considered.

He said as local government politicians they have made presentations to the Ministry over the years seeking that Councillors be linked to the other politicians. "As councillors, we are advancing government's agenda of Local Economic Development and we urge our government to recognise the good work we do at the local level. In terms of the country's constitution, as politicians at the local level, we shall be going for elections next year since our five-year mandate ends then. I wish to appeal on behalf of your government at the local level, that by the time we leave office, central government should have done the honourable thing, and review our terms and conditions, as per the existing Finance Circular of 2016 by increasing salaries for local government politicians," said Benito. Benito said he hopes the matter will receive the urgency it deserves, as already, councillors feel they are not being recognised as part of central government.

Responding to Mbabane Mayors' plea, the Prime Minister said when the Public Enterprise Unit (PEU) Act was put in place, it was agreed upon that local government would be independent from the central government. He, however, said their matter will be looked into as the local government and rural and urban tinkhundla might be incorporated within the ministry of tinkhundla administration and development.

## ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARDS GALA DINNER 2016/17



*Honorable Prime Minister  
Dr Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini*



*Eric Mabuza –  
Life Profile*

### Eric Mabuza - Life Profile

Eric Mabuza is a Corporate Trainer, management and strategy consultant, leadership coach, advisor and infrastructure development professional.

Eric is an engineering graduate from the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. He has extensive experience as an engineer and project manager in the mining and industrial sectors, specialising in programme and project management, strategic planning and project execution, as well as operational optimization. He has fulfilled a number of roles in his career and has completed multidisciplinary projects of over USD500million.

Eric enjoys investing in real estate and property development. He is passionate about sharing knowledge and developing communities in the areas of business and leadership. To ensure his continual development and meaningful contribution to the world, Eric is a member and Trustee of the International Third World Leaders Association, and organisation that was chaired by the late Dr. Myles Munroe with its Head office in Nassau-Bahamas dedicated to the development of leaders around the world with specific emphasis on the third world context.

Eric and his wife Nompumelelo are enjoying over 17 years of marriage and are proud parents of two children, daughter Lulama Mabuza and son Lethemba Mabuza.

**Date: 18 November 2016**

**Venue: ESIBAYENI Lodge**

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# DNA TEST CLEARS MAN; WOMAN DEMANDS RE-TEST

● she suspects foul play in the whole thing as she insists she was a virgin when she slept with him

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane

A disappointed young woman has rubbished the DNA test results submitted in court by the man she alleges is the father of her three-year-old child.

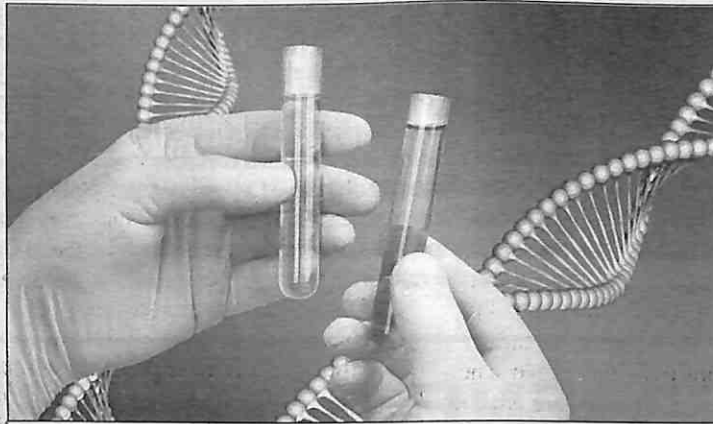
Phumlile Mathenjwa listened in disbelief as Mbongiseni Maziya happily told the court the results had cleared him as being the father. He said this while waving a document from the Mbabane Clinic ruling him out as the man who fathered the child.

## Conducted

According to the document, the test was conducted in July where-by Maziya forked out E4 200.

Maziya said both parties were present when this test was conducted and according to him no foul play was involved. However, Mathenjwa said she was not satisfied with the results and insisted that Maziya was the father of her child.

"I demand that another DNA test to be conducted as I am not satisfied with this one. I ask the court to grant me that chance to



**BLOOD TALKS:** Picture on DNA testing sourced from the internet.

re-do the whole process," she said.

Mathenjwa said she had so many questions regarding the results hence she believes doing another test would bring a result to her satisfaction.

Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati said it was within her rights to disagree with the results hence he granted her the chance to do the test again. However, this time around the costs would be borne by her as the instigator of the process. "Your Worship, I know the truth, I am not the father and I welcome

her move of doing another test, but this time around she should finance everything. She should even pay for my travel from home to the clinic and back.

## Process

I just do not want to spend a single cent when it comes to this process as I have already wasted a lot of money," Maziya said. Maziya alleged he knew about the pregnancy through Mathenjwa's mother who allegedly broke the news to him through a phone call. The irate mother was also present in court

and she was also utterly disappointed with the results.

The man from Logoba further asked the court to throw the maintenance order of E500 per month out of the window as the results had cleared him.

He also revealed he was looking on how he would recover all the money spent while looking after the child.

"You have a right to hire a lawyer and claim all your money from her as of now, the maintenance order of E500 has been suspended until she comes back with the results from the DNA test she will carry out," Vilakati said. Mathenjwa alleged she was a virgin when she slept with Maziya and she never slept with another man until she gave birth. "I do not know what happened with the results as I am sure he is the father. I never demanded him to look after the child but he is the one who came back after seven months the child was born," she said.

Moreover, Maziya revealed they had engaged in sexual intercourse in September 2013 and the child was born in March the following year, something that raised questions according to him as he allegedly used protection in all their four encounters.

## MATSANJENI NORTH RDA TRACTORS RUN OUT OF DIESEL

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

WHILE most farmers across the country are in a mad rush to utilise the recent rains and start farming, Rural Development Area (RDA) tractors under Matsanjani North constituency have been lying for the past three weeks after running out of diesel.

The tractors, which are under the ministry of agriculture, are normally provided to assist farmers in the rural areas during the summer season at a subsidised fee. A majority of farmers depend on the government tractors as they are much cheaper than privately owned ones.

Many farmers in different areas of the country have been on the fields since the beginning of last month after the first rains were experienced. But this has not been the case for farmers under Matsanjani North constituency.

Worried farmers have raised concern that each time they went to the RDA offices to book for a tractor, they were told they have run out of diesel, resulting to over 10 tractors lying idle at the premises.

## Engaged

One of the farmers who engaged in farming at a large scale, Sifiso Mabuza stated this has been a setback in their hope of taking advantage of the first rains. Mabuza pointed out that he was hoping to have completed farming before the end of this month but has been delayed by the tractors which are reported to have run out of diesel.

Several other farmers also shared the same sentiments, adding they were hoping the department would provide enough tractors to bring to an end the drought effects which have ravaged the area.

Apparently, the constituency has experienced the worse effects of drought, leaving more than half of the population fully dependent on food handouts by government and other organisations.

When contacted on the matter, Extension Officer Thandi Mdluli first acknowledged they had run out of diesel as stated. But she later said, they had just received the diesel some few hours before she was contacted by this publication. "We have just received diesel from the department and are now ready to assist farmers as of tomorrow (yesterday)," she said.



**FOOD MATTERS:** Picture sourced from the internet showing of a tractor at work.

## COPS IN UGLY DIVORCE AS HUBBY ACCUSED OF ABUSE

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane

AFTER only a year into their marriage, a police inspector has been accused by his disgruntled wife of being an abusive and dishonest husband.

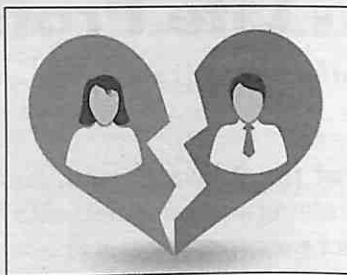
The wife, who is also a police officer based in Manzini, told the court she was now living in fear as her husband has become more violent towards her. While leading evidence in court under an oath, said her husband has turned her into a punching bag.

## Alleged

On top of that, she alleged her husband recently threatened to kill her. It is alleged the inspector, who is stationed at the Mbabane police headquarters, is not ready to see his wife walk out of his life for good.

She also told the court her husband has also turned against her mother, accusing her of pushing her to go to court and finalise the divorce. She said this has hurt her a lot.

"He once invited me to his new house at PTS and assaulted me by slapping me twice and then followed with another



assault in August whereby he beat me up for asking about the money he had acquired through a loan. He usually became violent each time I would talk about our family problems and responsibilities, especially those that needed money," she alleged.

The unhappy constable then told the court that in September, her husband fetched her from her house at Zakhele to celebrate their anniversary but she got the shock of her life in the morning when he allegedly slapped her five times in the face.

"He used to forcefully fetch me on Sundays to iron his



clothes and it is during these days that most of the assaults happened. I did not open a case against him because I always hoped he would change. However, I have since realised he is too proud as he once told me I would not touch him as he was in a higher position than me," she added.

**"He once invited me to his new house at PTS and assaulted me by slapping me twice and then followed with another assault in August whereby he beat me up for asking about the money he had acquired through a loan."**

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together at Mobeni flats in Matsapha but her husband did not pay rent nor bought food in the house.

Talking about their marriage, the dejected wife said they married through civil rites on September 25, 2015. She said after getting married, they moved in

# I WAS PREGNANT AT 14, WOMAN TELLS COURT

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**THE Magistrate's Court was shocked to learn that the woman who was allegedly kidnapped by the father of her child from her new lover got pregnant at the age of 14 years.**

This was revealed during the case of Dumsani Xaba, who is facing charges ranging from house breaking, robbery, kidnapping and rape.

The accused is alleged to have invaded a homestead where his former lover (complainant) was now staying with her new boyfriend and dragged her away to a river, where he proceeded to dip her until she lost consciousness.

The accused is said to have failed to accept that the mother of his two-year-old child had declared their relationship over.

## Revealed

When presenting her evidence before court, the complainant first revealed that she was now 17 years old and had a child with the accused person.

When the court asked for clarity on the age of the child, she stated that the child was now two years old, indicating that she fell pregnant while she was 14 years old.

Furthermore, the complainant told the court that on two occasions, she attempted to withdraw the charges at the police station after she had discussions with the accused person's father. She said

she was persuaded by the accused person's family to drop the charges, saying they would resolve the matter at family level.

## Attention

This statement, however, drew attention from the accused person's defence counsel who asked whether the complainant reported this to the police.

The defence counsel was of the view that the complainant was fabricating stories against the accused and his family.

Meanwhile, the defence council then asked for postponement of the matter to have time to take further instructions from the accused. The matter was eventually postponed to November 21, 216 for continuation of trial.

# FORM V PUPIL STEALS SCHOOL COMPUTERS

A Form V pupil of Good Shepherd High School appeared before Principal Magistrate Dumsani Magagula after he was arrested and charged with theft of a computer and other accessories from the same school.

According to the charge sheet, the pupil returned to the school and broke into the computer lab where he stole the said items valued at E15 000. He was eventually arrested after some of the items were recovered during investigations by the police.

During his appearance before court, the charge sheet was read to the accused and he pleaded guilty. The crown however elected to call witnesses to prove commission of the offence. The

accused was then remanded in custody after the court was informed that he had finished writing his external examinations.

## Charged

The matter returns to court on Friday for continuation.

The matter comes only a day after two other pupils from

Lubombo Central High were also arrested and charged with a similar offence after they broke into the staff room and stole a computer and accessories valued at E8 720.

The boys appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso who sentenced each of them to 10 months in a correctional facility with an option to pay a E2 000 fine.



## Theft of computers by learners on the rise

**IN another case, two pupils of Lubombo Central High appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso after they were arrested and charged with theft of computers from the same school.**

The boys, \*Anele and \*Andile were arrested together with Bhikisisa Lukhele (34) who is a resident from their home area.

They were alleged to have acted in furtherance of a common purpose and wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally broken into the school's staff room and stole a computer and its accessories valued at E8 720. When the charge sheet was read to them, each of the accused persons pleaded guilty to the charge. Their

pleas were also accepted by the crown without leading evidence to prove commission of the crime.

In mitigation, the first accused person (Lukhele) first apologised to the parents of the school boys, saying that he was aware that they believed that he led the boys into committing the offence.

He stated, however, that he only joined the boys in the mission of stealing the computers after finding them already working on a plan to break into the school.

He said he was tempted to join the boys as he needed the money which was to be benefited from the sale of the computers.

However, the boys told the court that first accused person

was the one who approached them and asked if there were computers at the school.

They said he told them that he had a deal with some 'buyers' who needed computers. They then agreed on breaking into the school and stole the computers.

Meanwhile, the second accused asked the court to be lenient when sentencing him and allow him to write his final exams. The boy told the court that he was staying alone and would not be able to pay any amount to be imposed as fine.

They were found guilty by the court and were each sentenced to 10 months in a correctional facility with an option to pay a E2 000 fine.

*\*Not their real name*

## Limkokwing probe report ready next week

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**THE much-awaited Limkokwing University of Creative Technology probe report will only be available to students next week Thursday.**

This is despite the fact that Limkokwing's students have voted to stay away from lectures until the Parliamentary Select Committee release the report.

The probe was initially allocated 14 days, but has stretched to 19 days which has made the students to vote to stay away from lectures.

Chairman of the Parliamentary Select Committee Shiselweni II Member of Parliament Mthokozisi Kunene said the report has been concluded by



the committee but it is not yet ready to be given to the students yet.

Asked if he was aware that the delay of the submission of the report to the student has caused them to stay away from lectures, he said he was not aware of such as the University administration has not communicated anything to the committee.

"The report has not yet been presented to parliament as per the procedure so it is impossible to submit it to the University and the students yet. The committee is going to present it next week Wednesday to the House and it will be adopted on Thursday. We can only pre-

sent it after that, not anytime sooner," he said.

Kunene said the committee is still going to discuss their findings with the minister of education of training tomorrow. "I do understand the pressure they have but we agreed that everything will be sorted accordingly and we expect the students to also honour the agreement we had," he said.

On Monday, out of 770 Limkokwing students who had attended lectures, 501 voted for staying away while the Parliamentary Select Committee prepares to release the report while 269 voted against staying away from lectures.

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## Invitation for Bids (IFB)

**SWAZILAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECT  
CONSTRUCTION OF NGWENYA ROADS: PHASE 3 IBRD 800300-SZ  
NGWENYA/SLGP/WKS/003/2016**

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in Development Business, issue of 12TH NOVEMBER 2012
2. The SWAZILAND GOVERNMENT has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of Swaziland Local Government Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the Contract for the Construction of Ngwenya Village Roads: Phase 3 and Resurfacing of Atlas Loop Road, Ngwenya /SLGP/WKS/003/2016.
3. The Ngwenya Town Board now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Construction of Ngwenya Roads in Ngwenya: Phase 3. The Project involves Construction of Roads and Drains at Ngwenya Village, Construction of 710m storm water drains on existing paved roads and Resurfacing of 950m Atlas loop road. The delivery/construction period is 150 DAYS/ FIVE MONTHS.
4. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Bidding Documents.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from The Ngwenya Town Board, and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below: Lot 62, Ngwenya Village from 8:00 hrs. to 16:00 hrs. Local time (Monday to Friday).
6. Qualifications requirements include:
  - (a) Copies of original documents defining the constitution or legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business of the Bidder; written power of attorney of the signatory of the Bid to commit the Bidder;
  - (b) Total monetary value of construction works performed for each of the last five years;
  - (c) Experience in works of a similar nature and size for each of the last five years, and details of work under way or contractually committed; and clients who may be contacted for further information on those contracts;
  - (d) Major items of construction equipment proposed to carry out the Contract;
  - (e) Qualifications and experience of key site management and technical personnel proposed for the Contract;
  - (f) Reports on the financial standing of the Bidder, such as profit and loss statements and auditor's reports for the past five years;
  - (g) Evidence of adequacy of working capital for this Contract (access to line(s) of credit and availability of other financial resources);
  - (h) Information regarding any litigation, current or during the last five years, in which the Bidder was/is involved, the parties concerned, and the disputed amounts; and awards;
  - (i) Registration with Construction Industry Council;
  - (j) Form J
  - (k) Valid Tax Clearance Certificate and Trading License.

A margin of preference for eligible national contractors/joint ventures shall not be applied.
7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of E500.00. The method of payment will be cash. The Bidding Documents should be collected at the Town Clerks Office after payment.
8. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 12:00 Noon Local Time on the 9th December 2016. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person or on-line at the address below at the board Room, Ngwenya Town Board at Noon Local time on 9th December 2016
9. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of E10, 000.00
10. The address (es) referred to above is (are):  
NGWENYA TOWN BOARD  
P.O. Box 097  
NGWENYA VILLAGE,  
SWAZILAND
11. A site inspection will be conducted on 22nd November 2016 at 11:00 am. An engineer will meet prospective Tender's representatives at the Town Board offices for the trip to site.

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Town Clerk

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**SUPPORT:** Nkhaba Member of Parliament Menzi Dlamini with happy beneficiaries.

## SWAZIPOST TAKING ELDERLY GRANTS TO THE PEOPLE

AS a universal service provider it remains the mandate of SwaziPost to bring universal services such as postal boxes, coin boxes and financial services closer to the people of the Kingdom of eSwatini.

In pursuit of efficient services delivery by the Government of Swaziland, the deputy prime minister's office partnered with SPTC for the disbursement of social services grants to the elderly and disabled, which is a process that has been executed through the SwaziPost network countrywide beginning from Monday 7 November 2016.

SwaziPost has been working closely with the deputy prime minister's office, to ensure that this project is a success and also to make sure that the highest standards and efficiency is maintained while carrying out this exercise.

The assistance of the Royal Swaziland Police has also played a big part in ensuring that the process is

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carried out smoothly without any losses to the beneficiaries.

### DISTRIBUTION

THE paying out of elderly grants commenced on November 7, 2016 nationwide through eighteen Post Offices which include, Buhleni, Ntfontjeni, Piggs Peak, Motshane, Mbabane, Lobamba, Ezulwini, Siteki, Lomahasha, Mhlume, Siphofaneni, Matata, Mankayane, Mahlanya, Luyengo, Manzini Hub, Manzini Post Office, and

#### Hlatikhulu.

Tinkhundla which are close to the Post Offices were also paying out elderly grants as off November 8, 2016.

Tinkhundla centres that have been paying out elderly grants include Madlangempisi, Mhlangatane, Mayiwane, Timphisini, Endzingeni, Entfontjeni, Piggs Peak, Nkhaba, Motjane, Maphalaleni and Hhukwini.



**MY TURN:** An elderly woman receiving her grant from one of the Tinkhundla centres.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

**Beneficiary:** National ID only

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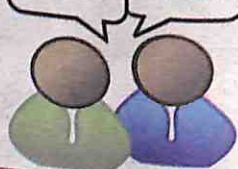
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## PLIGHT OF CITIZENS SERVING SUSPENSIONS TILL DEATH

THE civil service is rife with cases of people who face suspension without their cases being heard until they reach either retirement age or succumb to the ultimate destiny.

I have in mind Musa Fakudze the former finance Principal Secretary in the ministry of finance, may her soul rest in peace, among other multitudes. In January 2007 government admitted that it was having difficulty suspending employees implicated in the now marathon E50 million capacity building fund scandal.

Then Secretary of the civil service commission (CSC) John Ndlangamandla, disclosed that he was 'running from pillar to post' trying to devise strategies on how to suspend the fingered civil servants. This revelation spoke volumes suggesting that there was something amiss regarding the provisions of the law on suspensions.

## Benefits

The Employment (Amendment) Act, 1997 (No. 5 of 1997) 33b stipulates that in cases where an enterprise is sold to another person, the employer or the new owner shall pay due benefits.

Also amends s. 39, providing that an employee may be suspended without pay if he is remanded into custody or is suspected of having committed acts warranting disciplinary action. If the employee is acquitted of charges, the employer is in certain cases liable to pay remuneration due during the employee's suspension.

Ndlangamandla clarified the difficult part here was that, before government could impose any suspensions on the implicated civil servants, disciplinary hearings must take place first.

"Right now we're busy with extensive consultations with the

office of the Attorney General on how best to handle the issue of suspensions without violating any labour laws."

## Guilt

Almost a decade ago the case is still not finalised and Musa died not her fate, whether she was guilty of the charges levelled against her in order to make peace with the heavens or prepare for her absolutions from the ambers of the eternal fire in the event she was found guilty.

Advocate Mduduzi "Tsotsi" Mabila moved an application before Judge Nkululeko Hlophe for Musa to be discharged and acquitted posthumously. The application was moved in terms of Section 174 (4) of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act of 1938. In terms of this section, a suspect may apply to be acquitted and discharged in the event that a prima facie case has not been established against them. Advocate Mabila argues that even if a prima facie case was established against the deceased, she would not be present to take to the stand to answer for herself. When she died, the crown had not concluded its case.

"If the court declines to accede to the application, it would mean that it is saying that she has a case to answer. Would it be possible for an accused person to present her case because she is deceased? Can a deceased person be found guilty without presenting her case? She cannot give her evidence and therefore cannot be found guilty".

## Letter

Then there was the case of Judge Thomas Masuku who received a letter of suspension from the notorious man of the robe Chief Justice Michael Ramodibedi: Ramodibedi said he was sending the letter on the instruction of King Mswati III, under section 153 (3) of the consti-



tution.

The letter lists all 12 alleged 'serious acts of misconduct' including failure to deliver judgements on time (No 1); not submitting a list of pending judgements each month (No 2); destabilising high court judges and staff [in unspecified ways] (No 6); sending a member of staff to a workshop in Hong Kong without Ramodibedi's permission (No 7) and by attacking Ramodibedi at an International Commission of Jurists symposium for banning Swazi judges from speaking to the media (No 10).

## Danger

There is the long list of central bank of Swaziland employees who were put on ice until their contracts expired. Similarly there were the suspensions of Sipho Mashasha Dlamini and the Swaziland Posts and telecommunications Corporation (SPTC); there was also the case of Thuli Sibiyi the Chief Pharmacist; what about the long list of victims of the slaughter house of the teaching service commission?

But the biggest danger comes where there seem to be no transparent law that guides the suspension of people from their work.

The law seems to fail to determine the length of time within

which a person must remain suspended without their case being heard.

Take the Industrial Court suspended judge Sifiso Sibandze, to this day this judge's fate remains uncertain.

Now we have the case of embattled former Manyovu now Qomintaba Primary deputy principal whose life is at the mercy of learners some as young as in the first grade, baying for blood for her unresolved misdemeanors. But Sayinile is an odd one out because she appears to be enjoying some form of special cover and favour from her employers the TSC hence the outrage by children even though the circumstances remain suspicious.

Why is it that some people have their cases immediately head by the courts while others remain on ice for years if not decades on end. Which investor can come to a country where the justice delivery system is in question?

The World Bank findings on the ease of doing business speak volumes in this regard. I am inclined to believe that the application at the discretion of any supervisor simply because there are no structures or there are ineffective structures within the justice or labour system to

safeguard the justice of the citizen who happens to be on the other end of the law, this being law according to who holds the reigns for the day.

Come to think of it, why is it that government is fond of suspending the selected few from the civil service on full pay without their matters being heard either internally or through the courts until such time as these people are retired and take home their full packages while others are denied the same treatment. I know several Swazis who have died a painful death not knowing whether they were guilty of their actions simply because they have been made to suffer in silence while on suspension without pay. Others who have wished to make amends with the heavens have not been able to because they had to succumb to the stresses associated with living with this uncertainty.

It is the very system that allows for those who are suspected of stealing state funds but find themselves either back in parliament as lawmakers or even elevate themselves to the positions of joining cabinet. If a system cannot uproot but instead tends to reward suspected criminals for stealing from the state then it will find itself quite wanting if not outright stinking.

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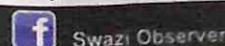
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## ON THIS DAY

...November 4

1990 - Stormie Jones, the world's first heart-liver transplant recipient, died at a Pittsburgh hospital at age 13.

1991 - The US stationed its first diplomat in Cambodia in 16 years to help the nation arrange democratic elections.

1992 - Russian President Boris Yeltsin told US senators in a letter that Americans had been held in prison camps after World War II. Some were "summarily executed," but others were still living in his country voluntarily.

1992 - The Church of England voted to ordain women as priests.

1993 - Walt Disney Co. announced plans to build a US history theme park in a Virginia suburb of Washington. The plan was halted later due to local opposition. Disney movies, music and books

1993 - In Washington, DC, the Vietnam Women's Memorial was dedicated to honor the more than 11 000 women who had served in the Vietnam War.

1994 - In Gaza, a suicide bomber detonated his explosives at an Israeli military checkpoint killing three soldiers.

1996 - The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund unveiled "The Wall That Heals." The work was a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that would tour communities throughout the United States.

1997 - The Eastman Kodak Company announced that they were laying off 10 000 employees.

1997 - Roger Clemens (Toronto Blue Jays) became the third major league player to win the Cy Young Award four times.

1998 - Jay Cochrane set a record for the longest blindfolded skywalk. He walked on a tightrope between the towers of the Flamingo Hilton in Las Vegas, NV. The towers are 600 feet apart.

1998 - Vicente Fernandez received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

1998 - Israel's Cabinet ratified a land-for-peace agreement with the Palestinians.

2002 - Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates pledged \$100 million to fight AIDS in India.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Leonardo DiCaprio (Movie Actor)** November 11, 1974 - 42 years



**Demi Moore (Movie Actor)** - November 11, 1962 - 54 years

## your HEAL+H section

## E-CIGARETTE FLAVOURINGS CONTAIN HIGH AMOUNTS OF CANCER

- Toxic compounds are already known to form when e-cigarettes heat up
- But new research has found flavoured additives are creating high amounts
- Aldehydes are known to cause cancer, heart disease and dementia
- There are believed to be nearly 8 000 flavours available on the market

**FLAVOURED E-cigarettes contain dangerous levels of cancer-causing chemicals, scientists claim.**

Toxic compounds are already known to form as a result of the gadget's rapid heating process, known as pyrolysis.

But new research has discovered flavoured liquids are creating high amounts of aldehydes - exceeding health limits.

Consuming or inhaling them, even in small amounts, has been linked to increased risk of cancer and heart disease.

The findings are a cause for concern due to the 8 000 flavours available on the market - with some designed specifically to attract young adults.

To determine whether the additives affected chemical production during vaping, five different flavours were tested in each device. Two unflavoured e-liquids were also used.

Real-life vaping was stimulated in each device through a four-



second, 40-ml puff and 30-second resting period between each puff.

They discovered liquids with higher flavour content produced higher amounts of the aerosols due to the pyrolysis process.

In each experiment, the amount of aldehydes produced exceeded health recommendations for haz-

ardous chemical exposure.

Lead researcher Andrey Khylstov said: "How these flavoring compounds in e-cigarette liquids affect the chemical composition and toxicity of the vapor that e-cigarettes produce is practically unknown."

One puff of any of the flavoured e-liquids that we tested

exposes the smoker to unacceptably dangerous levels of these aldehydes.

Lead researcher Andrey Khylstov, from the Desert Research Institute, Nevada

"Our results show that production of toxic aldehydes is exponentially dependent on the concentration of flavoring compounds."

"One puff of any of the flavoured e-liquids that we tested exposes the smoker to unacceptably dangerous levels of these aldehydes, most of which originates from thermal decomposition of the flavoring compounds."

These results demonstrate the need for further, thorough investigations of the effects of flavouring additives on the formation of aldehydes and other toxic compounds in e-cigarette vapours."

It follows a rapid rise in the use of e-cigarettes in recent years, especially among smokers trying to cut down or quit.

**Daily Mail**

## The £100 000-a-year cancer drugs that 'have little effect on life expectancy'

**EXPENSIVE new cancer drugs are contributing little to the life expectancy of dying patients, an expert has warned.**

Despite billions of pounds of investment, most extend the lives of patients by a few months at best, according to analysis published in the British Medical Journal last night.

Dr Peter Wise, a retired consultant physician from Charing Cross Hospital in London, claims drug development has contributed little to the improvements in cancer life expectancy seen in recent decades.

The world's biggest drug firms make huge sums from cancer drugs, with the most expensive treatments costing more than £100 000 a year.

Global sales hit £85 billion last year, and that figure is set to soar with one in two people born today expected to get the disease at some point.

Already more than 352 000 are diagnosed each year in the UK - a number expected to hit 500 000 a year by 2035.

Billions are invested in new drugs, yet the 48 new cancer treatments approved between 2002 and 2014 only lengthened life expectancy by an average 2.1 months, Dr Wise said.

Cancer charities are keen for new drugs to be funded - even

with such marginal benefits - arguing that even a few months at the end of a life can give patients precious extra time with their families.

But Dr Wise insisted that allowing such drugs to be provided was questionable.

"The approval of drugs with such small survival benefits raises ethical questions, including whether recipients are aware of the drugs' limited benefits, whether the high cost: benefit ratios are justified, and whether trials are providing the right information," Dr Wise wrote.

Chemotherapy drugs are only truly effective for 10 per cent of cancer patients affected by certain cancer types, including testicular, cervical and ovarian cancer, and lymphoma and Hodgkin's disease, he said.

Citing a 2004 Australian and American study, he said of the remaining 90 per cent of patients, chemotherapy only increases five-year survival by 2.5 per cent - an average increase of just three months.

Yet most patients think these drugs can cure them, Dr Wise said.

"In an important multi-centre study, almost 75 per cent of 1 200 patients with metastatic colorectal and lung cancers considered it likely that their cancers



would be cured by chemotherapy," he wrote.

"Yet a cure in these situations is virtually unknown."

"Unawareness of poor treatment outcomes leads patients to only rarely question a physician's proposal for chemotherapy."

Dr Wise called for regulators to raise the bar for drug approval.

He said: "Spending a six-figure sum to prolong life by a few weeks or months is already unaffordable, and inappropriate for many of the 20 per cent of the Western population who will almost inevitably die from solid tumour metastases."

"Above all, the efficacy bar for approval needs to be raised for both new and existing cancer drugs - by using more meaningful statistical and disease specific criteria of risk-benefit and cost-

benefit."

His assessment echoes that of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, which last month issued a list of 40 'unnecessary treatments' that are of 'little or no benefit' to patients.

Chemotherapy for terminally-ill cancer patients was included on the list, with the Academy warning that it may 'raise false hopes' and will probably do 'more harm than good.' Many experts have warned that Britain's cancer drugs bill is becoming unaffordable. A major report by the Commons Public Accounts Committee last year warned that mismanagement of the £1.3 billion Cancer Drugs Fund meant that patients dying of other diseases were missing out on cutting-edge drugs.

**Daily Mail**



# HILLARY CLINTON'S CONCESSION SPEECH

## THANK YOU.

Thank you all.

Thank you. Thank you all very much. Thank you. Thank you all very much. Thank you so much. Thank you, my friends. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you so very much for being here. I love you all, too. Last night I congratulated Donald Trump and offered to work with him on behalf of our country.

I hope he will be a successful president for all Americans. This is not the outcome we wanted or we worked so hard for, and I'm sorry we did not win this election for the values we share and the vision we hold for our country.

## Support

But I feel pride and gratitude for this wonderful campaign we built together. This vast, diverse, creative, unruly, energised campaign.

You represent the best of America, and being your candidate has been one of the greatest honours of my life.

I know how disappointed you feel, because I feel it too. And so do tens of millions of Americans who invested their hopes and dreams in this effort. This is painful, and it will be for a long time. But I want you to remember this.

Our campaign was never about one person, or even one election. It was about the country we love and building an America that is hopeful, inclusive, and big-hearted. We have seen that our nation is more deeply divided than we thought.

But I still believe in America, and I always will. And if you do, then we must accept this result and then look to the future. Donald Trump is going to be our president. We owe him an open mind and the chance to lead. Our constitutional democracy

enshrines the peaceful transfer of power.

We don't just respect that. We cherish it. It also enshrines the rule of law; the principle we are all equal in rights and dignity; freedom of worship and expression.

We respect and cherish these values, too, and we must defend them.

Let me add: Our constitutional democracy demands our participation, not just every four years, but all the time. So let's do all we can to keep advancing the causes and values we all hold dear. Making our economy work for everyone, not just those at the top, protecting our country and protecting our planet.

And breaking down all the barriers that hold any American back from achieving their dreams. We spent a year and a half bringing together millions of people from every corner of our country to say with one voice that we believe the American dream is big enough for everyone.

## Partners

For people of all races, and religions, for men and women, for immigrants, for LGBT people, and people with disabilities. For everyone.

I am so grateful to stand with all of you. I want to thank Tim Kaine and Anne Holton for being our partners on this journey.

It has been a joy to go to know them better and gives me great hope and comfort to know that Tim will remain on the front lines of our democracy representing Virginia in the Senate. To Barack and Michelle Obama, our country owes you an enormous debt of gratitude.

We thank you for your graceful, determined leadership that has meant so much to so many Americans and people across the

world. And to Bill and Chelsea, Mark, Charlotte, Aidan, our brothers and our entire family, my love for you means more than I can ever express.

You crisscrossed this country, even four-month-old Aidan, who travelled with his mom. I will always be grateful to the talented, dedicated men and women at our headquarters in Brooklyn and across our country.

## Veterans

You poured your hearts into this campaign. To some of you who are veterans, it was a campaign after you had done other campaigns. Some of you, it was your first campaign.

I want each of you to know that you were the best campaign anybody could have ever expected or wanted.

And to the millions of volunteers, community leaders, activists and union organisers who knocked on doors, talked to their neighbours, posted on Facebook — even in secret private Facebook sites.

I want everybody coming out from behind that and make sure your voices are heard going forward.

To anyone that sent contributions, even as small as \$5, that kept us going, thank you. To all of us, and to the young people in particular, I hope you will hear this — I have, as Tim said, I have spent my entire life fighting for what I believe in.

I've had successes and setbacks and sometimes painful ones. Many of you are at the beginning of your professional, public, and political careers — you will have successes and setbacks too.

This loss hurts, but please never stop believing that fighting for what's right is worth it.

It is, it is worth it. And so we need — we need you to keep up

these fights now and for the rest of your lives. And to all the women, and especially the young women, who put their faith in this campaign and in me: I want you to know that nothing has made me prouder than to be your champion.

Now, I know we have still not shattered that highest and hardest glass ceiling, but someday someone will — and hopefully sooner than we might think right now.

And to all of the little girls who are watching this, never doubt that you are valuable and powerful and deserving of every chance and opportunity in the world to pursue and achieve your own dreams.

Finally, finally, I am so grateful for our country and for all it has given to me.

I count my blessings every single day that I am an American, and I still believe, as deeply as I ever have, that if we stand together and work together with respect for our differences, strengthen our convictions, and love for this nation, our best days are still ahead of us.

## Faith

Because, you know, I believe we are stronger together and we will go forward together. And you should never, ever regret fighting for that. You know, scripture tells us, let us not grow weary of doing good, for in good season we shall reap. My friends, let us have faith in each other, let us not grow weary and lose heart, for there are more seasons to come and there is more work to do.

I am incredibly honoured and grateful to have had this chance to represent all of you in this consequential election. May God bless you and may God bless the United States of America.

## Wit and Wisdom

● "Two blind men waited at the end of an era, contemplating beauty."  
— *Brandon Sanderson, Words of Radiance*

● "Expectation. That is the true soul of art. If you can give a man more than he expects, then he will laud you his entire life. If you can create an air of anticipation and feed it properly, you will succeed."  
— *Brandon Sanderson, Words of Radiance*

● "What you did tonight was clever," Wit said. "You turned an attack into a promise. The wisest of men know that to render an insult powerless, you often need only to embrace it."  
— *Brandon Sanderson, Words of Radiance*

● "I'll admit, Jasnah, that I empathise with your scepticism, but I don't agree with it. I just think you've been looking for God in the wrong places."

"I suppose you're going to tell me where you think I should look."

"You'll find God in the same place you're going to find salvation from this mess," Wit said. "Inside the hearts of men."

"Curiously," Jasnah said, "I believe I can actually agree with that, though I suspect for different reasons than you imply."

— *Brandon Sanderson, Words of Radiance*

● "I chase goals, not girls."  
— *Amit Kalantri*

● "This lot won't suffer you forever. I wouldn't see you dead by their knives; I see a fine man within you Wit."

"Yes, He tasted quite delicious."  
— *Brandon Sanderson, The Way of Kings*

● "This is a lot more satisfying," he said, "when I have intelligent life whom I can render awed, rapt with attention for my clever verbosity." The ugly lizard-crab-thing on the next rock over clicked its claw, an almost hesitant sound.

"Your right, of course," Wit said. "My usual audience isn't particularly intelligent. That was also the obvious joke, however, so shame on you."  
— *Brandon Sanderson, Words of Radiance*

● "I don't understand this irony - valuable things like cars, gold, diamonds are made up of hard materials but most valuable things like money, contracts and books are made up of soft paper."

— *Amit Kalantri*

● "There are essentially three types of people: those who love life more than they fear it, those who fear life more than they love it, and those who have no clue what I'm talking about."

— *Neel Burton*

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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	8.3%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



Correct as at 10 NOV 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.4098	13.4598
British Pound/SZL	16.6563	16.7184
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.8322	7.8577
Swiss France/SZL	13.6472	13.6842
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2833	1.2908
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.2947	10.3398
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.0050	10.0349
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.6182	5.7021
Euro/SZL	14.6776	14.7324
Gold	1,286.6000	
Oil	42.1200	

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Moving Forward

# SSA DISPUTES ITUC WORKERS RIGHTS VIOLATION REPORT FINDINGS

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

**SWAZILAND** Sugar Association (SSA) says the findings contained in the International Trade Union Congress (ITUC) report are adverse, baseless, without merit and completely distort the prevailing conditions in the Swazi sugar industry.

In a report compiled by the ITUC dated October 2016, titled 'Workers Rights and Land Confiscation in Swaziland's Sugar Sector,' the congress said despite the substantial contribution of the industry to the local economy, 'workers employed in the sugar industry, the sector has no such lustre; instead, workers live in extreme poverty despite long hours and hard work generating wealth for the King.'

### Allegations

Responding to these horrendous allegations, SSA Chief Executive Officer Phil Mnisi noted that the report was received through third party sources and ITUC did not at any stage offered the SSA, as a representative body of the sugar industry, an opportunity to address the findings of the study.

"Such an occurrence is even more regrettable given that the findings are adverse, baseless, without merit and completely distorts the prevailing conditions in the Swazi sugar sector," argues Mnisi.

He said it was unfortunate that the report has the potential to cause harm to the good reputa-

**MEANWHILE, SSA Chief Executive Officer Phil Mnisi has warned the organisation's stakeholders to read the report with maximum caution.**

He stressed that the sugar industry, through SSA, was open to engage with any parties that may wish to seek clarity on matters of non-compliance that maybe perceived and observed in the sector.

Mnisi argued that although the authors claimed to have research, the principals of the sugar industry or even the affected organisations and companies were not at any stage consulted on the research, "as such, the information was one-sided and consequently lacked credibility to be

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IT'S A LIE: SSA Chief Executive Officer Phil Mnisi.

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communities, "its contribution to employment creation is unparalleled so is its dependence on the labour to sustain the business operation."

"That is why one of the policy focus areas of SSA is to advance compliance by members to mini-

mum labour standards. This is an ongoing process and members are encouraged to, at a minimum, afford employees the protections required by law," said Mnisi.

Following which, he said, the industry in partnership with other stakeholders conducted assessments of member compliance with local and international laws and standards.

### Initiatives

"One of the initiatives advanced by the sugar industry, through SSA is fair-trade certification of smallholder sugarcane growers. This initiative is seen as an important avenue through which greater sustainability and compliance can be achieved in this sector. To date, there have been numerous improvements demonstrated by the certification initiative when comparing certified growers to their peers. This is also verified through an independent audit process which the growers undertake annually," Mnisi stated.

ITUC reported that workers do not benefit fully from the fair-trade programme despite the requirements of the 2015 small producer organisations standard, which sets minimum standards for workers rights, including respect for fundamental labour rights such as the right to form a union and bargain collectively.

...Warns stakeholders to read report with maximum caution

presented as a reasonable conclusion of the conduct of the sector on labour issues."

He said whereas there were employees cited in the research, there was no mention of responses from their employers, who were accused of denying the employees certain rights or government.

### Principle

"As a principle, the sugar industry is committed to abide by all laws of the country and international best practices and encourages its members to act accordingly. The impression that the whole sugar industry violates labour standards is not factual and is incorrect," he said.

Mnisi said growers who were certified under the fair-trade standard were required to comply with the requisite standards, "their compliance is ensured through independent audits by FLO-CERT. We are confident in the findings of these international, independent and competent auditors and do take comfort in their conclusions that our growers are compliant with the required standard practices."

Adding, he noted that the growers certified under fair-trade in Swaziland were classified as small producers and were certified against standards for small producers and not with the Fair-trade Hired Labour Standard as

stated in the report.

"The fair-trade standard for small producer organisations has strict minimum labour requirements in terms of child labour, forced labour, freedom of association, discrimination and pesticide handling. The focus of the standard is on providing organisational support for small scale farmers and their organisations to help them improve condition for workers, including reducing informality in their farm operations. As much as possible growers are expected to provide objective evidence in support of their compliance to the standards and this is readily available for verification."

# CASHBUILD INVESTS E10-15M TO REVAMP MATSAPHA BRANCH

**Cashbuild**

QUALITY BUILDING MATERIALS  
AT THE LOWEST PRICES

By Linda Dlamini

**CASHBUILD Swaziland is currently near completing E10 million to E15 million investment for revamping its Matsapha branch in the next coming months.**

Cashbuild Swaziland Divisional Manager Zamani Tsabedze said Cashbuild continues to invest on a major refurbishment of all its stores in the country with Mbabane expected to commence soon as well as the Nhlanguano branch.

"The company is committed to increasing its investments in the country, therefore it is ploughing millions of Emalangeni into the country having operated from 1986," he said.

Tsabedze said the investment was undertaken in spite of the tough

trading conditions the company was experiencing in the local economy due to the recent drought and fragile government fiscal position.

"Despite the tough trading conditions, the company was able to maintain profits compared to last year," he said.

According to the Cashbuild Group Annual Report Swaziland, Lesotho and Namibia as members of the Common Monetary Area, for the year ended June 30, 2016, combined brought in a total revenue of E601 million.

## Combined

The Group said the three countries managed to record a combined operating profit of E51 million.

"The local Cashbuild branch's managed to contribute to these figures in proportion of operating profits" the Cashbuild Swaziland

divisional manager said.

Looking forward, Tsabedze said the company expects trading conditions to remain difficult as new entrants continue to penetrate the already fragile hardware retail market locally, whilst government revenue streams remain under strain.

## Competition

"We have observed over the years various local owned firms had been entering the market. This has affected existing operator market shares as increased competition will affect everyone's revenues," he said.

A number of locally owned companies have become noticeable in the hardware business in recent years; notable amongst those are Corban Build Hardware and Baceth Hardware Stores and several others. Asked whether Cashbuild would

follow the same business model of concentrating in rural areas and in smaller towns the manager responded to the negative.

"We have looked into a number of smaller towns to open new stores such as Siteki, Malkerns, Siphofaneni and Mankayane. According to set feasibility criteria, we determined it is not financial feasible at the moment to set up fully fledged Cashbuild outlets in favour of smaller footprint alternative model store formats that are appealing in areas such as Buhleni and Siphofaneni.

"The company aims at growing market presence to a total 10 stores over the next six years," he said.

Tsabedze said for instance an analysis of the cement volume sales revealed it would just not be financial viable for their standard format store size.

The Group report said Cashbuild Swaziland as of June 30, 2016 employed 165 full time employees.

Tsabedze commenting said, "this was true as of the date noted in the report however the number right now has gone slightly higher."

Meanwhile, the manager during the interview mentioned the work Cashbuild has done in terms of corporates social investment (CSI).

"The company has spent roughly E120 000 in its CSI programme. Building materials with a total value of E15 000 per primary school are donated to up to eight primary schools within the surrounding community where Cashbuild is relaunching or upgrading its stores," he said.

Over the recent financial period this has benefited primary schools in the vicinity of Manzini and Piggs Peak.

## Trump's anticipated policies, threat to AGOA

By Manqoba Makhubu

**WITH Donald Trump emerging as the President Elect of the United States, one of the concerns going forward is uncertainty over the negotiations of trade agreements with the US including the African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA).**

The country has been trying hard to regain its eligibility in the trade agreement after losing it on January 1, 2015 after US President Barack Obama withdrew the kingdom's eligibility because of failure to meet the prerequisite benchmarks. This resulted to the loss of thousands of jobs, mainly in the textile industry and since then the country has been working hard to retain its eligibility.

But, the US President elect who had been considered as a risk to global growth has pledged to renegotiate trade deals, impose high import tariffs and stirred a lot of market uncertainties.

Southern African Research Foundation for Economic Development (SARFED) Regional Coordinator George Choongwa said should Trump's wishes come to life, Africa was likely to lose its negotiating power with America, including critical elements such as AGOA due to the capitalist state of America under president Trump.

Adding, he said developing states might also lose in foreign aid they received from America, "hence imposing social protection threats to most of the developing states like Swaziland whose major sustainable on social and health matters has been dependent on America."

He said the US has ever been on the trade battle field with other economic power houses like China



**ANTICIPATED POLICIES:**  
US President Elect Donald Trump.

and the entire BRICS economic bloc of which South Africa is a member.

## Establishment

"However, the establishment of a new system of governance under President Trump would send much waves of uncertainty to America's trade links namely Canada, China, Japan, and Mexico.

"While both developed and emergent economies in African countries are likely to have challenges in the export to America's commodity markets due to high cost of export, but countries like China are likely to reduce exports to America and opt to find new trade ties in Africa and other developing states.

This would however, put the developing states on the much more bargaining power in their supplies with China and other developed trading countries," elaborated Choongwa.

He said the regime of Trump was also characterised with high capi-



**THREAT: SARFED Regional Coordinator George Choongwa.**

talistic form of trade in which America would seek to dominate major markets which in turn would cause most of the emergent markets lose in their bargaining power on the global commodity market.

"This will in the short and long run frustrate the foreign exchange rate which will add much pressure on the affected currencies.

However, America is likely to suffer short term effects of sluggish currency depreciation because of reduced investor confidence levels which might be an opportunity for the emergent economies like Swaziland to acquire forex for purchase of capital goods after the currency regains strength," said Choongwa.

However, University of Swaziland Economics lecturer Sanele Sibiya said uncertainty would only be eliminated after assurance that the system would be able to control Trump's testified vaulting ambition.

## ...Lilangeni/rand slightly recovers

**LILANGENI/rand went up again after a slump following Donald Trump's surprise victory in the US presidential election.**

University of Swaziland Economics lecturer Sanele Sibiya correctly predicted that the slump would be only short term.

By 06h40 GMT the rand traded mostly flat, edging 0.09 percent firmer to 13.4250 per dollar compared to an overnight close of 13.4375.



Sibiya said the real effects would come after the official installation of the president, especially from what he would say going forward, "otherwise for now it's too early to panic."

## EU BELIEVES IN TRUMP, INVITES HIM TO EUROPE

**EUROPEAN Union (EU) Ambassador Nicola Bellomo says the EU believes US President elect Donald Trump would strengthen both the economic and social ties that exists between the EU and US.**

He said as stated by the EU Presidents Tusk and Juncker, the strategic partnership between the EU and the US was rooted in shared values of freedom, human rights, democracy and a belief in the market economy.

In a joint congratulatory statement by the EU presidents, they stated that over the years, the EU and the US have worked together to ensure peace and prosperity for citizens and for people around the world.

"Today, it is more important than ever to strengthen transatlantic relations.

"Only by cooperating closely can the EU and the US continue to make a difference when dealing with unprecedented challenges such as Da'esh, the threats to Ukraine's sovereignty and territori-

al integrity, climate change and migration," said the statement.

"Fortunately, the EU - US strategic partnership is broad and deep: from our joint efforts to enhance energy security and address climate change, through EU - US collaboration on facing threats to security in Europe's Eastern and Southern neighbourhoods, and to the negotiations on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership - we should spare no effort to ensure that the ties that bind us remain strong and durable," further reads the statement.

The EU said there was a need to consolidate the bridges that have been built across the Atlantic, "Europeans trust that America, whose democratic ideals have always been a beacon of hope around the globe, will continue to invest in its partnerships with friends and allies, to help make our citizens and the people of the world more secure and more prosperous."

# 'Investment banks needed to develop capital markets'

By Linda Dlamini

**THE lack of different types of market intermediaries such as investment banks, market makers and other intermediary functions is thwarting the growth of capital markets locally.**

The Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) Capital Markets Development division (CMD) quarter bulletin said the capital markets industry continues to grow in terms of assets under management, market participants and market capitalisation.

However, it said there were prevailing challenges that the industry, regulator, and government would have to work together to overcome.

"For instance, the relatively low liquidity of the Swaziland Stock Exchange (SSX), primary dealers not bringing government paper to the secondary market, the lack of different

types of market intermediaries," the FSRA department said.

In a bulletin released for market participants, FSRA said this situation has raised the issue of Collective Investment Scheme Managers (CISM) and unit trust managers having to create new instruments in which to invest funds under their management into, "this may actually increase risk to the market through conflicts of interests as fund managers invest assets under their management in their own products."

## Improving

The department said the industry has made significant strides in improving both regulation and, in turn, the capital markets industry in Swaziland.

Recently, the African Development Bank (AfDB) announced its commitment to assist government develop the country's capital markets.

AfDB Acting Regional Director Kennedy Mbeakeni said the economic development of the country could

greatly benefit from the development of its capital market.

"We are looking at various strategies that will involve possible partnerships of the bank with the government to deepen the Swaziland capital market," he said.

Mbeakeni said the AfDB had observed the large capital holdings of institutional investors such as retirement funds and insurance companies and their potential to contribute to economic development by investing more of their assets under management money in the domestic capital market space. "It would seem the institutional investors are risk averse as they prefer to invest in the more advanced and sophisticated South African capital market," he said.

This move by the continental development finance institution could be the added impetus needed for the Swazi capital markets to increase in-depth and width.

## Swaziland offers assortment of thrilling festive adventures

By Linda Dlamini

**SWAZILAND offers a variety of thrilling summer adventure activities for tourists this festive season that belies its small size.**

This is the observation of leading travel, leisure and lifestyle communications agency Lloyd Orr Communications Account Executive Lizzy Moletsane.

"This small, landlocked kingdom is the ideal summer destination if you want to escape the crowds and enjoy the best that nature has to offer," she said.

Moletsane mentioned activities including caving, canopy tours, climbing, abseiling, tubing and white water rafting test even the most daring young adventurer, "although there are no beaches, water sports rank high on Swaziland's to-do list."

## Formations

"The Kingdom of Swaziland boasts magnificent scenery from rivers, waterfalls and gorges, unique rock formations- which are among the world's most ancient, lush and fertile valleys, plus typical African bush. What better place to be outside than in the Kingdom of Swaziland!" she further stated.

Adding Moletsane said for the travellers who preferred less adrenaline but were still packed with full of excitement, Swaziland offers cultural activities to keep those young minds enthralled.

"Tourists can also embark on a safari where they can head off for their own bike ride and encounter zebra and bushbuck along the way, or take a stroll to see the giraffe before settling down to your own bush braai," she said.

"Whatever you dream of for your summer holiday, the Kingdom of Swaziland offers you a grand summer adventure."



**THRILLING ACTIVITY:** Water rafting is one of the activities that can be enjoyed in the kingdom.



**ALSO THERE:** Canopy tours are something to look forward to.



**INGADLA:** Cultural activities are also on the offering.

## Maud Chifmba for youth entrepreneurship seminar

By Linda Dlamini

**RETHINK Africa Foundation has unveiled youngest African university graduate, Maud Chifmba, as guest speaker for the inaugural Rethink Africa Foundation Generational Wealth Transfer Seminar.**

Rethink Africa Foundation Chairperson Phinda Mkhonta said they were proud to be the first to bring the whizz-kid to Swaziland.

"The foundation hopes she will impart her knowledge and further motivate the current generation of youth," he said.

Mkhonta said Chifmba was the youngest African to enrol at a university. "In 2012 she enrolled at the University of Zimbabwe for an accounting degree-aged only 14 despite being orphaned and grinding poverty," he said.

Mkhonta said this year, Chifmba broke another record by becoming the youngest university graduate in Africa at the age of 18.

"Chifmba graduated in August this year with a Bachelors Degree with Honours in Accounting from University of Zimbabwe," he said. The foundation chairperson said adding to Chifmba's impressive accomplishment's she has been recently listed by the Forbes maga-

zine, as one of the youngest and most powerful women in Africa due to her awesome intellectual levels.

"I would encourage the youth to come and listen to her story and what she can teach the youth today during the seminars," he said.

Mkhonta said the other guests would be announced as the event nears.

## Confirmed

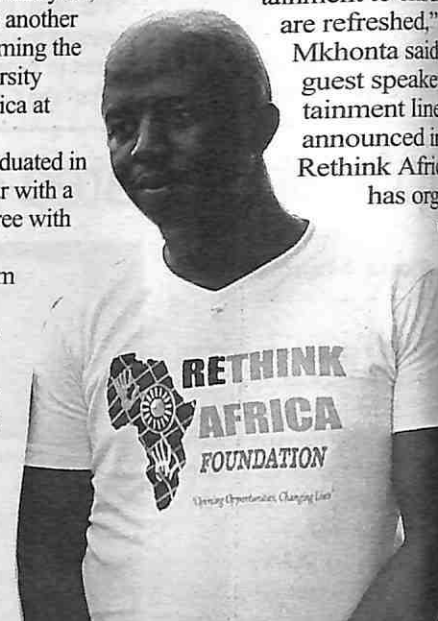
"There are numerous other speakers who have confirmed but we would announce them in due course," he said.

Meanwhile, Mkhonta said with regards to refresher artist they have also confirmed some local artist.

"Popular gospel artist Linda Dlamini will be performing between motivational speeches so that the participants are refreshed. Also I can confirm that 'Smallz the comedian' will also provide entertainment to ensure participants are refreshed," he said.

Mkhonta said as with the guest speakers the full entertainment line-up would be announced in due course.

Rethink Africa Foundation has organised a seminar to promote youth entrepreneurship in the country. The seminar has been slated for December 10 at the Mavuso Trade Centre.



**PROUD:** Rethink Africa Foundation Chairperson Phinda Mkhonta.

## FOREIGN EXTRA

### CALIFORNIA APPROVES TAX INCREASE ON CIGARETTES

**CALIFORNIA - California voters on Tuesday approved significant tax increases on cigarettes and vaping devices, but similar measures fell short in Colorado, North Dakota and Missouri.**

California's Proposition 56 will increase taxes on a pack of cigarettes from 87 cents (R11.74) to \$2.87 (R38.74), bringing it more in line with other states. The measure also sets a tax on electronic cigarettes.

## Victory

"This is a huge victory for tobacco prevention efforts," said John Schachter, Director of State Communications for the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. He said California, which recently raised the smoking age to 21, could inspire other states to pass similar laws.

While US smoking rates have declined significantly in recent decades as more people recognise

smoking's links to lung cancer and other diseases, health advocates have sought to prevent a new generation from taking up tobacco. Healthcare groups say high cigarette taxes discourage smoking, while the proceeds help states pay for smoking cessation and prevention programmes.

"Every 10 per cent increase in the price of cigarettes brings about a seven per cent decrease in use by youth and a four per cent decrease overall," said Schachter. Opponents - including tobacco companies RJ Reynolds Tobacco and Altria - spent at least \$90 million to defeat the measures, including more than \$70 million in California against Proposition 56. Supporters of the tax increase, including billionaire investor Tom Steyer, political action committees representing the California Hospital Association and the Service Employees International Union, raised more than \$30 million to promote it. **Reuters**

# STORM OVER R4.5M DIGITAL SMARTPENS GATHERING DUST

**JOHANNESBURG - ANC Women's League national executive committee member and Eastern Cape transport MEC Weziwe Tikana is at the centre of a controversy involving the purchasing of digital 'smartpens' to the tune of R4.5-million.**

She reportedly requested the procurement of smartpens for the use of community development workers (CDWs). The smartpens were meant to enable the CDWs to relay information gathered from families who needed social grants or housing to the department's database in a flash. The pens have a tiny infrared cam-

era and Bluetooth wireless technology which converts handwritten information into digital data.

They are also able to take pictures. In total, 320 were bought at a cost of R4.5-million, including an annual subscription fee of R766 080 that was to be paid for three years and a monthly bill of R76 000 paid each month over three years to Vodacom for airtime.

The department had entered a 36-month contract with a private company from March 2013 for the provision and maintenance of the pens but they remained unused and are still gathering dust at the depart-

ment's head office in Bhisho.

Cogta's acting head of department Ngaka Mosehane revealed this to members of the standing committee on public accounts (Scopa) at the provincial legislature on Monday.

He said the purchase of the smartpens was the subject of a forensic investigation which was expected to be completed by December.

Part of the investigation is an amount of R109 000 which was used to print digital forms without following procurement processes.

This amount has been categorised as fruitless and wasteful by the auditor-general. - **TMG Digital**



## Salary check – What domestics earn compared with other jobs

**JOHANNESBURG - The going rate of pay for a domestic helper is vastly different, depending largely on the income of the employer.**

In Johannesburg or Cape Town's middle class suburbia, a domestic worker can expect to earn R250 a day, with lunch provided, totalling an approximate R5 000 a month. Domestic workers are also generally extended three weeks' annual leave, in addition to public holidays, similar to those working in the formal sector.

The possibility of career advancement for domestic workers does exist in wealthier areas, with one recruitment website currently offering jobs for babysitters and au pairs at salaries of up to R7 500 a month in Johannesburg.

Another website, Payscale.com, which estimates nanny and au pair salaries at between R25.34—R98.63 an hour, notes: "A skill in Activities for Children is associated with high pay for this job".

These pay rates are way above the minimum wage announced by government this week, which accommodates the far lower wages paid in non-metro areas. Statistics South Africa, in a labour market

dynamics report earlier this year, calculated the highest median earnings for those working in private households as R1 500 a month in 2015.

From December 1, 2016, by law, the lowest allowable wage will amount to an hourly rate of R14.54 for domestic workers (cleaners, nannies and gardeners) who are contracted for under 27 hours a week (R1 701 a month) and R12.42 for those who work more hours in the week (R2 422.54 a month).

By comparison, receptionist jobs offered on recruitment websites have a pay scale of between R14.01 and R58.71 an hour.

A private company in East London, Eastern Cape, is offering a monthly salary of R3 500 for a clerical receptionist who will be required to do filing and photocopying as well as answering, screening and forwarding incoming phone calls.

A supermarket in Centurion is looking for promoters to hand out fliers to customers that are coming in and out of the store, for a wage of R2 400 (R150 a day). The candidates will work four days a week from 9am to 4pm. **Reuters**

## SAA chair Myeni refuses to resign, attacks minority privilege

**CAPE TOWN - South African Airways (SAA) chairperson Dudu Myeni yesterday revealed why she has refused to resign, in response to a question from Democratic Alliance (DA) MP David Maynier.**

Myeni said her suitability as chairperson is irrelevant; she has found "no sound reason not to continue to serve" and believes her contribution has added "intrinsic value" to SAA.

"Transformation relating both to procurement of goods and services for SAA and employment equity remain some of the biggest challenges facing the airline today," she said. "The powerful vested interests have used every means available to defend and further entrench their positions to the exclusion of the majority of the people. In the process, the board, and particularly, current, as chairperson, have been attacked by various forums including the media."

Maynier's question to Myeni was whether she still believes that it is in the best interests of the airline for her not to resign.

### Confirmation

This was in response to confirmation that SAA made a loss of R4.7bn in the 2014/15 financial year and is projected to make a loss of R1.8bn in 2015/16. The airline only tabled its 2014/15 results in September and has yet to table its 2015/16 financials.

In reaction to the results, DA MP Alf Lees said Myeni "behaves less like a chairperson and more like a corporate warlord, and who has single-handedly driven SAA to the brink of liquidation".

Many sectors have called for Myeni's resignation, with critics saying President Jacob Zuma's close friend is unqualified and too close to the president to head the national carrier transparently. The narrative of state capture also plays into this criticism.

However, Zuma came out in support of Myeni in October, telling Parliament that she was "approved by cabinet, which had considered all the relevant options".

Myeni has now penned an eight-page letter response which she sent to the Standing Committee on Finance, explaining why she is a transformation hero as well as SAA's saviour and should be allowed to finish her term, which ends in 2017.

Firstly, she states that the poor financial results "cannot be solely attributed" to her as historically "bad decisions ... are lumped on my doorstep". **Fin24**

## ILLEGAL DRUGS IN COLOMBIA WORTH MORE THAN \$2 BILLION

**BOGOTA - Sales of illegal drugs inside Colombia were worth more than \$2 billion (R27 billion) in 2015, the equivalent of 0.75 percent of gross domestic product, the government said on Wednesday.**

There are at least 1.5 million consumers of cocaine, marijuana and synthetic drugs like ecstasy in the Andean country, the national planning agency said in a report, placing Colombia fourth in rates of drug addiction in South America.

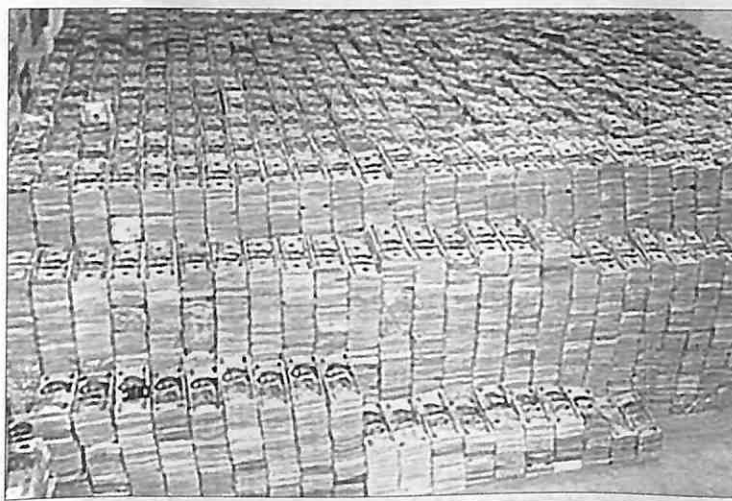
Colombia is one of the world's top producers of cocaine, with the capacity to make 646 tonnes of the drug annually and more

than 96 000 hectares devoted to cultivation of cocoa. Most of that is destined to be trafficked overseas. Authorities say marijuana growing is on the rise.

The country was once infamous as the home of the Medellin and Cali drug cartels, but in recent years drug gangs have fragmented into smaller groups amid law enforcement crackdowns.

Colombia is no longer only a producer of drugs but home to an increasing number of consumers, the report said, adding police confiscated 115 million personal doses of illegal narcotics last year.

**Reuters**



## SARS branches to open on Saturdays as tax season comes to a close

**JOHANNESBURG - Some South African Revenue Service (SARS) branches will be opening on Saturdays for the next two weekends as the November 25 deadline for non-provisional taxpayers approaches.**

"With an expected increase in the number of taxpayers filing income tax returns, SARS branches opening on Saturdays will exclusively be focusing on assisting taxpayers with the completion of their income tax returns during this period," a statement said.

The branches, which will open

between 8am and 1pm, are: Alberton, Edenvale, Randburg, Rissik Street, Soweto (Orlando East), Vereeniging, Nelspruit, Witbank, Pretoria North, Rustenburg, Durban, Mthatha, Richards Bay, Pietermaritzburg, Port Elizabeth, Bellville and Mitchells Plain.

"Taxpayers are advised that branches will operate normal hours during the week. SARS has already received over 4.7-million income tax returns," the service said.

— **TMG Digit**

## GREEN LIGHT FOR MICROSOFT-LINKEDIN DEAL IN SA

**JOHANNESBURG - Local competition authorities have given their thumbs up to the South African leg of a global merger between Microsoft and LinkedIn.**

In June, software giant Microsoft announced plans to buy professional social network LinkedIn for \$26.2bn.

The deal is further expected to involve Microsoft acquiring LinkedIn for \$196 per share in an all-cash transaction that could close by year-end.

Microsoft said its planned purchase of LinkedIn is driven by the professional social network's increased membership, engagement and financial results.

And the local leg of the deal has been approved by South Africa's Competition Commission.

"The Commission has approved, without conditions, the intermediate merger whereby Microsoft intends to acquire LinkedIn," said the Commission in a statement on Wednesday.

"The Commission found that

the proposed transaction is unlikely to substantially prevent or lessen competition in any of the affected markets.

"In addition, the Commission found that the proposed transaction does not raise any employment concerns as LinkedIn does not have any employees in South Africa.

"Furthermore, the proposed transaction does not raise concerns on other public interest grounds," said the Commission.

European competition authorities

Salesforce.com, which was also a bidder for LinkedIn, has urged the European Union to take a closer look at the deal.

Chief executive officer of Salesforce.com, Marc Benioff, has said that Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella could use LinkedIn's assets to block competition, according to a recent Financial Times report.

Still, LinkedIn has said it expects the deal to close before the end of the year.

— **TMG Digit**

# Focus on SA scene

## ANC SUSPENDS FRANSMAN FOR FIVE YEARS



**GUILTY:** Western Cape Provincial Chairperson, Marius Fransman.

**CAPE TOWN** - The National Disciplinary Committee (NDC) has found Western Cape Provincial Chairperson, Marius Fransman, guilty on two counts of misconduct.

The committee released a statement yesterday noting firstly that Fransman abused his office for the purpose of attempting to obtain a sexual favour from Louisa Wynand.

Secondly, the NDC found Fransman made a number of public statements that brought

the ANC into disrepute.

The NDC suspended his ANC membership for five years.

According to the statement, Fransman deliberately misled the public when he said he did not receive documents to enable him to prepare for his disciplinary hearing.

Apparently Fransman was in possession of all the required documents.

The committee noted Fransman showed no remorse for his misconduct. *eNCA*

## Gauteng officials confirm 4 flood deaths

**JOHANNESBURG** - The Gauteng Provincial Government has confirmed the deaths of at least four people related to the flash floods of Wednesday afternoon in Johannesburg.

Acting Premier Paul Mashatile expressed sincere condolences to the families of those who lost their lives. The province has also activated Johannesburg Disaster Management Centre to coordinate efforts to investigate the extent of damage and the need for any assistance. The team is also reportedly looking at houses and informal settlements that have been affected.

The flash floods affected areas mostly around Johannesburg and Ekurhuleni. A number of vehicles were trapped on the N3 around the Gillingham's interchange. Mashatile will be visiting areas that were affected by flash floods in Gauteng to assess the damage caused. Special attention will also be given to areas like Alexandra township, particularly the areas along Jukskei River. *eNCA*

## Hawks claim FIC stalling Gupta probe

**JOHANNESBURG** - The Gauteng Hawks' investigation into the Gupta family has ground to a halt because the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) is refusing to co-operate with them, the unit's head said on Wednesday.

Within the last month, two cases against the Guptas were opened with the specialised police unit's Gauteng branch.

The EFF opened the first docket. They submitted to the Hawks Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan's application to the High Court in Pretoria which featured transactions worth R6.8bn involving the Gupta family and which were under scrutiny.

Civil rights group AfriForum opened the second docket. The organisation submitted former public protector Thuli Madonsela's State of Capture report as a basis for an investigation.

Head of the Hawks in Gauteng, Major General Prince Mokotedi, told News24 that the two dockets were combined because they dealt with similar accusations against the Guptas.

*News24*

## McBride mulls suing NPA for malicious prosecution

**PARLIAMENT** - The head of South Africa's police watchdog Ipid, Robert McBride, was consulting his lawyers on whether he would sue the NPA for malicious prosecution, he said after appearing in Parliament on Wednesday for the first time since being reinstated to his position.

"I'll be taking advice on that but it's not definite yet, but I will be taking advice yes," McBride said on the sidelines of a meeting of Parliament's portfolio committee on police.

He returned to office in October after the Constitutional Court ruled Police Minister Nathi Nhleko did not have the legal power to suspend him for what the minister claimed was the "doctoring" of a report by Ipid on former Hawks head Anwa Dramat and the unit's Gauteng boss Shadrack Sibiyi.

The two Hawks senior officials, according to Nhleko, were involved in the illegal rendition of Zimbabweans.

The Constitutional Court gave Parliament 30 days to decide whether to hold a disciplinary hearing. McBride returned to work once that deadline passed.

"From the onset I've been quite adamant there's been no case and the decisions from the National Prosecuting Authority to withdraw the charges is evidence that I was correct from the beginning," he said. McBride said he was now getting on with the job.

"My most pressing concern is to take on complex systemic corruption problems... because if we are able to deal with systemic corruption within SAPS it sends a message because most of the systemic corruption is carried out by senior members and if we're able to



**CONSULTING:** Head of South Africa's police watchdog Ipid, Robert McBride.

effectively deal with that and eventually get prosecutions it will send a message to lower ranks and you will have a trickle down effect and an improvement in ethics and integrity, so that would be my concern at the moment."

McBride said he was currently busy stabilising the organisation.

Asked to comment on whether plans to restructure the Ipid by Israel Kganyane, the man who acted as executive director of the Ipid in his absence, was a bid to get rid of his sympathisers, he said: "I don't have sympathisers. I have colleagues and workers and we work on a professional basis together and the so-called restructuring is an issue we are looking into. I'm waiting for the handover report from the former acting ED [executive director] and then we'll deal with issues specifically."

McBride said his vindication was proof that democracy worked.

*Africa News Agency*



**HUMANITY:** South Africans showed their spirit of humanity when Johannesburg was hit by flash floods on Wednesday afternoon. (Ap)

## The heroes of Joburg's flash floods

**JOHANNESBURG** - In the midst of adversity, South Africans showed their spirit of humanity when Johannesburg was hit by flash floods on Wednesday afternoon.

One woman was photographed administering CPR to another woman on the back of a truck, one of many vehicles trapped in the floodwaters.

Bianca Bird recalled how she and several people nearly died during the flooding on the N3 between the Modderfontein and Linksfield offramps. During the downpour, vehicles were becoming submerged so she and her husband made a quick escape from her vehicle. Once out, Bird realised that some people were trapped in their cars.

"I started screaming at people to exit their cars," said a distraught

Bird. "There were people stuck in taxis and we helped a lot to get them out safely; it was too hectic. I am still a bit shocked."

Bird realised that an unconscious woman had been pulled out of her car and onto the back of a flatbed truck. "I immediately climbed onto the back of the truck to help her out. I was told she was in a serious condition and was unresponsive," said Bird.

"For 10 minutes I gave her CPR, I tried and tried but was not responding. Her pulse wasn't there and she was cold, that is when I pulled over her clothes to cover her body. I tried my best, I desperately tried but I could not save her."

Bird says she does not view herself as a hero but was merely helping out as best as she could.

"I was there for a reason."

*eNCA*

## 'Fees Must Fall to pursue legal action'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Mcebo Dlamini says the need for free higher education is becoming even greater.

The student activist says the #Fees Must Fall movement intends taking government to court over fees. Dlamini was granted R2 000 bail on Wednesday, after he successfully appealed a lower court's decision to keep him behind bars.

His bail conditions prohibit him

from disrupting any campus activities. The 32-year-old has called on Wits University to allow students who fail this year's exams to rewrite, while saying, he does not regret the time he spent behind bars. "Prison to me was like initiation. I appreciate the opportunity they gave me. When they took us to prison they thought they were breaking us but they were anointing us," he claimed. *eNCA*

## BISHOP SCOLDS MALEMA FOR 'ANTI-CHRISTIAN' HATE SPEECH

**JOHANNESBURG** - Malema told party supporters at Newcastle in KwaZulu-Natal in an emotionally charged address on Monday: "We are not calling for the slaughtering of white people - at least for now."

Such language, said Bishop Moreo in a statement published by the Anglican Communion News Service on Wednesday, had no place in a free democracy.

"Malema's vitriolic attack on his fellow white South Africans is sad and a stark reminder that the naked sin of racism is alive

and well in South Africa. It is a reminder that racism is as damaging whether articulated by black or white and is no different to the corruption and greed of many in our country - all of which is decaying our land right now," he said. "It is particularly shameful to see it manifest in a person such as Malema." Such language, he said, had no place in a country which former archbishop, Desmond Tutu, dubbed "the rainbow nation" after celebrating liberation from an institutional racist past in 1994.

*TMG Digital*

... Leaked pictures of top-secret testing reveal Donald Trump's presidential armoured car is almost ready

**FUEL TANK:** Armor-plated and filled with a specially designed foam which prevents it from exploding even if it makes a direct hit

**REAR COMPARTMENT:** Seats President and up to four passengers with glass partitions - only 6 inches thick - which is lower if panic button installed

**DOORS:** Armor-plated, double inches thick and the weight of a cabin door on a Boeing 777 jet

**CHAUFFEUR:** Trained by the U.S. Secret Service to cope with the most demanding of driving conditions - including carjacks and evasion and a 100-degree 9-turn

**DRIVER'S WINDOW:** Can withstand armor-piercing bullets and a .44 Magnum. It's the only window that will open - by just three inches - so the driver can pay a toll or talk with secret service agents running alongside

**BODYWORK:** Military grade armor at least five inches thick. Combination of dual hardened steel, aluminum, titanium and ceramic to break up potential projectiles

**DRIVER'S COMPARTMENT:** Standard steering wheel, but dashboard contains a communications centre and GPS tracking system

**ENGINE:** 160-hp engine supply and a fuel-injection system

**REAR SEAT:** Obama's seat has slots at the set of the vehicle and down like the vice president and the Pentagon

**DEFENCE ACCESSORIES:** Equipped with night vision cameras and bump-sensors throughout. Also armed with tear gas canisters. Slices of the President's blood kept on board in case he needs an emergency transfusion

**TYRES:** Run flat tyres reinforced with kevlar fibres and puncture resistant, with steel rims underneath, enabling the car to escape, even if tyre is blasted away

**CHASSIS:** Reinforced steel plate panels under the car to protect against landmines or grenades rolled underneath

**FACTFILE**

- First: Eisenhower plus
- Length: 16ft
- Height: 6ft 10in
- Weight: 6 tons
- Engines: 6.6 litre diesel
- Top speed: 60mph
- Acceleration: 10 seconds
- Fuel consumption: 10mpg (est)
- Seats: Maximum seven people, including the President. The two front-facing seats are reserved for the President and another passenger, and can recline independently
- CDS: contains Don't ask...

- General Motors has been testing a new State Car, nicknamed The Beast, ready for when Trump takes office
- Appears to have the same headlight and grille design as new Cadillac models but with an elongated body
- It was pictured undergoing tests, but details of the new security measures are a closely guarded secret
- Previous model was described as a 'Caddy on a tank frame' and included eight inches of armour, tear gas canisters, and even two pints of the President's blood
- President-elect Trump's will likely include similar features plus the latest safety technologies



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## BRIEFS

## Kenya withdraws first batch troops

NAIROBI - The first batch of Kenyan troops who had served in a UN peacekeeping mission in South Sudan arrived home on Wednesday, after Nairobi ordered them to withdraw in response to the sacking of the Kenyan commander of the UNMISS force. Kenya said last week it would pull its forces out after a UN inquiry accused UNMISS of failing to respond to an attack on a Juba hotel during fighting in July. Kenya's Lieutenant General Johnson Mogoia Kimani Ondieki was fired. "Today we have started our withdrawal from South Sudan," Kenyan Major General Benjamin Biwott told reporters at Nairobi's international airport as about 100 soldiers flew in. *Reuters*

## Militants blow up Shell oil export pipeline

WARRI - Nigerian militants say they have again blown up an oil pipeline carrying crude for export from Shell's Forcados terminal in the country's south. It's the third attack in eight days on the Trans Forcados pipeline network. The first came just hours after President Muhammadu Buhari held inconclusive talks with stakeholders aimed at halting the sabotage. Militants and community leaders want development and a bigger share of revenues from oil that has massively polluted the southern Niger Delta. The Niger Delta Avengers said the Tuesday night's bombing is to reinforce warnings for oil companies to desist from repairing attacked installations. Nearby residents confirmed hearing a large explosion. *AP*

## President's daughter defends her appointment

LUANDA - Isabel Dos Santos, daughter of Angolan President Jose dos Santos, defended on Wednesday her father's decision to appoint her head of the state oil firm, saying she had been picked for her expertise and competence. Ranked as Africa's richest woman by Forbes magazine, Isabel Dos Santos was given the job of Chief Executive of Sonangol in June, prompting 14 lawyers to file a lawsuit accusing the president of nepotism and violating Angolan probity law. *Reuters*

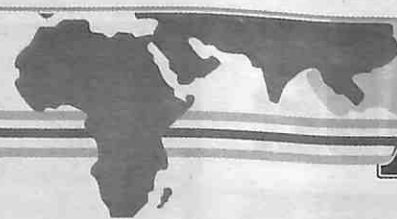


## Gunmen kill 30 gold miners - police

BAUCHI - Gunmen have killed more than 30 gold miners in a remote area of northern Nigeria, police said on Tuesday. The attackers raided a camp of artisan miners late on Monday in the Maru area in the northwestern state of Zamfara, police spokesman Muhammed Shehu said. The gunmen stole nothing, he said, adding the motive for the attack was unclear. In March, gunmen attacked a camp in the same state, killing one miner in what a police official described as possible conflict between miners. *Reuters*

## Ivory Coast's divisive new constitution sworn

ABIDJAN - Ivory Coast's Third Republic came into being with the signing into law of a new constitution overwhelmingly adopted last month in a referendum boycotted by opposition parties. "The wind of democracy is blowing again in Ivory Coast," President Alassane Ouattara said in an address to the nation after signing the document at his Abidjan offices. "The promises of the Third Republic are the promises of peace, stability, equality and modernity," he said. The new constitution "will serve as a social contract for numerous generations", Ouattara added. *AFP*



## Africa News



## ZIMBABWE FARMERS USING SCIENCE TO FIGHT DROUGHT

**ZAKA** - Under the scorching Zimbabwean sun, cattle seek shade among stunted thorn bushes in the drought-prone district of Zaka, where crops wither due to increasing temperatures and changing weather patterns.

Severe lack of rain across southern Africa has hit the country hard, with government officials saying a quarter of the population faces starvation. Many villagers are forced to survive on wild fruit.

Maize, the country's traditional staple crop, has suffered a series of poor harvests.

Late rains this year again wrecked the planting season, and the little that is growing has often been destroyed by heat.

It may not help the immediate

crisis, but science is providing a glimmer of hope for smallholder maize farmers in Zimbabwe.

The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre - known by its Spanish acronym CIMMYT - is conducting trials in Zaka on hybrid maize seeds adapted to tackle drought and high temperatures.

The seeds are developed to survive dry conditions with 60% less water than normal and in temperatures of up to 35 degrees C (95 degrees F), according to CIMMYT researchers.

"If we get these new maize seed varieties that will help us a lot," said Ceaser Chavizha, a smallholder in Zaka, located in Masvingo province, south of the capital Harare. Like many farmers in the region who rely on maize

produce, Chavizha has been forced to survive on food handouts as his crops have been reduced to dried husks.

"We cannot continue with handouts as we have fields we can work on to produce food for our own, so we hope the new maize seeds will help us improve our yields," he told AFP.

Maize meal crops are ground and turned into mealie-meal, used to make porridge and other food, but the El Nino-induced drought has wrecked arable fields, grazing pastures and water sources.

The drought scourge is high on the agenda at UN COP22 climate talks in Morocco, where world leaders and experts are discussing how to implement the landmark Paris Agreement that was signed

last year. The pact aims to cap global warming at below two degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees F), compared with pre-industrial levels.

## Exporter

Once referred to as the breadbasket of Africa, Zimbabwe used to be an exporter of maize, but now aid organisations say the country requires about two million metric tonnes a year to feed itself.

Cosmos Magorokosho, a senior scientist and maize breeder at CIMMYT, said the ultimate goal of hybrids was to help farmers develop long-term sustainable agriculture. "Basically it means transferring genes from one plant to another type so you create a new type has the characteristics that you want," he said. *AFP*

## LIBERIA'S SIRLEAF SADDENED, CONCERNED AFTER TRUMP WIN

LONDON - Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf said on Wednesday she was saddened by the fact US voters had not elected a woman president, and expressed concern about what President-elect Donald Trump's policy towards Africa would be.

Johnson Sirleaf, the first woman to be elected a head of state in Africa, said: "We are extremely saddened by this missed opportunity on the part of the people of the United States to join smaller democracies in ending the marginalisation of women."

In an interview with BBC

television, she said Liberia, a nation founded in the 19th century by freed American slaves, had a long and historical relationship with the United States and she expected that to continue.

"We are concerned as to whether President-elect Trump will have an African agenda, will be able to build bridges with Africa. We can only hope he will do so in due course."

"I'm worried about trade deals for Liberia, for Africa. I'm worried about investment and the special programmes that have been put in place by President Obama and by President George Bush before



**SADDENED:** Liberian President Ellen Johnson.

him, and we just don't know what the policy towards Africa will be."

*Reuters*

## President Lungu fires Kambwili, appoints female information minister

LUSAKA - President Edgar Lungu has fired information minister Chishimba Kambwili in what word on the street is the first casualty of alleged corrupt ministers.

Kambwili, one of the PF founder members, was fired a few weeks after President Lungu said he had received information about how his ministers were accumulating wealth beyond their normal income. The outspoken Roan MP is one minister who has amassed massive wealth since the PF came to office. Kambwili is linked to various government contracts and is also a beneficiary of Zambia's Africa Cup of Nations prize



**FIRED:** Former Information Minister Chishimba Kambwili.

money when he served as sports minister. President Lungu has since appointed a female MP to take over as Chief government spokesperson. "President Lungu appointed Kampamba Mulenga, MP as Minister of

Information and Broadcasting Services taking over from Chishimba Kambwili, MP, whose services have been terminated with immediate effect. The new Minister of Information and Broadcasting Services is a Member of Parliament for Kalulushi Constituency on the Copperbelt Province.

## Encouraged

The president has encouraged the new minister to serve diligently and with high levels of integrity as she takes up this important role.

The president is confident that the added attributes of youth and female gender will spur the minister to work even harder to promote the cause of women and youth in decision making. Mulenga previously served as District Commissioner. *allafrica*

## Kenya targets roasting coffee beans to lift earnings

OTHAYA - Kenya plans to increase coffee roasting and is encouraging farmers to link up with foreign partners who can help build markets abroad, to add value to its raw bean exports that are a major source of foreign exchange.

Kenya grows just one per cent of the world's coffee a year, but punches above its weight in quality as many global firms seek its Arabica beans to blend with lower quality varieties.

However, most of its produce is exported as cleaned beans and just five per cent is roasted, so Kenya misses out on the added value from selling roasted and packaged coffee.

Kenya produced 45 000 tons of beans in the 2015/16 season and forecasts output of 50 000 tons in 2016/17.

It is seeking to raise the amount of coffee roasted locally by five to 10 per cent annually over the next five years, Richard Lesiyampe, Principal Secretary for agriculture, told Reuters.

"Any value addition that can give us more money, that is the direction we want to take. We should actually go to 50 per cent if possible," he said. "It is really ambitious but can be done."

In the coffee growing region of the central highlands, Othaya Farmers Co-operative is installing a roasting machine and a grinder at a cost of 50-million shillings (R6 764 525) to produce packed coffee for local retail and export in future.

The aim is boost earnings for the co-operative's 15 000 farmers, who now earn a maximum of 78 shillings per kg on the best quality raw beans but could earn 100 shillings after roasting, co-operative Chairman James Gathua told Reuters.

While a 50kg bag of top grade AA coffee fetches about \$500 at the weekly auction in Nairobi, a bag of lower grade coffee goes for about \$150. But experts say the value of this lower grade coffee can be doubled when roasted. *allafrica*

# World News

## Trump's first visit as president might not be anticipated by Cameron

**LONDON** - Donald Trump's election victory delighted the dapper Tory frontbencher Sir Alan Duncan, 59, our 'Minister of State for Europe and the Americas'.

A mutual friend tells me Duncan predicted that Trump 'will win fairly decisively and this will be good for a trade agreement with the UK'. Incidentally, a punter wagering £5 in January on a treble bet on Leicester City winning the Premiership, the UK voting for Brexit and Donald Trump becoming president would collect about £15million.

The new US president elect was serenaded by the Rolling Stones' classic You Can't Always Get What You Want when he met his exultant supporters. Recently the band's management complained about him using their music. But band leader Sir Mick Jagger, 73, now says: "Maybe they'll ask me to sing at the inauguration."

Self-assured American writer Bonnie Greer has appeared recently on the BBC's Question Time, Newsnight and The Daily Politics, claiming preposterously that President Obama's threat to put the post-Brexit UK at the back of the queue for trade deals was 'a mistake of politesse as opposed to a mistake of reality'. **AFP**



**READY: Bernie Sanders.**

## Bernie Sanders, Warren extend olive branch to Trump

**WASHINGTON, United States** - Bernie Sanders, who galvanised young Americans during this year's Democratic primary race, said on Wednesday he is ready to work with president-elect Donald Trump if he wants to "improve the lives of working families."

"Donald Trump tapped into the anger of a declining middle class that is sick and tired of establishment economics, establishment politics and the establishment media," the Vermont senator said in a statement following the Republican billionaire's surprise victory, which has sent shockwaves through the United States and around the world.

"To the degree that Trump is serious about pursuing policies that improve the lives of working families in this country, I and other progressives are prepared to work with him," added Sanders, the left-leaning independent who called for a political revolution. **AFP**

# MEXICO PONDERES NEW US RELATIONSHIP

**MEXICO CITY** - Hours after the United States elected Donald Trump to be its next president, Mexico began carefully laying the groundwork for a relationship with a new leader who campaigned against its citizens and threatened to wreak havoc with its economy.

President Enrique Pena Nieto sent a series of messages from his official Twitter account on Wednesday morning, congratulating not Trump himself but the American electorate, and said he was ready to work with Trump to advance the countries' relationship.

"Mexico and the United States are friends, partners and allies that must continue collaborating for the competitiveness and development of North America," Pena Nieto wrote. The messages came shortly after Mexico's Treasury Secretary Jose



**GOOD RELATIONS:** Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto.

Antonio Meade tried to strike a reassuring tone in a news conference by saying that Mexico's financial position is strong in the face of a falling peso. He says no immediate actions are planned.

But the threat is real. The United States is Mexico's largest trading partner and the North American Free Trade Agreement, which Trump has said he wants to re-negotiate,

is the backbone of that commerce. "The relationship of Mexico and the US is uncertain," said Isidro Morales, of the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education.

"Donald Trump is not a person of institutions. Surely it will be a unilateral policy worse than (George W) Bush and we don't know what to expect." Mexico's currency appeared to track Trump's rising and falling fortunes throughout the campaign and fell sharply Tuesday night. According to Banco Base, the peso dropped 9.56%, its biggest daily loss since 1995.

The poor would bear the brunt. In the streets, Mexicans fretted about just how many of Trump's promises to deport millions of immigrants, revamp trade relations and make Mexico pay for a border wall would come to fruition. **AP**

## Philippines' Duterte to stop quarrels with US after Trump win

**KUALA LUMPUR** - Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte congratulated Donald Trump on his election win and said on Wednesday he now wishes to stop quarrelling with the United States, recalling his anger at the Obama administration for criticising him.

The maverick leader, dubbed "Trump of the East" for his unrestrained rants and occasional lewd remarks, has repeatedly hit out at Washington in recent months, threatening to cut defence pacts and end military joint drills. "I would like to congratulate Donald Trump. Long live," Duterte said in a speech to the Filipino community during a visit to Malaysia.

"We are both making curses. Even with trivial matters we curse. I was supposed to stop because Trump is there. I don't want to quarrel anymore,

because Trump has won."

Duterte won a May election by a huge margin and is often compared with Trump, having himself been the alternative candidate from outside of national politics.

### Campaigned

He campaigned on a populist, anti-establishment platform and struck a chord among ordinary Filipinos with his promises to fix what he called a broken country.

But the biggest surprise of Duterte's presidency so far has been his hostility toward the United States, shown during near-daily eruptions of anger over its concerns about human rights abuses during his deadly war on drugs. He has also threatened repeatedly to sever a military relationship that has been a key element of Washington's "pivot" to Asia.

Duterte on Wednesday told Filipinos how angry he had



**CONGRATULATES:** Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte.

been at Washington, saying it had threatened to cut off aid and had treated the Philippines like a dog tied to a post.

"They talk as if we are still the colonies," he said.

"You do not give us the aid, shit, to hell with you," he said, recalling comments he had directed at Obama. Last month Trump told Reuters that the Philippines was a very important strategic location and that Duterte's comments about removing foreign troops showed "a lack of respect for our country." **Reuters**

## Honduran President says he will seek re-election next year

**MEXICO CITY** - Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez on Wednesday said he would seek re-election next year, despite warnings from the opposition that his plans violate the constitution of the violent Central American nation.

The Supreme Court paved Hernandez' way by issuing a ruling

last year that overturned an explicit constitutional ban on presidential reelection, after the 2009 ouster of former leftist President Manuel Zelaya who sought a referendum on the issue.

The president, who gained popularity by cutting the murder rate through his aggressive fight against drug trafficking and gangs, said he

would only seek one more term, from 2018-2021.

### Favourite

Hernandez, a conservative lawyer who took office in 2014, is the favourite to win his National Party primaries in March.

Opposition politicians slammed the decision, saying the judicial ruling was unconstitutional and vio-

lates the Democratic principle of alternating leaders in power.

"This is the same situation as in 2009. Reelection is illegal in Honduras and puts us on the path to a crisis," said Romeo Vásquez, the retired general who led the coup against Zelaya and who now heads a small opposition party. **Reuters**

## BRIEFS

### Vampire-obsessed trucker gets 20 years

**SALT LAKE CITY** - A Utah trucker who pleaded guilty to keeping women as sex slaves in his semi-trailer as he drove across the country was sentenced on Wednesday to 20 years in prison. Timothy Jay Vafeades, 56, sexually assaulted and brutally beat the victims almost daily after trapping them in his truck and forcibly grinding down their teeth, federal prosecutors said. One woman told a judge that her months-long ordeal began when she got into his truck to go to dinner with him. **AP**

### EU warns 'backsliding' Turkey

**BRUSSELS** - The EU warned Turkey on Wednesday that "backsliding" on rights after a coup attempt was putting its membership bid at risk and urged Ankara to decide whether or not to commit. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan however hit back at the "shameless" European Union and challenged it in return to make a final choice on Turkey's long-stalled application for a place in the bloc. "Turkey has apparently chosen to move away from Europe," EU enlargement commissioner Johannes Hahn said as he unveiled an annual report on EU candidate countries. **AFP**

### Gunman binged on drugs before shooting

**LOS ANGELES** - A gunman was bingeing on drugs when he randomly opened fire on Tuesday in a peaceful Southern California neighbourhood, killing a neighbour and wounding two women before police shot him, authorities said. The 45-year-old man was found dead in the entryway to an Azusa home, ending an hour-long stand-off east of Los Angeles. His name wasn't immediately released. The shooting that erupted at around 14:00 on Tuesday closed two nearby polling places at a park and an elementary school in the San Gabriel Valley. **AP**



### 'Afghan girl' devastated about deportment

**KABUL** - Afghanistan's president on Wednesday welcomed back Sharbat Gula, the green-eyed woman immortalised on a National Geographic cover, after she was deported from Pakistan to the war-torn homeland she first fled decades ago. Pakistani officials handed over Gula, whose haunting eyes were captured in a cover photo taken in a refugee camp in the 1980s, to Afghan border authorities after escorting her from a Peshawar hospital where she was being treated for Hepatitis C. Gula, arguably Afghanistan's most famous refugee, was arrested last month for living in Pakistan on fraudulent identity papers. **AFP**

### Haiti launches vaccination campaign

**LES CAYES** - Haiti has launched a massive cholera vaccination campaign to battle a flare-up after Hurricane Matthew, but concerns remain about the capacity for longer-term improvements to water and sanitation infrastructure needed to eradicate the disease. The cholera campaign, launched on Tuesday in two southern areas hammered by the storm, is aiming to be the world's largest, targeting 820 000 people, said Ernsly Jackson, an immunisation specialist for UNICEF Haiti. Haiti has battled a cholera outbreak that has sickened more than 800 000 people and killed about 9 000 since 2010, when the bacteria was imported into the country by a contingent of United Nations peacekeepers. **Reuters**



# HANDS UP, FINGERS SNAP

as Banele raises the standard of praise, the POF finals make history

IT is hard to believe the 'festive season' is already upon us.

Whooooa! Time flies indeed. This weekend will see yet another accomplishment by the adventurous and ambitious Macford Sibandze alongside Larry Mhlanga.

The two once pulled off the LOL Comedy competition which literally gave birth to comedy in the country. On Saturday they will be recording the Poetry Festival in their books of success stories.

The one stop most exquisite hotel, The George Hotel will be the host of this poetry competition.

Moving right along from that, gospel queens Banele Dlamini and Nothando Hlophe will be holding hands as Dlamini records her live CD. Well then, here is where to clear your head this weekend:

## TONIGHT

**What:** The love of house music

**Time:** 8.30pm

**Where:** Pub N Grill

**What:** Born to worship summer experience

**Time:** 6pm

**Where:** UNISWA Chapel  
Various groups of young

people who meet for lunch hour fellowship have organised and put together the summer worship experience. Featuring Jesus Calls Worship Centre's Phuthumile Dlamini, Shekinah and UNISWA's Anita. Tickets are at an affordable E15.

## TOMORROW

**What:** Poetry Festival (POF) Competition

**Time:** 6pm

**Where:** The George Hotel



23 aspiring poets get on in the battle of the most favoured wordplay in the land. Catch Miss Swaziland and other members of the cabinet who will be at The George to witness themselves yet another 'history in the making'. Tickets are retailing at E50 and they will also be available at the door.

**What:** Banele Live CD Recording

**Time:** 6pm

**Where:** Sibane Hotel  
Banele Dlamini, the energetic, larger than life

queen of gospel music will be having her live CD recording at Sibane Hotel. She will be assisted by Joyous Celebration's Nomthi Sibisi and Swaziland's very own Nothando Hlophe.

**What:** Ukuthokoza Kwamadodana launch

**Time:** 6pm

**Where:** Swedish Free Church (Manzini)  
Catch those heart-warming sounds at the Ukuthokoza Kwamadodana Launch in Manzini at the Swedish Free Church, opposite VOC.

## Vetkoek and Mahoota for Swazi shores

THE ever vibrant Déjà vu Cocktail Lounge at Esibayeni Lodge will be kick starting the festive season with Vetkoek and Mahoota who will be launching their new album titled 'Sohamba ngo 7'.

The show is slated for November, 19.

According to Swazi Boy's Mthunzi 'Shadow' Zwane, the show is part of the tour in promotion of



'Sohamba ngo7'. "Vetkoek and Mahoota will be bringing along Spark Bantwana and Character to support

their performance. As per usual, this will be an explosive show and revellers should brace themselves for a great time," said Zwane. The show will start at 6pm and supporting acts will be The Homeboys and Déjà vu Cocktail Lounge resident deejays. Entry fee is free for ladies before 9pm and the cover charge will be E70 before midnight and E100 after midnight.



## NO SMOOTHFEST THIS YEAR

Stories by Phumelele Mkhonta

THE highly anticipated SmoothFest, an FNB sponsored event that has attracted music lovers from all over Swaziland and the Sub-Saharan region will not be held this year because of the challenges inflicted by the drought that hit the country.

According to FNB's Communication Specialist Sibusile Sigwane, FNB was concerned with the major challenges caused by the current drought situation faced by the country.

She noted that at a time when FNB's major clients were going through a challenging period and required financial support, the bank was hesitant to host a major entertainment event out of principle.

"In an effort to refresh and re-

launch an even bigger, world class FNB SmoothFest, we are happy to reveal that the next SmoothFest will be hosted in 2017 with the hope that the event will incorporate a world class line up," said Sigwane.

## Re-launched

She further reassured SmoothFest attendants that the event will be re-launched in due course with a very strong artist line-up that will live up to the memorable experience offered in past events.

Over the years, the event has attracted music lovers from Swaziland, South Africa, Botswana and Mozambique and has grown to great proportions. Since the first SmoothFest which kicked off in the year 2013, FNB has been commended for staging an event of a high calibre that appeals to the more mature segment of music lovers.

## Njebza, Shota's single hits 2 000 downloads

'I Party Kabani', a hit track by Swazi deejay and music producer Njabulo 'Njebza' Mbhamali and South African artist and businessman Mngqobi 'Shota' Mdabe has received more than 2 000 downloads on social media (Facebook).

The track was released just three weeks ago and it is proving to be a hit as it currently getting massive air play in South African radio stations, namely; Metro FM, Ukhozi FM and other radio stations. It has also been played numerous times on SBIS. The track is a fusion of kwaito and commercial house, a perfect way to dance this festive season.

According to Kool Swazi Entertainment's Mfundo 'DJ Mfundo' Mbhamali who also acts as



Njebza's manager, it is highly likely that 'I Party Kabani' becomes a crossover song.

"This song is already playing in every corner of South Africa and Swaziland and it is inevitably going viral," said Mbhamali.

He also revealed that the production team is working on a few logistics for

the production of the video.

"The video will obviously be shot in Swaziland.

"We are planning on shooting in four different places in the country and we are hopeful that potential sponsors will be part of the film and we hope it makes it to Trace Africa," he said.

# PERSONALITIES SPEAK ON TRUMP'S VICTORY

By Phumelele Mkhonta

THE world came to a standstill when Republican candidate Donald Trump was elected as president of the United States of America, much against opposed popular belief that Hillary Clinton was the obvious candidate to triumph.

The final outcome was the talk of the town and people expressed their feelings through conversations all over social media.

This publication took time out to hear the views of the who's who of the country's social circles and this is what they had to say:

## Tembuso Sukati (Make-Up artist)

I am saddened. I have never been to the USA but by the looks of things I will have to wait five more years. I am just mourning the death of that country.

## Macford Sibandze (Talent Manager and Actor)

I predicted as early as last year that he would win and Hillary seemed too serious and desperate, yet Trump



took it lightly.

It was when Hillary did a festival of insults that I realised she had lost it. About five people owe me because I told them he would win. Trump does not represent Wall Street intelligentsia but speaks to the needs of ordinary people.

It's a historic 11/9 just like it was a historic 9/11.

Whether he would be the best president or worse will be determined by what he does in the first 100 days and two years. Again what is the best president?

**Sifiso 'Illa Penboy' Ndlangamandla (Rapper)**



"Never underestimate the power of the other side in large groups. Americans have spoken loudly and boldly. Congratulations to the new president.

Here is my prayer to the United States of America and the world at large; "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever.



Amen."

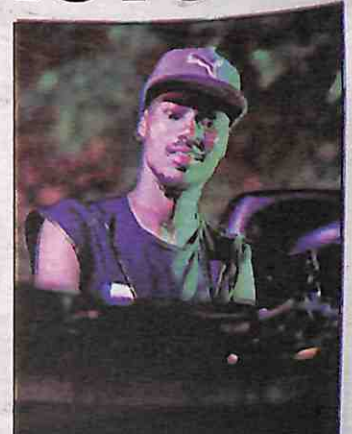
## Samkelo 'Zulu D' Zulu (deejay)

The fact that Donald Trump is the new president-elect is absolutely unbelievable to say the least.

I mean a few people, if any, saw it coming; at least, in our part of the world.

With no past political experience and extremist views on a number of key issues, he was a total outsider in the run up to November, 8 (Election Day).

The odds were always in favour of Hillary Clinton who boast vast



political experience having served as Secretary of State for many years and on brink of making history by becoming the first female president of the United States of America.

## Khanyokuhle Tonic Deep Mkhonta (deejay)

The American people have exercised their voting rights to put in power a leader they wish to rule them to the future.

We hope the chosen president continues to assist developing African countries with economic growth and education.

## FLAMEBOY UNIVERSE, BHOLOJA 'ELECTRIFY' AT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

By Nomfundo Sifundza

### ONE of 2016's greatest finds in the hip hop fraternity

Flameboy Universe, as well as veteran entertainer, guitarist, and vocalist Bholoja, has individually wowed hundreds of people who attended the Global Leadership Summit, which was held at Emafini last week.

The two artists took to the stage twice apiece, and had the audience requesting eating from the palms of their hands.

"The feeling one gets for being appreciated at home is greater than words can ever explain. I have been humbled beyond measure to render my music to such a keen, and visibly supportive crowd," said Bholoja, whose set had songs from both his old and his latest albums.

Bholoja released a sequel to Swazi Soul late last year, and aptly titled it 'Swazi Soul 2'. Some of the songs in the new album which proved to be hits with the audience included 'Kahle nge mshiza', 'Pikoko', 'Yendlulisa', 'Afrika' and 'Lendzawo.'

He also belted out surprise worship tunes not found on either of his two albums.

Meanwhile, Flameboy Universe consolidated his claim to stardom by performing his hit song 'Nowerdays', as well as three other unreleased songs. The rapper literally owned the stage, and surprisingly, had both the old and young dancing up a storm.

"The crowd was amazing! The

loud cheering I got during and after the performance felt so unbelievable.

"Once again, thank you so much to all those who have given us a chance to shine this year," he said.

He attributed his great performance at the event to hard work, positivity and his dedicated band. "I recently met up with the band which goes by the name Durable Strings, awesome guys to work with.

"They are just too talented.

### Recordings

"They instantly loved my recordings, hence it became easy to work with them," he said.

On sharing the stage with Bholoja, Flameboy Universe said that was his major highlight thus far.

"My year was made. Sharing a stage with someone we all look up to like Bholoja is every young artist's dream, and I learnt that relaxing while on stage when performing with great artists is key.

Bholoja inspired me to believe that anything in this world is possible if you dare dream and work towards it," he said.

Flameboy Universe, who is currently recording material for his first commercial project due for a 2017 release, is already clinching more bookings for the festive season within and outside Swaziland.

The artist can be followed on the page [www.facebook.com/nowerdays](http://www.facebook.com/nowerdays) or [www.twitter.com/flameboyUNVS](http://www.twitter.com/flameboyUNVS).

## TIBI TENDLU

The dirt that binds



## Tibi Tendlu film creating frenzy

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**TIBI Tendlu/ The Dirt That Binds film produced by local communities is creating much hype in the country.**

The film unpacks hidden family secrets that cause emotional harm because one too many Swazis believe in harbouring sensitive matters.

According to Yebo Art Gallery's Alleta Armstrong, the film has been screening in many communities around the country, with its last one being held at the Swaziland Theatre Club last Thursday.

She added "the film has become a platform for dialogue surrounding a subject that has long been covered over".

Armstrong further invited members of the public to the movie's next screening which is scheduled for Movie Zone, at The Gables.

Armstrong later shared a communiqué sent by one of their biggest non-governmental organ-

isations, the President's Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) which read; "According to a report by CANGO this year, we know that nearly eight out of 10 Swazi women are survivors of gender-based violence (GBV).

For that reason, the U.S. government, and specifically PEPFAR, was proud to partner with Mari Gardner and the courageous women featured in the documentary, 'Tibi Tendlu'.

Through the film, women are able to share their personal stories as victims of GBV in Swaziland.

We have sponsored several community screenings of the film, which have allowed people to openly discuss GBV and its devastating impact on society. Along with our local partners, the US government will continue to champion women's full participation in Swazi society."

DVDs of the sensational 'Tibi Tendlu/ The Dirt That Binds' are available at Yebo ArtReach offices in Ezulwini.

## QUAD ELEMENT NOW OWN ENTERTAINMENT STABLE

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**AFRO Soul band, Quad Element have officially launched their own entertainment stable called Neotone Entertainment.**

The new stable aims to contain within itself an entire entertainment package ranging from vocalists, guitarists, poets, sibhaca and ingadla dancers and many more. This was gathered from the founder and Director Mandla Mdluli who also doubles as a bassist in the group.

Mdluli highlighted that Neotone Entertainment would host auditions next weekend, at their offices in Ngwenya, situated inside Encrypto Lounge.

"From the auditions we will basically be looking for artists in all genres of art, especially traditional instrument players," he said. However Mdluli stated he would not be the one managing the artists to be signed under the new stable but they (Quad Element) have hired a sound engineer, Senzo Bulunga to take on the role as manager of Neotone Entertainment.

Unfortunately due to the group's busy schedule, they will not be able to launch the new adventure in an event as per norm with newly established stables but would kick-off their first public show with the auditions. Mdluli expressed the group's excitement in that they would also be opening their own recording studio as soon as the desired artists have been secured and signed.

"Since we are looking at signing artists from just about all genres, we also want to make a home for them so we will be opening our recording studio," he said.



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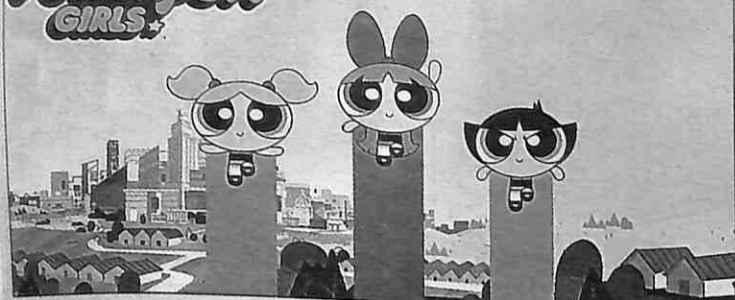
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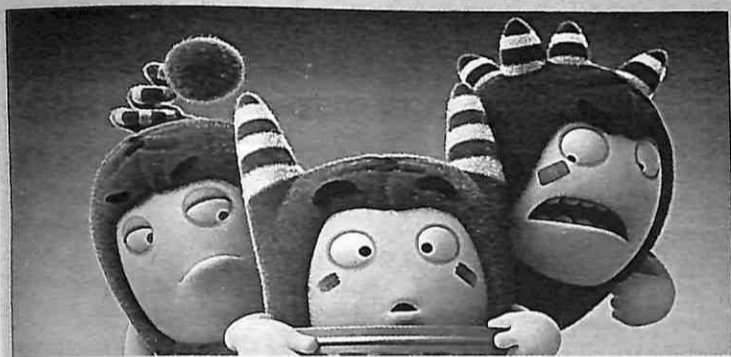
**the POWERPUFF GIRLS**



### THE POWERPUFF GIRLS

**Tomorrow 10:41 | Cartoon Network (301)**  
S1/E22 - Mommy Fearest'. When danger looms in Townsville, the call goes out for

Bubbles, Blossom and Buttercup - the Powerpuff Girls - who fly into action against villains to save the day before bed time.



### ODDBODS

**Tomorrow 17:25 | Boomerang (302)**  
There's a little odd in everybody so follow the quirky

adventures of the Oddbods - bundled up in bright fur suits and ready for just about anything!



### INGLORIOUS BASTERDS

**Tomorrow 20:00 | TCM (137)**  
Quentin Tarantino's smash hit

war movie, with eight Oscar nominations. Starring Brad Pitt and Mélanie Laurent as they try and assassinate Hitler.

### ROBBIE COLTRANES CRITICAL EVIDENCE

**Sunday 20:00 | Crime + Investigation (170)**

When there's a murder with no suspect, no leads and perhaps not even a body, investigators face their toughest test. Evidence must be gathered. Evidence must be analysed. But evidence is worthless if it can't be pinned to a suspect. In this brand new series, exclusive to Crime + Investigation®, British actor and comedian Robbie Coltrane (Harry Potter, Cracker) reveals eight of the hardest, most complex and baffling murder cases ever to be



investigated by British police. The focus of each programme is the trail of evidence: how it was discovered, what it meant and how it became critical to cracking the case. With interviews from the lead investigators and forensic specialists, many speaking for the first time, Robbie reveals the astonishing twists and turns of often stranger-than-fiction cases. It is a record of the detectives' art: using skill and determination to solve seemingly unsolvable cases - because the only difference between success and failure is critical evidence.

# PEARL THUSI TALKS QUANTICO

**SOUTH** Africa has been swelling with pride since our home girl Pearl Thusi landed a role in the international series 'Quantico S2' on Vuzu AMP 103 (20:30 on Mondays and available on DStv Catch Up).

The KZN-born Lip Sync Battle Africa host and SA social butterfly landed in the big time alongside Priyanka Chopra and we had a little chat with her to see how she's getting along.

The million-dollar question is: what's it like working on a famous international production such as 'Quantico'?

### IT'S INCREDIBLE!

Working with a large, lovely and incredibly professional group of individuals has contributed so much to me and my career. It hasn't been long but I feel like I've grown immeasurably. I'm also excited to see what happens to my character as the season rolls out and what this will mean for other actors from South Africa. I hope we receive and also create more opportunities like this.

### How are you adapting to New York?

It feels like home. I visited New York with Universal Music two years ago and I didn't want to leave. So coming back in this way was only something the universe and God could orchestrate. As much as I miss home and all my loved ones, I am feeling very fulfilled and happy here.

### What has been your biggest highlight so far?

Absorbing the plethora and vivid diversity in the city. There are so many incredible sounds and stories here that you can never ignore. I've never resided outside of South Africa so every day and every new thing I learn is a highlight.

So far I think it was the reality of the first episode airing, seeing my name on the screen and my country celebrating what I believe is OUR achievement.

It's the people who watched, hired and in any way contributed to where I am now that must also be celebrated. I am nothing without all those firm and strong building blocks.

### What has been the biggest challenge?

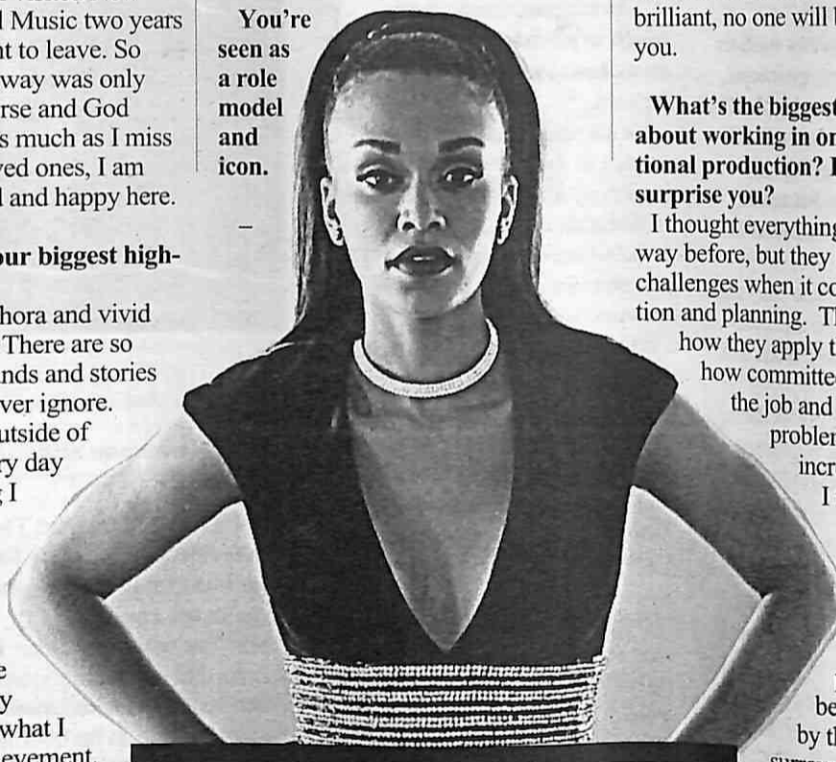
Learning to be a part of a new community isn't easy. I have a new found respect for anyone who takes the plunge and immigrates or chooses to be a working foreigner in any country.

If we could learn from such courage and resilience we'd grow so much as a people. Xenophobia really is a terrible cancer, yet a curable disease - if we would just open our hearts, ears and minds. There is so much to learn.

### Many are saying you and Priyanka are changing the American entertainment dynamic, what does this mean to you?

I think there have been many before us, but we live in a different age where it is so easy to amplify your mark and contribution yet it isn't as easy to sustain it. Give us a chance. Priyanka is a super power and I am learning many incredible and valuable lessons from her too.

You're seen as a role model and icon.



### what's the biggest message you'd like to get across to your fans?

You can do it too. You could even do it better. Just be YOU.

### What are you yourself watching on telly at the moment?

I don't really get much time to watch television. But some of my favourite things to watch are: (I don't have access to DStv here so don't judge) 'Quantico', 'How to Get Away with Murder', 'Orange is the New Black', 'Stranger Things', 'House of Cards', 'Scandal' - among others.

### What's the difference between working in SA and Africa and New York?

You can't really compare the two. The entertainment industry here - the artists take themselves very seriously, so the corporates have too as well.

### How do you feel the media in America is reacting, are they more supportive?

People have been incredible here. And I'm extremely grateful, but media coverage and value is not what I'm after. My craft and growth as an actor is the most important thing. The rest will come later. If your work is brilliant, no one will be able to ignore you.

### What's the biggest misconception about working in on an international production? Did anything surprise you?

I thought everything was planned way before, but they have similar challenges when it comes to production and planning. The difference is how they apply themselves and how committed everyone is to the job and solving the problem. It's truly incredible to watch. I feel like I'm a part of an amazing family - it's awesome! I knew there'd be nice people, but I've been blown away by the kindness that surrounds me.

## MARS

**Sunday 20:05 | National Geographic (181)**

MARS will tell the epic story of the thrilling quest to colonise Mars and the first manned mission in 2032 with dramatic scripted drama and feature film-calibre visual effects, intercut with documentary verité and interviews from present-day scientists and innovators who are leading the research and development of space technology.



## International Celebrity News

### Beyonce is a savage

WASHINGTON - Hillary Clinton LOST, and Beyonce is ready to TURN THE PAGE.

You see as of yesterday morning, all images of Hillary Clinton have been removed from Beyonce's page.

Her homepage still shows images from the Cleveland concert that she and Jay Z threw for Hillary. But this weekend, Beyonce included two images of Hillary on the page.

But as of yesterday morning both of those images are gone. Bey is a SAVAGE!!

TMZ



SAVAGE: Beyonce.

### Chyna rushed to hospital

LOS ANGELES - Chyna and Rob are preparing to have their baby inside a Los Angeles hospital. MediaTakeOut.com confirmed that members of the ROB AND CHYNA reality show production team were called into ACTION late Wednesday.

According to our snitch in production, Chyna went into "pre-labor" and was taken to the hospital. Luckily everything looks fine - it just seems like Chyna's baby, which is due next week, is coming a bit early.

So what CAUSED the baby to



PARENTS TO BE: Black Chyna and Rob.

come early? Media Take Out.com learned that Chyna was "under stress" because of Wednesday's election of Donald Trump as president. MTO

### DeGeneres offers Americans message of hope

HOLLYWOOD

Ellen DeGeneres is keeping her head held high. The Finding Dory star, wearing a sweater that had "love" written on it, taped a monologue Tuesday afternoon based on the outcome that Donald Trump won the presidency, which ended up

happening hours later.

While Hollywood has reacted



WELL, WELL, WELL: Ellen DeGeneres.

to the election results in different ways, Ellen chose to keep her speech positive, uplifting and funny.

"Well, well, well. The election is finally over. I don't want to know the results, don't tell me. Don't spoil it. It's on my

DVR. I'm watching other stuff," she began. Eonline

### Jenner gives a tour of mansion

LOS ANGELES - Having moved twice in under a year, this star knows a thing or two about decorating a multi-million dollar home.

Kylie Jenner took fans inside her Hidden Hills home on Wednesday via a series of snaps.

The 19-year-old showed off a number of rooms around the \$6 million property on Snapchat.

Kylie - who also owns the house next door too - has made sure everyone from her four-legged friend's to her boyfriend's mates are taken care of.

It is no secret the teen is a dog



SHOWS OFF: Kylie Jenner.

lover so her beloved Italian greyhounds Norman and Bambi are more than catered for.

Dailymail

## SA Celebrity News

### Idols stars take bite of Big Apple

WASHINGTON - Idols SA hopefuls are in the swing of things as excitement mounts in the US over the presidential elections outcome.

The musicians are on a tour of the US as part of their prize for making the last-four stage.

On Monday they took a bus trip around New York City, had dinner and drinks at the South African consulate.

On Wednesday they were scheduled to attend the recording of the Harry show hosted by



EXCITED: Idols hopefuls.

singer and actor Harry Cornick Jnr. Sowetan

### Fans roast Kid X for spelling error on new video

JOHANNESBURG - Fans roasted Kid X for text error on his new music video, 'Laundry day fresh' which was erroneously spelled as 'Lauadry day fresh'.

It was a reminder of the same mistake fellow rapper Cassper Nyovest made with his #FillUpOrlandoStadium T-shirts when the word 'stadium' was spelled as 'staduim'.

Cassper laughed it off as a PR exercise on his part. Could Kid X be on the same path?



COSTLY ERROR: Kid X.

### Okmalumkoolkat opens up about Australia

JOHANNESBURG - The rapper, whose real name is Smiso Zwane, served one month of a six-month sentence in a Tasmanian jail for assault with intent of indecency and assault with intent in January this year.

Speaking to Anele Mdoda on Real Talk recently, Okmalumkoolkat finally opened up about what happened the night he got arrested in Australia.



SPEAKS OUT: Smiso 'Okmalumkoolkat' Zwane.

"I was lost in the hotel, looking for my way to my room. And there is a sliding door open, so I'm thinking maybe that could be the way for me to get to the corridors to go to my room," he said. Sundayworld

### Malinga bids fans goodbye

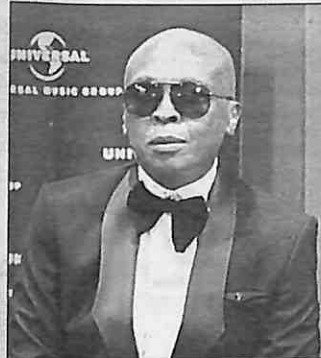
JOHANNESBURG - When Robbie Malinga set foot on the Idols SA stage a few weeks ago, the 46-year-old looked like a hungry teen in the limelight for the first time.

So much passion and vigour - and this after 20 years in the industry.

He has produced chart-topping hits for most of the country's musicians.

He says he still gets goose bumps from writing and producing music for other artists.

But he announced the time has come for him to hang up his own mic - a huge disappointment to his



RETIRING: Robbie Malinga.

many fans. Sundayworld

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Jabu suddenly finds his life in grave danger. Fezile makes a life altering decision. Lerato is unaware of the dark force surrounding her, while Thandeka gets an attractive offer.



LIFE CHANGING DECISION: Fezile.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



ISSUES DIRECTIVE: Nina.

Nina gives Calvin a chilling ultimatum. Barker's shocked to hear his son's back in town. Lerato and Zukisa's unexpected windfall leads them to act unwisely.

Muvhango

TODAY



CHALLENGED: Matshidiso.

Serithi changes her statement. KK tries to use Nomarashiya against Matshidiso. Mulalo is relegated to the floor.

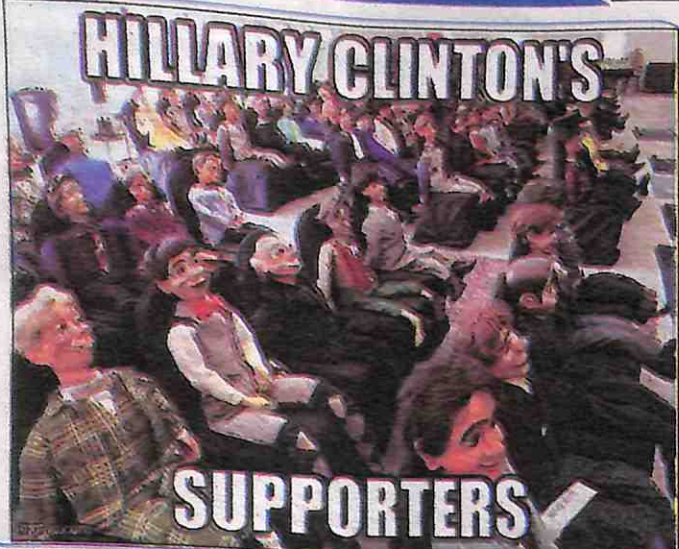
RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Doc's relations have Bongzi in their sights. Zinzi stands up for her mother. People flock to the spaza because of the presence of the alleged angel. Sabelo decides to devote himself to the job.



STEPS UP: Zinzi.



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

## Capricorn Dec 22 – Jan 19

Your inquiring mind has no trouble getting at the heart of any question. Woe to anyone who tries to argue with you or hide things from you. You will use your natural instincts for some research, detective work or any undercover operations—always curious. Today you may have the opportunity to help set things right, in favour of society and not necessarily big business. Get your facts straight and write an outline of the steps to success. Follow through as important as the will to change problematic business matters to a positive; you can do it.



and otherwise show your breadth of scope—like a coat of many colors.

## Cancer June 22 – July 22

You are in love with what is practical, right down to the last detail. Spiritual matters that are not necessarily religious bring you new insights. You appreciate tradition and ceremony and are a conservative in all things. The beauty and meaning of symbolism may find you visiting different religious groups from time to time. The order of things, rituals, patterns and symbols give you the grounding you need to function in reality. The two must balance for you to feel complete.



## Aquarius January 20 – February 18

A complicated project just calls out for you to make the final verifications. Take care not to let others talk you out of your breaks or by the end of the day, you could become overstressed. When your superior at work needs your help, ask for assistance with what you are working on now.



## Leo July 23 – August 22

You have a continued interest in adventure and look for challenges that will test you in many different ways. This is indeed your time to shine, like a swirl of star-stuff that has finally reached critical mass and suddenly starts to give off more light than it receives. Issues of pride, mastery and appreciation become more and more central to your life stream as this cycle progresses.



## Pisces February 19 – March 20

Something not working in the workplace may need a closer look. You can be impatient until you learn a discovery can be made to help turn a difficult process into a rather simple one. At any level, action takes wisdom and stamina. You can perform with the imagination and metaphysical thoughts as friends come to you for your insight.



## Aries March 21 – April 19

You will have several opportunities to work with young people today—perhaps teaching some to express their special talents. You have an inner drive to be all things to all people and would rather bend than argue or make an issue. You are a natural diplomat, always courteous and concerned with the comfort and welfare of others. You stay in the background until you need to make the best of your own talents.



## Taurus April 20 – May 20

You keep up a mean pace most of this day, especially with the benefit of conference calls, email and video feeds. Anything you may have wanted to do, but just keep putting off, should be a matter of your attention early this morning. Cleaning off your desk and working out-of-doors is also a possibility. Perhaps you are a salesperson and work outside the office. Later this afternoon your travel to an out-of-the-ordinary place could be just what the mind, body and spirit needs after the workday ends.



## Gemini May 21 – June 21

You may come face-to-face today with someone who has very different values than you do. You could find yourself cast in an opposing position. You compromise and find some sort of middle ground in which to deal with a situation. You are very tolerant and accepting of other people's differences. You have good insights into all social values. Independent. You like to simplify, compromise

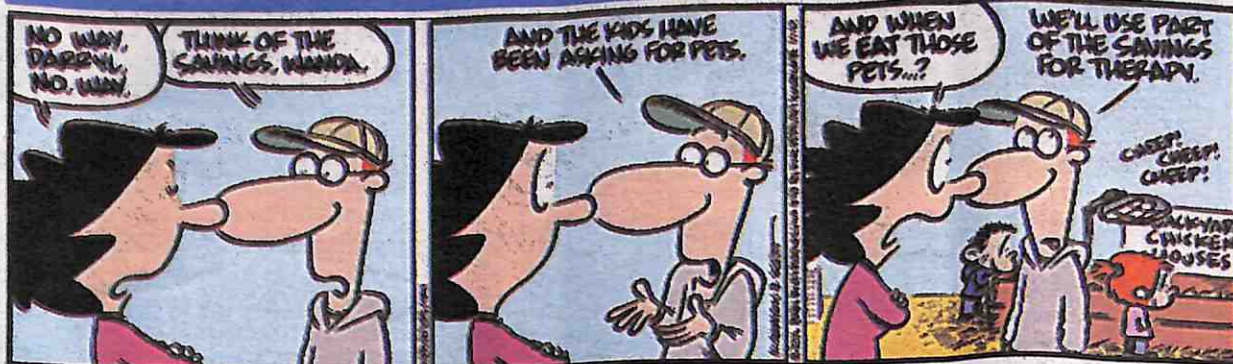


## Sagittarius Nov 22 – Dec 21

This is a nice day that should flow along very well. In particular, you will do well in activities that include group involvement. You could feel real support and harmony for circumstances and those around you. You find new ways to serve others and you have brilliant insights into diet, health, ecology, conservation, etc. You are very independent when it comes to your own security and family.



## BABY BLUES



## BUCKLES

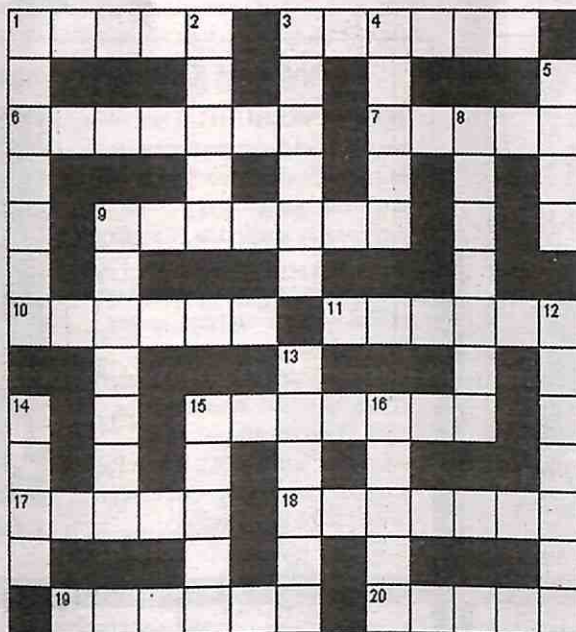


## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## MINI CROSSWORD - 12

## PUZZLE CHOICE



## ACROSS

1. Catlike mammal (5)
3. Claws (6)
6. Deep sea bass (7)
7. Viper (5)
9. Great ape (7)
10. Edible decapod crustacean (6)
11. Burrowing rodent (6)
15. Domestic fowl (7)
17. Percoid fish (5)
18. Chirping insect (7)
19. Deer horn (6)
20. Arboreal prosimian with long furry tail (5)

## DOWN

1. Young swans (7)
2. Nocturnal ungulate with fleshy snout (5)
3. Chelonian reptile (6)
4. S. American animal (5)
5. Amphibian (4)
8. Variety of small toothed whale (7)
9. Tallest living quadruped (7)
12. Adult male chicken (7)
13. Part of a crab's claw (6)
14. Domesticated ox (4)
15. Dromedary or Bactrian (5)
16. Major food source for baleen whales (5)

## DIRTY NUN



A man gets on a bus, and ends up sitting next to a very attractive nun. Enamoured with her, he asks if he can have sex with her. Naturally, she says no, and gets off the bus.

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The man decides to try it, and dresses up in his best God costume.

At eight, he sees the nun and appears before her. "Oh, God!" she exclaims. "Take me with you!" The man tells the nun she must first have sex with him to prove her loyalty. The nun says yes, but tells him she prefers anal sex. Before you know it, they're getting down to it, having nasty, grumpy, loud sex. After it's over, the man pulls off his God disguise. "Ha, ha!" he says, "I'm the man from the bus!" "Ha, ha!" says the nun, removing her costume, "I'm the bus driver!"

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Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ta Nomsa Frozen Dlamini lotalwa nguMake Sarah Mkhathshwa na Babe Ronnie Dlamini kutsi sewusishiyile emhlabeni ufihlwa ngeLisontfo 13/11/16 ekhaya eNhlambeni emva kwemlindzelo ngeMgcibelo.

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Tjengisile Dlamini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo nga 0600hrs ekhaya kubo eMehlwa bovu ngemuva kwemlindzelo lotaba ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 12/11/2016. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu babe wakhe Elliot Maguga Dlamini,



Relatives and friends of Gcebile Sguva Fakudze are notified of her demise. She will be laid to rest on Sunday 13/11/2016 at Mbikwakhe after a night vigil on Saturday 12/11/2016. Announcement by her husband Ntokozo Vilakati on behalf of the family.

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I will surely

defend my ways to

his face.

18 DEATHS



Relatives & Friends of **Victor Madzinane** are notified of his demise. He was working at Manta office equipment. He will be laid to rest at Sigombeni on Saturday 12/11/16 after a night vigil at Makholweni. Announcement by his mother Matilda Vilakati.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Thomas Magudlani Gamedze** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekhakhakhe ka G w e b u , kaNgongolwane, ka N k a n t i n i , basemsebentini enkantolo kaMnazini kanye nembutfo w a s e Nkabezweni, ufihlwa ngemgcibelo 12/11/2016 ekhaya lakhe kuBulunga ngemv a kwemlindzelo ,ngale sihlanu. Ibhansi ngu Phinduvuke 5:30 pm .Kwatiswa libandla lakhe eQinisweni esinotwi (lihawu) batochub aumsebenti .Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Steven Gamedze Umnakabo.



Emalangenase D u z e n a s e Luyengweni wish to inform relatives, friends and all consent that **Prince Msakazo Nelson Mdlamini** a retired Royal Swaziland Police officer has since passed on. There shall be a memorial service in his honour on Saturday 12/11/2016 1300hrs at Free Evangelical Assembliss Ntontozi followed by a night vigil at 2100 hrs and funeral on Sunday 13/11/2016. Saturday at 0400hrs at his home L u y e n g o K h a l a n g i l i l e . Announcement by Emalangenase aka Lomvazi.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Prisca Lomtsimna Simelane nee Fakudze** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo ekhaya lakhe kaGwegwe ngemv a kwemlindzelo lotaba ngaLesihlanu



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Phica Simon Nkambule** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa mhlaka 13/11/2016 ngelisonf o. Kutabanemlindzelo ngeMgcibelo 12/11/2016 ekhaya k u b o kuMaphungwane. Umngcwabo uphuma nga 6am. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Bongumenzi Nkambule indvodzana yakhe.



Relatives and friends of **Tholakele Nomsa Methula** are notified of her demise. She will be laid to rest Saturday 12/11/2016 at Nkambeni her parental home after a night vigil on Friday 11/11/2016. Announcement by her father John Methula on behalf of the family.



Friends and relatives of **Innocent Macanda Mndzebele** are notified of her death. She will be laid to rest on Sunday 13th November at Mankayane kaVeleziweni Nkhangala area. Night vigil Saturday 6 : 3 0 a m . Announcement by family.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Themba Zwane** kutsi sewusishiyile emhlabeni. Kutaba nenkonzo lemfishane ngaLesihlanu 7:00pm mhlaka 11/11/2016. Ekuseni inkonzo yekumpheketela icala nga 5:00pm ngeMgcibelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubhuti wakhe Khemiya. Ufihlwa eSitjeni kaLobamba.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Daphney Ntuntu Lukhele** kwekutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhaya kubo eKwaluseni sitieshi eSibayeni mhlaka 12/11/2016 ngemv a kwemlindzelo. Kwatiswa belibandla lakhe le St. Josephs eMhlaleni naka M a l i n d z a . Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo ta **Siphonondry Shongwe** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni ufihlwa eMhobodleni ngeLisontfo 13/11/16. Kwatiswa bakashongwe eWhite River. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu make wakhe Sarah Ndlovu



Friends and relatives of **Babe Mhlonhlo Nicholas** are notified of his demise on the 03rd November 2016. There shall be a memorial service (Requiem Mass) on 11th November 2016 Friday 1400hrs at Mater Dolorosa followed by a night vigil at 2100hrs kaSondundu. He will be laid to rest on Saturday 12 November 2016 at Ngwane Park cemetery at 7:00 am



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Zodwa Beatrice Tfwala** lobekendze kaLukhele kuMaliyaduma kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngeLisontfo mhlaka 13 November 2016 emuva kwemlindzelo lotawube usekhaya kubo kaZombodze phansi kweMzimba. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumake wakhe egameni lemndeni wakaDlamini.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Thandi Mhlanga** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa kagogo wakhe kaDinisha Masiya eMangweni ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 12 November 2016 emuva kwemlindzelo ngaLesihlanu mhlaka 11 nga 5:00am. Simemetelo sikhishwa bakagogo wakhe kaMasiya egameni lemndeni.



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Relatives and friends of **JACKSON Maphumzane Kheyi Kunene** are notified of his sudden death. He was a soldier at St. Georges Barracks. He will be laid to rest at his homestead Mbotjeni Hlathikhulu on Saturday 12th November after a night vigil. Announcement by Luke Lukhele on behalf of family.



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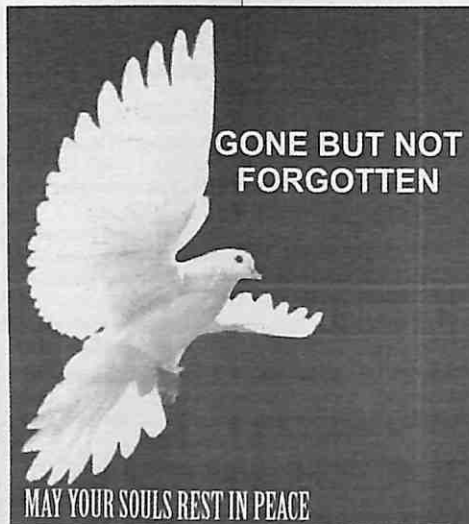


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# R32 MILLION BILLIAT WANTED IN EUROPE

**PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns star Khama Billiat is reportedly a target for Belgium Pro League champions Club Brugge, as well as KV Oostende in the same division.**

Billiat, who is a nominee on the 25-man shortlist for CAF Player of the Year, has captured the two clubs' attention after his great displays for the Brazilians in recent times.

The 26-year-old is arguably Sundowns' most outstanding attacking talent, and will be a player coach Pitso Mosimane will not want to lose.

However, the Zimbabwe international could view a move to Europe as being the next step in his career, and may be swayed if either Brugge or Oostende were to make an offer.

A move to the Belgian champions may be attractive to Billiat as they will be able to offer him Champions League football in future. The Blue-Black qualified for the group stages of the tournament this season.



**TARGETED: Khama Billiat.**

According to Soccer Laduma, Brugge and De Kustboys are monitoring Billiat with the transfer window opening up again in January. The publication's source said, "Brugge and Oostende have kept on monitoring him. I regularly supply them with highlights."

With that said, the forward has a price-tag of R32 million which both clubs will have to pay before any move could potentially go through. It's unclear at this stage as to whether Downs will be willing to sell the player in January. *Sport24*



**NOT NOW: Bongani Zungu.**

## Zungu aware of Downs' interest

**PRETORIA - Vitoria de Guimaraes midfielder Bongani Zungu says he is aware of Mamelodi Sundowns' interest in potentially taking him back on loan during the January transfer window.**

Zungu joined Vitoria at the conclusion of the 2015/16 campaign although he is yet to feature for the Conquerors in Portugal's Primeira Liga.

However, the midfielder has made two appearances for the club's second string side.

The 24-year-old is still making his way back from a broken leg which he sustained for Sundowns during a league clash with Maritzburg United in January. Despite his condi-

tion at the time, Vitoria still decided to sign the young star.

However, he is yet to feature for the Pedro Martins-coached outfit and the Brazilians have been linked with a loan move for the player in the new year.

As such, Zungu has revealed he is aware of the club's interest but says he is focusing on doing well in Portugal.

"This team is taking care of me, they love me and they signed me for a reason," he told Soccer Laduma.

"I know if I want to go back to Sundowns, they will welcome me, but I was shocked when I saw this on the news because my mind is here in Portugal and I want to focus."

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to:

The Secretary  
Tender Board, Treasury Department  
P.O. Box 38  
Mbabane

N.B There will be a compulsory Pre-Tender Briefing at the Ministry of Public Works and Transport Conference Room, at 11.00am on Wednesday the, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

No Tenderer shall be awarded two or more tenders at once for this programme, with preference to those that have been awarded in previous years.

No late or telegraphic tenders will be accepted. The Swaziland Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender or any part thereof.

Any actions by the tenderer that might be interpreted as an attempt to influence the tendering process will result in immediate disqualification of that tenderer.



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT

The Swaziland Government is inviting Road Marking Contractors Registered in, The 2016-17 REGISTER OF CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS (CIC), For The Following Roadmarking Tenders:

**Tender 211A of 2016/17 ROYAL RESIDENCES and PARLIAMENT ACCESSSES**

**Tender 211B of 2016/17 MR19; MBABANE - BHUNYA - SANDLANE**

**Tender 211C of 2016/17 MR1; MOTSHANE - PIGG'S PEAK**

**Tender 211D of 2016/17 MR18 PHONDO - BHUNYA**

**Tender 211E of 2016/17 MR8; HHELEHHELE - BIG BEND**

Tender documents will be available from:

The Chief Roads Engineer  
Office #84  
The Ministry of Public Works and Transport  
Mbabane, Swaziland

From the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016, upon payment of a non-refundable One Thousand Emalangeni (E1000.00) payable at any Swaziland Government Revenue Office.

(Payment Code; Head 53, Responsibility Center 2101, Item Code 21132)

The following must be submitted no later than 0900Hrs on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016:

- Completed Tender Documents.
- Original Receipt (E1000).
- Trading License 2016/17.
- A valid Tax Clearance Certificate.
- Tender Deposit of E5000.
- A valid Labour Compliance Certificate.
- Form J and Form C
- CIC proof of registration
- SNPF Certificate

Failure to submit any of the above will result in automatic disqualification.

Each completed tender should be in a sealed envelope and endorsed in the correct tender title and addressed to:

The Secretary  
Tender Board, Treasury Department  
P.O. Box 38  
Mbabane

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No late or telegraphic tenders will be accepted. The tender shall be valid for 90 days with effect from the closing date of the tender

Any attempt to influence the outcome of the tendering process shall result in immediate disqualification.

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S.M. Mndawe  
Principal Secretary

## PERFECT TIME FOR SAFA TO PUT BRAKES ON SHAKES

CAPE TOWN - Bafana Bafana take on Senegal in a 2018 Soccer World Cup qualifier tomorrow (15:30) with coach "Shakes" Mashaba needing a win to maintain the objective of qualifying for the sporting showpiece in Russia.

Mashaba has named a 25-man squad including Belgium-based newcomer Lars Veldwijk who will be aiming to make his debut against the Lions of Teranga.

Bafana Bafana will be aiming to improve their qualifying record on previous campaigns that saw the national team disappoint by failing to reach major tournaments including the last two World Cups and the 2017 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) in Gabon. The fixture against Senegal could prove to be of added significance for the 66-year-old Mashaba as there were strong suggestions that

SAFA recently held a behind-closed-doors meeting last week with it seemingly being the opportune time to relieve Mashaba of his role as head coach, given there is a seven-month break until the next competitive fixture in August 2017.

SAFA president, Danny Jordaan, recently criticised Bafana's performance during their AFCON 2017 qualifying campaign with no home victories recorded, also scoring just one goal. Jordaan also warned the team that their poor form could not continue into the 2018 World Cup qualifiers as the country deserves to be involved in soccer's greatest showpiece.

Mashaba's record as national team coach does not make for good reading with his team constantly being plagued by inconsistency and a lack of a transparent vision and outline.

Sport24



BOSS: Shakes Mashaba.

## SOUTHGATE CONFIRMS ROONEY WILL CAPTAIN AGAINST SCOTLAND

LONDON - Gareth Southgate has confirmed Wayne Rooney will play against Scotland today.

Sportsmail revealed yesterday morning that the England captain will start against Scotland after he was dropped for the clash against Slovenia last month. And Southgate has confirmed the Manchester United star will be in the starting XI.

The England manager said of Rooney: "He is better placed compared to the last get together in terms of confidence and sharpness. There was no hesitation to play him."

"He's confident and I think experience in a game like this is important, in a team that has a lot of energy and potential, but you also need a lot of experience. "He's playing well. He's played well in his last couple of matches for Manchester United. When he's in a rhythm of playing that helps." The good news for Southgate is that after Danny Drinkwater and keeper Fraser Forster had to withdraw from the squad earlier in the week he has no new injury doubts. "Everybody will train today. We had one or two questions marks, but we have a full squad to pick from," he added. "I've really enjoyed the oppor-



CALLED UP: Wayne Rooney (c)

tunity to work with the best players in the country. They are so open to new ideas." Jordan Henderson, who captained England against Slovenia in place of Rooney but will have to make do with just a place in starting XI today, said the Manchester United forward's experience is invaluable to the squad. "Wayne will speak to a lot of the players, with his experience," said Henderson.

"Not only for this game, but for a lot of the games Wayne uses his

experience for the players very well, especially the younger lads that have not experienced as many games or as big a game as this is. So he's a big part in trying to get the victory." Still trying to win over the FA top brass and ensure he is given the job on a full-time basis, Southgate insists he is not feeling the pressure to perform. "That's the beauty of football to be involved in big matches."

Daily Mail

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFPs)



The Central Bank of Swaziland (hereafter referred to as "CBS" or "the Bank"), being the apex Bank of the country, occupies a central position in the economic and financial development of Swaziland. In order to fulfill its vision of being a proficient Central bank in the Eastern and Southern African Region by 2022, the Bank is inviting the following request for proposal;

Tender Name	TYPE	Tender Reference
GYM EQUIPMENT	RFP	CBS_GYM_HR_RFP_11-2016-L
VEHICLES	RFP	CBS_VEHICLES_FINANCE_RFP_11-2016_L
REHABILITATION OF BANK FLATS	RFP	CBS_REHAB_FACILITIES_RFP_11-2016_L
RATIONAL COOKING CENTRE	RFP	CBS_RAT COOK_HR_RFP_11-2016_L
BULK FILLER SHELVEING	RFP	CBS_BULK_FACILITIES-RFP-11-2016_L
SPORTS MERCHANDISE	RFP	CBS_SPORTS_HR_RFP_11-2016_L
CATERING SERVICES	RFP	CBS_CATERING_HR_RFP_11-2016_L

The CBS invites eligible interested service providers to access the RFPs on the CBS website; [www.centralbank.org.sz](http://www.centralbank.org.sz) under Tenders

Closing date: 18 November 2016 at 16:00hrs

Please address all Enquiries to: Secretary, Tender Committee  
Tel: (+268) 2 408 2000 Supply Chain Division - Fax (+268) 2404 8636

Email: [tenders@centralbank.org.sz](mailto:tenders@centralbank.org.sz)

All tender documents should be sealed and deposited in the tender box situated at the Umntsholi Building (ground floor) clearly marked;

Secretary, Tender Committee  
Tender Name & Reference  
Central Bank of Swaziland, Mahlokohla Street, Mbabane, Swaziland

The Central Bank of Swaziland does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

SWAZILAND



GOVERNMENT

Ministry of Public Works & Transport

### INVITATION TO TENDER NO.218 of 2016/17 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF LOHLALANI RIVER CROSSING AT NGONINI

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport is inviting Category C2 Civil Engineering Contractors registered with the Construction Industry Council to tender for the construction of the above-mentioned River Crossing at Ngonini.

Tenders must be accompanied by a General Receipt of E300.00 (Three Hundred Emalangeni Only) non-refundable, payable at the Government Revenue Office. Payment must be directed to Head 53, Responsibility Centre 2101; Item code 21132.

Documents can be collected from the office of;

The Chief Roads Engineer  
Ministry of Public Works & Transport  
Headquarters, Office No: 84

from Wednesday 09 November, 2016, upon production of the General Receipt. A compulsory site inspection shall be held on Wednesday 16 November at 10:00AM. Prospective tenderers are to meet at the MR5/D97 junction at Sihoye. Contact 7602-0682 or 7802-1222 for directions.

Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and must be marked as follows:

The Secretary to the Government Tender Board  
Treasury Building  
P.O.Box 38  
Mbabane

Tenders must be delivered to the offices of Tender Board, Treasury Building P.O. Box 38 Mbabane, Swaziland, before 09.00AM on Friday 02 December 2016, and deposited in the Tender Submission Box. Tender bids that are late, telegraphic, electronic and faxed will not be considered. The Envelope must be sealed and clearly marked with the correct tender title.

Valid Certified Copies of the following documents must be attached to the tender document:

1. A valid Trading Licence (for Builder/Contractor);
2. A valid Tax Compliance Certificate (for Government Tender);
3. A valid Labour Compliance Certificate;
4. Tender Security (E5000.00);
5. General Receipt (E300.00);
6. A valid Construction Industry Council Certificate of Registration;
7. A valid S.N.P.F Clearance Certificate.

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Any attempt to influence the outcome of the tendering process shall result in immediate disqualification.

SECRETARY  
SWAZILAND GOVERNMENT TENDER BOARD

# BARCELONA EYE UP SHOCK JANUARY MOVE FOR JOHNSON

**BARCELONA** - Stoke City full-back Glen Johnson is on a list of possible January signings at Barcelona and the former England international will have the backing of his old Liverpool team-mate Luis Suarez.

The Catalans have a major crisis at right-back where the £16m signing of Alex Vidal has been a disaster.

The 27-year-old was bought last year as Dani Alves' eventual replacement but problems over attitude and tactical adaptation have left him on the sidelines permanently even when Barca have had an injury crisis in his position.

Manager Luis Enrique has taken to converting midfielder



... Amid right-back crisis and his ex-Liverpool team-mate Luis Suarez will back the move

Sergio Roberto to right-back on a permanent basis and using a back three or Javier Mascherano in times of emergency.

In January, the club will try to loan Vidal out and if they succeed they will look to bring in an experienced right-back to deputise for Roberto.

Johnson is in the final year of his contract at Stoke and is seen as a viable alternative in a limited list of short-term options.

The 32-year-old former Liverpool defender was close friends with Luis Suarez at Anfield and is understood to have some grasp of the Spanish language.

Suarez spoke highly of his team-mate in his autobiography saying: "He impressed me hugely. He has a combination of physical strength, power and intelligence and technically he's so good that despite being right footed he shoots better off his left foot."

Shakhtar Donetsk's Darijo Sma is also being weighed up and Johnson - currently out with a groin problem - would need to prove his fitness before the January transfer window opens to provoke a bid from Barcelona.

The club has a history of making short-term signings of veteran players. They signed Edgar Davids on loan when he was 30 in January 2004 and he stayed for the second half of the season. Later the same year they signed Henrik Larsson, aged 32.

*Daily Mail*

## Bolt and Thompson up for IAAF awards

**KINGSTON** - Jamaican Usain Bolt and Elaine Thompson both made the shortlists for the IAAF's World Athlete of the Year awards on Wednesday after cleaning up the sprint golds at the Rio Olympics.

Ethiopian distance runner Almaz Ayana made the shortlist in recognition of her stunning 10 000 metres victory in Rio.

Bolt, a five-time former winner of the award, became the first person to win three consecutive 100 and 200 metres Olympic golds in Rio de Janeiro in August.

He also holds the world records in the two disciplines, 9.58 seconds and 19.19 seconds, respectively. Thompson matched Bolt's feat by also winning the 100m

and 200m golds in Rio.

Ayana broke a 23-year-old record to win the 10,000 metres after clocking 29:18.45 at the Rio Games where she also took the bronze in 5 000 metres.

Bolt was joined on the men's list by two-time 5 000 and 10 000 metres Olympic champion Mo Farah of Britain and South African Wayde van Niekerk, the double 400m Olympic champion.

Anita Wlodarczyk of Poland also made the women's list after retaining her hammer title in Rio.

The finalists were determined by the IAAF Council, the IAAF Family and the public vote via social media. The winners will be announced in Monaco next month. *Reuters*

## Kurt Zouma finally ready to return to first team training

**LONDON** - Kurt Zouma is ready to return to training with Chelsea's first team, according to the club's U23 coach Adi Viveash.

Zouma completed his first 90 minutes since suffering a horrific knee injury against Manchester United in his side's Checkatrade trophy penalty shoot-out victory over Oxford.

And Viveash, who has taken the Frenchman under his wing as he bids to return to full fitness, believes he is ready to train with Antonio Conte's men.

Viveash also lavished praise on Zouma, saying he has been a 'privilege' to work with.

"I'd say he is ready to train with you [Conte], yes," Viveash said in a press conference. "He has been a privilege to work with, he is a fine young player, he has been tremendous with the boys, he works very, very hard every day."

### Advice

"He has been really good and he gives good advice, but you have still got to remember that he is very young and he has now got to get into a defence that is performing excellently at the minute but what he does do is that he gives the manager another quality player and that, I imagine, is important for his squad."



**BACK:** Kurt Zouma starred for Chelsea's development squad at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday. (AFP)

"I would imagine [that he will return soon to the first team], he has trained with them a few days of last week then going into this game he came back with us on Sunday, two days before this. He did a few days with them and he did a few days a week before."

Viveash did stress that Chelsea will proceed with caution with Zouma, who missed the European Championship with France in the summer, and will keep checking on the condition of his knee.

*Daily Mail*

## DIEGO COSTA RULED OUT OF ENGLAND GAME

**MADRID** - Chelsea face a nervous wait over Diego Costa after the Premier League's top scorer pulled out of Spain duty with a troublesome groin problem.

The in-form centre forward will return to London for further assessment - missing games against Macedonia and England at Wembley for his country.

Costa had been visibly limping as he missed the first two days of Spain training this week after reporting discomfort in his groin on joining up with his international team-mates.

Spain manager Julen Lopetegui talked up the firebrand centre forward's prospects of featuring against Macedonia this week but he has now been forced to withdraw from the squad.

However, the La Roja boss did concede that he held concerns about Costa's recovery time, with the play-



er missing training on Tuesday and Wednesday after complaining of the problem upon arrival at Las Rozas headquarters. Lopetegui said on Wednesday: "It's true that his recovery has not been as positive as we had expected."

Chelsea's medical department have been in touch with Spain as

they monitor their star striker's situation.

Former Liverpool striker Iago Aspas, now of Celta Vigo, has been called up as Costa's replacement.

Any spell on the sidelines for Costa would be troublesome for Chelsea given the excellent form he has started the season in. *Daily Mail*

## Pep helping me improve - Aguero

**MANCHESTER** - Sergio Aguero has dispelled rumours he could be joining Real Madrid by declaring that he is flourishing under Pep Guardiola at Manchester City.

The Argentina international's future was the subject of speculation after being benched for back-to-back games against Everton and Barcelona last month.

But Aguero responded by scoring three times in his four subsequent starts, with his goal in the 1-1 draw at home to Middlesbrough on Saturday taking his tally to 150 for City.

And the 28-year-old striker has pledged his commitment to the Citizens, saying that Guardiola is

making him a better player and that there are no issues between them.

"A while back there was a Real Madrid rumour but the truth is that I am very happy at City, especially with the arrival of Pep," Aguero told ESPN Radio in Argentina.

"He is helping me to grow as a player and we talk a lot. I am very happy. When the coach is helping you it calms you down and give you more confidence."

"I have no idea what the rumours are. But I am happy at City and I hope to finish out my contract there and then return to Independiente."

*Reuters*

## BOKS SHUFFLE TEAM FOR CLASH WITH ENGLAND

**CAPE TOWN** - The Springboks have made several changes for the important opening Test of their year end tour against England at Twickenham in London tomorrow.

Only five players who started in the 31-31 draw against the Barbarians last week at Wembley were again included in a much changed line-up for the Test against the English. They are Beast Mtawarira (prop), Pieter-Steph du Toit (flank), Rudy Paige (scrumhalf), Pat Lambie (flyhalf) and Francois Venter (outside centre).

Venter will make his Test debut tomorrow following his good show-

ing last week at Wembley and his centre partner is Damian de Allende, who will win his 21st cap for the Springboks.

The injury to Roelof Smit and a host of other flanks, as well as the unavailability of other experienced loose forwards, meant Springbok coach Allister Coetzee was forced into revamping his loose trio. The Bok coach decided to move Du Toit from second row to the side of the scrum, a position he is familiar with, as he will bring much-needed ball carrying ability and more lineout options.

The experienced Willem Alberts

will start on the other side of the scrum, while Warren Whiteley retains the No 8 jersey he wore throughout the Rugby Championship.

Du Toit's positional switch means a return to the starting team for Lood de Jager, who sat out the Barbarians fixture because of a one match suspension. In the front row, hooker Adriaan Strauss returns to action and he takes over the captaincy from Patrick Lambie who led the side at Wembley. Vincent Koch will play at tighthead prop and Lourens Adriaanse moves to the bench.

*Daily Mail*

# Weekend Sports Results

...Compiled by Sabelo Majola

## MTN PREMIER LEAGUE

Tomorrow at Mavuso Sports Centre			
Manzi Sundowns	vs	Red Lions	2pm
Manzi Pirates	vs	Royal Leopard	4pm
Tomorrow at Somhlolo National Stadium			
Sea Birds	vs	Young Buffaloes	4pm
Green Mamba	vs	Tambusi	6pm
Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium			
Mbabane Swallows	vs	Midas City	1:30pm
Manzi Wanderers	vs	Mbabane Highlanders	3:45pm

## MIDWEEK FIXTURES:

Tomorrow at Somhlolo National Stadium			
Royal Leopard	vs	Sea Birds	6pm
Wednesday at Somhlolo National Stadium			
Midas City	vs	Red Lions	6pm
Mbabane Highlanders	vs	Manzi Pirates	8pm

## MTN NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION

Tomorrow King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium			
Amalinda FC	vs	Madenya	1:30pm
H.Tycoons	vs	Matsapha United	3:30pm
Tomorrow Manzini Club Stadium			
Bad Boys	vs	Malindi Chiefs	1:30pm
Hub Sundowns	vs	Ludzudze Brothers	3:30pm
Tomorrow Mayakala Stadium			
City Warriors	vs	Mbabane Citizens	3pm
Tomorrow Prince of Wales Ground			
Vovovo	vs	Sikhalo	2:30pm

## ESBAYEN LODGE UNDER-17 LEAGUE

Tomorrow at Somhlolo National Stadium			
Young Buffaloes	vs	Mbabane Swallows	10am
Sunday at Manzini Club			
Royal Leopard	vs	Green Mamba	10:30am
Manzi Sundowns	vs	Sea Birds	12:30pm
UNSWA Sports Ground			
Manzi Wanderers	vs	Manzi Pirates	9:30am
Mbabane Highlanders	vs	Red Lions	11:30am
Tambusi	vs	Midas City	1:30pm

## SUCCA WEEKEND FIXTURE

Soccer - Men (Kwaluseni)			
Mbabane Campus	vs	Christian University	9am
Luyengo Campus	vs	SCOT	11am
VOCTIM IDI	vs	Ngwane Park	9am

## NETBALL (Kwaluseni)

Mbabane Campus	vs	Christian University	9am
Luyengo Campus	vs	SCOT	10am
VOCTIM IDI	vs	Ngwane Park	9am

## VOLLEYBALL - MEN (Kwaluseni)

Mbabane Campus	vs	Christian University	9am
Luyengo Campus	vs	SCOT	10am

## VOLLEYBALL - LADIES (Kwaluseni)

Mbabane Campus	vs	Christian University	9am
IDM	vs	Ngwane Park	9am
Luyengo Campus	vs	SCOT	10am

## POOL (FOX Manzini)

Mbabane Campus	vs	Kwaluseni Campus	9am
Luyengo Campus	vs	IDM	9am
VOCTIM	vs	Limokwini University	9am

## DARTS (Kwaluseni)

Mbabane Campus	vs	Christian University	9am
Luyengo Campus	vs	IDM	9am
SCOT	vs	VOCTIM	9am

## SWAZI TRAC HOKHO SUPER LEAGUE

Tomorrow at Embo Sports Ground - Southern Zone - Replays			
Swazi Sun	vs	Billy Ocean	1:30pm
Mv. Invaders	vs	Wizards	3:30pm

## Northern Zone

Sunday at Prison			
B. Swallows	vs	Pachanga	3pm
Fortale Horo	vs	M. Arsenal	3pm

## INGWENYAMA CUP HOKHO SUPER LEAGUE

Sunday at Prince of Wales Stadium - Southern Zone			
Trysai	vs	Sibovini	3pm

## Northern Zone

Tomorrow at Prison Sports Ground			
Mvuma	vs	Manchester	2pm

## MADALA MAHEWU MBABANE LEAGUE

Tomorrow at Masunduzi			
White City	vs	Corporation	1:30pm
Pot O Gold	vs	Pine Valley	3:30pm

## Sunday at Masunduzi

FC Vusi	vs	Real Tec	11am
Mbabane Arsenal	vs	Flying Stars	1pm
Double Action	vs	Sandia	3pm

## Sikweshini Sports Ground

Manzana	vs	Thembulile	11am
Vusi Cosmos	vs	Mbabane Celtics	1pm
Imbumba	vs	Anawele	3pm

## B. Division

Tomorrow at Police			
Mbabane United	vs	N. Rangers	1:30pm
Classic	vs	Mphahla	3:30pm

## Sikweshini Sports Ground

Dankies	vs	Lusoli	1:30pm
Walters	vs	Mphahla	3:30pm

## Sunday at Police

Never Die	vs	R. Dynamos	9am
Jundon	vs	Free Style	11am
Manzibolo	vs	Junior Aces	1pm

## Mangweni

Masunduzi Sports Ground			
Supersport	vs	Intars	9am

## BAKHANYISELE MABULALA MAPHALALENI LEAGUE - Western Stream

Tomorrow at Jubukweni			
Jubukweni	vs	Hill Stars	11:30am
Siphambweni	vs	Top Classic	1:30pm

## Academy

Sunday at Jubukweni			
Sunrise	vs	Mighty Birds	11:30am
Rollers	vs	Early Sunset	1:30pm

## Love &amp; Peace

Tomorrow at Maphalaleni - Eastern Stream			
Hotspurs	vs	Liselele	11am
Manchester	vs	XI Experience	1pm

## Young Lovens

BIZZA Sports			
Junior Stars	vs	Professionals	11am
Young Stars	vs	Blue Birds	1pm

## Rangers

Sunday at Bizza			
Young Stars	vs	Hotspurs	12:30pm
Junior Stars	vs	Umkhokha	14:30pm

## Maphalaleni Sports

Killers	vs	Khulungwane	9am
Manchester	vs	Barcelona	11am
XI Experience	vs	Professionals	1pm

## Billy Ocean

Tomorrow at Sigangeni			
U. Eagles	vs	SD Civils	1:30pm
Real Touch	vs	Ntsetse	3:30pm

## Sibovini Sports Ground

Vila Sports	vs	Camibals	3pm
Londonduma Sports Ground			
Real United	vs	Community	3pm

## Sunday at Sigangeni

Chiefs	vs	Express	11am
M. Cellos	vs	Sigangeni	1pm
Kangaroo	vs	L. Nationals	3pm

## Ntsetse Sports Ground

Total XI	vs	Young Heroes	3pm
Kupheleni	vs	Fighters	3pm

## BUY CASH PIGG'S PEAK LEAGUE

Tomorrow at Malanda			
Khanjani	vs	Thukzobona	11am
Phophonyane	vs	PP United	1pm

## Peak Forest

Plantations	vs	Mangweni	1pm
Mhlabane United	vs	Citizen	3pm
Bush Bucks	vs	LaZwane	1pm

## Hotspurs

Supersport	vs	Rose & Shine	1pm
	vs	White Killers	3pm

## EMATFOMBENI MDZIMBA LEAGUE

Tomorrow at Nsukumbili			
Chiefs	vs	Rhumba	1:30pm
Swallows	vs	Rangers	3:30pm

## Hhukwini Sports Ground

Sundowns	vs	Rebels	1:30pm
Black Mashuba	vs	Anamal	3:30pm

## Sunday at Nsukumbili

Highlanders	vs	Bush Bucks	1pm
Kasiko	vs	Cosmos	3pm
Hhukwini	vs	All Stars	1pm

## Top Centre

Monaco	vs	Timbangu	3pm
Mdzimba	vs	Barclona	1pm
Drikkopies	vs	Green Sea	3pm

## Rhinos

Tomorrow at Majotini			
Shooting stars	vs	Akoko	1:30pm
Majotini	vs	Ngwanya	3:30pm

## Mothane

Barcelona	vs	Dribbling Stars	3:30pm
Sunday at Majotini			
Super Stars	vs	Mothane	1pm

## Mhosheni Celtics

Mashane Sports Ground			
Manyisa	vs	Crocodiles	1pm
Nkoyoyo	vs	Manziburg	3pm

## Sikhumbuto Timpisi LEAGUE

Tomorrow at LFTC			
Mv. Sundowns	vs	Mbabane Swallows	1pm
Soccer Rose	vs	AK 47	3pm

## Ngonini Sports Ground

H. Pirates	vs	Red Lions	1pm
Ngonini	vs	Njakeri	3pm
Sunday at LFTC			
Zamalek	vs	Blue Birds	11am

## Mshweni

Stone breakers	vs	Gummers	3pm
Ndlatambi Sports Ground			
Golden Arrows	vs	Star Wanderers	3pm

## B. Division

Tomorrow at LFTC			
Mv. All United	vs	Juventus	9am
JB Arsenal	vs	Ludzibini	11am

## Ngonini Sports Ground

Sikhaleli	vs	Kudweleni	11am
Sunday at LFTC			
Eligence	vs	Mb. Swallows	9am

## Ndlatambi Sports Ground

All Stars	vs	Vusweni	11am
Young Tigers	vs	Combustion	1pm

## SHARK MHLANGATANE LEAGUE (Eastern Stream)

Tomorrow at Machibini Sports Ground			
Tigers	vs	Cosmos	1pm
Rovers	vs	Defenders	3pm

## Makhweya Sports Ground

N. Castle	vs	Wizards	1pm
Xi Men	vs	Seven Stars	3pm
Sunday at Machibini Sports Ground			
Liverpool	vs	Swallows	3pm

## Manjengeni Sports Ground

M United	vs	Aces	1pm
MBombers	vs	Makhweya	3pm

## MP J NDWANDWE NDZINGENI LEAGUE (Western stream)

Tomorrow at Mvuma			
FC Academy	vs	M. Cellos	1pm
Red Sea	vs	Super Aces	3pm

## Sunday at Mvuma

Happiness	vs	D. Darkies	11am
Lozaza	vs	Mphondla	1pm
Blue Birds	vs	Gebhulas	3pm

## Eastern Stream

Tomorrow at Bulandzeni Sports Ground			
Arsenal	vs	Supersport	11am
Mpumalanga Aces	vs	K. Cellos	1pm

## Professionals

Sunday at Bulandzeni			
White City	vs	B. Rebels	11am

## Sweet Banana

Winters Park	vs	Liverpool	1pm
	vs	Young Stars	3pm

## SOMPISI NTONJENI LEAGUE

Tomorrow at Ntonjeni			
Zzonele	vs	Barcelona	11am
Seven Up	vs	Mbabane	1pm

## Liverpool

Mabandze Sports			
Upres	vs	Nindinyane	1pm
Trounge	vs	Chelsea	3pm

## Sunday at Ntonjeni

Royal Madrid	vs	H. Pirates	11am
Hellenic	vs	Teenagers	1pm
Express	vs	United Aces	3pm

## TEE AND JAY UFL WEEKEND FIXTURE

Tomorrow at Enkalakatha			
Emaselele	vs	Real Masters	3pm
Elangeni	vs	L. Dynamos	1pm

## United

Smuzuzza	vs	Emajukukulu	3pm
Lobamba	vs	Vutha	1pm
City Stars	vs	L. Wanderers	3pm

## Embo

Fast Reaction	vs	Prime Spurs	11am
Sunday at Embo			
Ezulwini Aces	vs	Ezulwini Rangers	3pm

## FIRST DIVISION

Tomorrow at Lobamba			
Masters United	vs	Scorpion	11am
Enkalakatha	vs	Majlamlala	11am

## Ezulwini FC

X Eleven	vs	Lwakawaka	1pm
Sunday at Enkalakatha			
Malagwane	vs	Luvuvu Killers	11am

## Serevest

Embo	vs	Classic	1pm
Zabeni All Stars	vs	Power Stars	11am
Silomo	vs	Lusilo Lions	1pm

## LANGA BRICK MALINDZA ZONAL E35 000 LEAGUE

Tomorrow at Malinda Stadium			
Promising Stars	vs	Zamalek	9am
Slweni UTD	vs	Malaheni UTD	11am

## Bhelebane

Emahlekholoko	vs	Luthuku	3pm
Sunday at Malinda Stadium			
Black Mamba	vs	Home Sweepers	8:30am

## Juvetus

Seven Stars	vs	Malinda UTD	12:30pm
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## FA RAINBOW STATIONERY MANZINI SUPER LEAGUE

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# [>] THE SPORTS BUZZ



## EXCITING GAMES AS FIRST ROUND END NEARS

COMPILED BY SABELO MAJOLA

WE have exciting MTN Premier League games this weekend at Somhlolo National Stadium and Mavuso Trade Centre.

Top of the bill is the match between 'Super Buddies' Manzini Wanderers and Mbabane Highlanders.

Both teams will be looking to collect maximum points to cement their position on the log standings.

The 'Black Bull' beat Sea Birds 1-0 on Wednesday night to jump to position eight while Wanderers drew 1-1 with Young Buffaloes to cement their third position.

Highlanders GM David Litchfield said they would approach the games against Wanderers with caution.

"It's a tough match and we will be ready for Wanderers."

Swallows will be looking to make it 11 games in row at the expense of Midway City.

There will be a double header at Somhlolo National Stadium tomorrow with Swallows taking on City in the first match while Manzini Wanderers will face-off with

Mbabane Highlanders in the second match.

### MANZINI SUNDOWNS VS RED LIONS

### COMFORT SHONGWE - RED LIONS

What happened during our game against Swallows is a shame and we still can't come to terms with the humiliating

score they gave us. We would like to forward our sincere apologies to the team's MD Didibuku Tfwala, our supporters and our sponsor Lilawu Construction. We are very sorry for what befell us again. It is so unfortunate

that Manzini Sundowns will suffer for sins they didn't commit because the team lost against Swallows but we will make sure not to have the same embarrassment happen to us. We would unleash our wrath on them tomorrow and if they will come with the mentality that we are an easy side to beat, they have another

thing coming. We are still bitter over the recent result but then it does happen in football, like it recently did with Orlando Pirates against SuperSport but we will get over it.

### MUZI MATSENIWA - MANZINI SUNDOWNS

This is a home game which we co-host with Mweni Pirates and the gate takings will go a long way in assisting the teams financially hence we invite our supporters to cram Mavuso. The spirit is high in the camp especially after our last victory against Pirates. We are, however, wary of the danger posed by a wounded lion but losing to Swallows with that score is not our problem but theirs, we have a score to settle with them. We vividly remember their 2-0 victory against us, pushing us deeper into the relegation quagmire in a game that started well over an hour than the scheduled kick off time. Both teams lodged protests which they later withdrew, apparently after 'reading the rules of the game'. We would discuss that issue not before the Disciplinary Committee this time but in the field of play.



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E30 at the gate and Sundowns supporters will be seated on the right of the Royal box while Pirates will be occupying the left side.

## MANZINI WANDERERS VS MBABANE HIGHLANDERS

### DAVID LITCHFIELD - MBABANE HIGHLANDERS

The team displayed a better performance against Sea Birds on Wednesday night, they are a lot sharper now than they were in the previous matches. We have been working hard on our finishing at training the last few days but seemingly we still have a lot to do because we could have scored more goals but were denied by the woodwork in this game. Going to the next game against Wanderers, I think it's going to be an epic clash. This is one of the biggest games in the country and we treat it like a cup final game. Highlanders are a top five team and we are eyeing maximum points against Wanderers to take our rightful place. We are taking it one game at a time and our full focus is on winning the match and then we would take it from there.

### SENZO DLAMINI - MANZINI WANDERERS

As Manzini Wanderers we have not yet reached our full potential and that means we have to continue to raise the bar. We have our sights firmly set on castrating the 'Bull' to be an ordinary 'Bullock'. Definitely we will come with our guns blazing to carry out the mission to dehorn the 'Bull'. The playing squad will be well-

comed by the return of the duo of Kola and Sihle Mkhonta from a one game suspension. That effectively means we will have a full squad to slaughter the 'Bull' effortlessly. Pride is at stake here thus we will not take things for granted but go for the jugular from the first to the last minute. We invite all our supporters to come in their numbers as we will treat them to an early Christmas with victory. For us, victory will be nothing else but a sweet revenge. *Libovu Lidolobha!*

## MBABANE SWALLOWS VS MIDAS CITY

### SIBUSISO MANANA - MBABANE SWALLOWS

Our secret lies on treating all the teams equally and preparing well for them. This match is not going to be any different but we would stick to our normal schedule, prepare well and play to the best of our abilities. We respect Midas City just like we do any other team but would be going out for maximum points. We want to make history in local football by finishing the first round without dropping any points and that entails coming out victorious against City. It's been a while since we last lifted the league trophy and this season we are eager to add it to our cabinet, that is the main objective. The trio of Banele Sikhondze, Papy Tshitshimbi and Sanele Mkhweli is still out nursing injuries but we hope they will be declared fit by the doctors and feature in the match. We invite our 12th player, the supporters, to cram the stadium and rally behind the boys, but maintain a high level of discipline.

### MIDAS CITY - GUY DLAMINI

Swallows are a hard nut to crack and the results speak volumes but we will play our normal game and are looking to obtain a posi-

tive result against them. We are not intimidated by their recent brutality to Red Lions but to us they are like any other Premier League team who can be beaten. We are not content with the position we are currently occupying and it is up to us to rescue ourselves and climb the table to a respectable position.

## ROYAL LEOPARD VS MONENI PIRATES

### THAMI DLAMINI - MONENI PIRATES

It is a very tough game considering these are the champions of the campaign but Royal Leopard owe us a lot and it is high time we settle the score. We are going to be on our best on the day and will give our all in the field of play. We are desperate for the points and need them more than Leopard do hence nothing but victory will do for us. All our players are available for selection and we are eyeing all maximum points.

### FRANK HURUBE - ROYAL LEOPARD

This is a must win game for us in the quest to close the gap that Mbabane Swallows have opened, something that should have not happened in the first place. Moneni Pirates have been troublesome to us over the years but not this time. We respect them as a team but are eager to obtain all maximum points so we occupy a position that we are known at in this competition. We have all our players back at training and they are all beaming with confidence, except for the duo of Sicelo Mavimbela and Anesu Gondwe who are out nursing injuries.

## GREEN MAMBA VS TAMBUTI

### THAMI PHAKATHI - GREEN MAMBA

Preparations for the match are going well; all the players are available for selection. The spirit is high in camp and the players are geared up for the challenge. We are looking forward to a good game against Tambuti but won't take them lightly, as we know what they are capable of so we would be cautious. Our victory against Mbabane Highlanders over the weekend was a morale booster for the players and from here, we want to be consistent in

our results and ensure continuity.

## NATHI DLAMINI - TAMBUTI

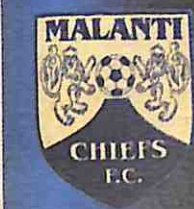
It would be a tough game against Green Mamba considering they are fresh from a 4-1 victory over one of the biggest teams in the country. But as a team we are treating each game as a cup final and this one will be no different. We will do all we can to make sure we accumulate maximum points.

## LUNGILE DUBE-MALANTI CHIEFS

Come one, come all to witness a great game of football between Bad Boys and Malanti Chiefs tomorrow. It is a very tough game for us but we are ready and well prepared. Our focus is collecting all the maximum points in our remaining games of the first round. There are no injuries hence the coach is spoilt for choice. Our fans will not be disappointed. For only E20, let's rally behind the team.

## CELUCOLO 'DINO' DLAMINI-MATSAPHA UNITED

We are heading down South to play against Hlatikulu Tycoons. We are fully prepared for the game on Saturday. We have an injury free squad ready to cause damage to the opposition. We are inviting the people of Shiselweni to cram the King Sobhuza II Stadium for a good course. We need these points and have to get it for our ever increasing number of supporters. Rise Matsapha United Rise. *Siyabangena Mhlabuhlangene*. On the other hand, we are saying safe journey to our assistant coach Mr Saul from Zimbabwe on Saturday.



## football talk

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■ Atletico Madrid striker Antoine Griezmann, 25, says he would like to play alongside Manchester United midfielder and France team-mate Paul Pogba, 23, at club level in the future. (*Sky Sports*)

■ Chelsea are keen to sign Paris St-Germain's 24-year-old midfielder Marco Verratti, and the Blues are listening to offers for Spain midfielder Cesc Fabregas, 29. (*Daily Mirror*)

■ Everton are considering a January loan move for out-of-favour Manchester United winger Memphis Depay, 22. (*Liverpool Echo*)

■ Striker Sergio Aguero, 28, has dismissed links with Real Madrid and said he will only ever leave Manchester City to join boyhood club Independiente. (*ESPN Radio FC, via Sun*)



■ United midfielder Henrikh Mkhitaryan says 'nothing will prevent me from achieving my dream' at Old Trafford. The 27-year-old Armenian joined for more than £26m in the summer but has been repeatedly left out by Manager Jose Mourinho. (*Daily Mail*)

■ Antonio Conte has drawn up a shortlist of four centre-backs to strengthen his Chelsea squad. He is keen to sign at least one of Juventus' Leonardo Bonucci, 29, AC Milan's Alessio Romagnoli, 21, Roma's Antonio Rudiger, 23, and Burnley's Michael Keane, 23. (*Squawka*)

■ Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola has no plans to follow Manuel Pellegrini's lead by taking the club's players on a mid-season training camp to Abu Dhabi. (*Manchester Evening News*)

■ Barcelona striker Luis Suarez, 29, says negotiations over a deal to extend his contract at the Nou Camp are going well. (*NDTV*)

■ Real Madrid forward Gareth Bale, 27, is still "one of the boys" for Wales despite his new £150m deal with the Spanish giants, says international team-mate Joe Ledley, 29. (*Guardian*)



■ Former QPR boss Ian Holloway has been interviewed for the vacant manager's job at the club. Holloway has been out of management since being sacked by Millwall in March last year. (*Daily Mirror*)



## DU'S CORNER

'THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT'

WITH DUMSANE SIBANDZE  
PLS Youth Development  
Communications Manager



**DONE DEAL:** Premier League of Swaziland Chairman Victor Gamedze and Swazi TV acting Chief Executive Officer Vusigama Khumalo shaking hands during a signing of the memorandum of understanding in hosting TV rights for all PLS games. The signing ceremony was held at Ramblas Restaurant last week. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

## FOOTBALL REVOLUTION

**HISTORY** was made last week when the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) and Swazi TV sealed a historical agreement that seeks to revolutionise Swazi football in a very positive way.

The landmark E2 million deal which will run for a duration of a year, will see local Premier League games being televised live on the national television broadcaster. This should definitely sound like sweet melody to the ears of local football followers as this means the game is now professional. It, therefore, suffices to urge

football stakeholders to not only embrace this agreement but protect it as well. The challenge is now on us as football people to present a good picture of our football to the outside world, especially because our games will now be watched in other African states where DSTV is available as Swazi TV is now digital.

### Professionalism

Issues of not keeping starting times by teams during games should now be a thing of the past because professionalism demands order. On that vein, one must praise the PLS execu-

tive committee led by Victor Gamedze for a job well done once again. Let us not forget that Gamedze and his executive have brought in many sponsors in the history of our football.

We have a young dynamic executive committee that leads from the front and rear. Let me also thank Swazi TV for partnering with football and I do believe the rewards will be immense for the station as viewership will definitely increase given that a lot of people love football. This indeed is history in the making.

## ITS DOG-EAT-DOG BATTLE IN ESIBAYENI LODGE U17 LEAGUE

**THE** Esibayeni Lodge Under-17 League has reached interesting times with a number of teams involved in a neck-to-neck battle for supremacy.

Manzini Wanderers, Green Mamba, Young Buffaloes and Swallows have all raised the bar in this league with polished performances. What is nice to note is these teams have assembled quite competitive squads, which makes the competition even fiercer. The games continue

The full fixtures for this weekend are as follows

Tomorrow at Somhlolo Stadium			
Buffaloes	vs	Swallows	10am
Sunday at Manzini Club			
Leopard	vs	Mamba	10:30am
Sundowns	vs	Sea Birds	12:30pm
Sunday at UNISWA Sports Ground			
Wanderers	vs	Pirates	9:30am
Highlanders	vs	Red Lions	11:30am
Tambuti	vs	Midas City	1:30am

again this weekend and football followers are again urged to attend in their numbers as we have been seeing in recent games. This is

future Swazi talent on display and we need to support these young boys, who want to be tomorrow's Sihlangu stars.



**ASAKHULILE AMATHOLE:** Young Buffaloes Under 17 celebrating with bikers after being crowned champions of Esibayeni Lodge League champions at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

## MTN FIRST DIVISION HEATING UP

**THE** curtain will be falling on the MTN National First Division League next weekend and battle lines have been drawn.

On-song Matsapha United are currently riding the crest of wave in this division and look set to pocket the E50 000 first round incentive if current results are anything to go by but it is not yet over because three other teams are hot on their heels in pursuit of the big prize.

Here I am referring to Malanti Chiefs and Vovovo, who look determined to spoil the party for United in the final first round games.

It is without doubt that United are setting tongues wagging in this division with their consistent performance that has seen them leading the way for the better part of this round.

It remains to be seen how things will fare in the final first round games next weekend but what is not in doubt is the standards in this division have been raised notably by the presence of United. For full fixtures of the weekend, First Division League fanatics can get them in the local media.

## SWALLOWS RE-WRITING HISTORY BOOKS

**HISTORY** books are being re-written in the MTN Premier League with Mbabane Swallows seemingly untouchable in terms of competition.

Swallows are only a game away from finishing the first round without dropping a point as they have won all their games so far, an indication they mean business this season. Cherry on top is the fact that Swallows have confirmed participation in the CAF Cup competitions alongside Leopard, something we should all be happy about as it means development for Swazi football.

### Exposed

The more local players are exposed to such high-tempo competitions, the more our national squads will benefit.

We should all applaud the two teams for registering in these continental competitions despite the financial hardships that come with such. Leopard will compete in the CAF Champions League while Swallows feature in the CAF Confederation Cup.

This column salutes the two teams for this initiative and at the same time implores businesses to support them as they gear up for these games.

## From the PLS COO desk

**PLS COO** Mr Pat Vilakati has again urged all football followers to support the weekend league games and is appealing for tolerance.

He is further praising the growing number of spectators at stadiums and warned that stiffer penalties will be meted out on those that continue to defy the rules and regulations of the game.



**URGES:** Mr Pat Vilakati.

# E300 000 SPONSORSHIP FOR COMMISSIONER GENERAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Stories by Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER - HIS Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Isaiah 'Mzuthini' Ntshangase has forked out a whopping E300 000 towards the department's football league for the 2016/2017 season.**

This saw an increment of double the amount of last season's competition, that is, it has been increased from E150 000 to E300 000 because of the growing interest by the teams and organisers.

The Commissioner General said from the E300 000 sponsorship, E150 000 will be competed for by the 10 teams taking part in the league and the knock-out

tournament.

In essence, the organising committee is still yet to discuss the actual figures of both the league and knock-out competition.

Known for his football skills and stunts, Ntshangase himself will stretch his muscles with other senior officers in a one-day tournament sponsored to a tune of E30 000 dubbed 'old timers' in a date yet to be confirmed.

Ladies of the department were not left out this time around since they have been handed a sum E20 000 to use in hosting a fun day, which is organising different sporting disciplines in one day.

Meanwhile, E100 000 will be used in purchasing all the team's soccer kits for the season.

According to Ntshangase, the

league's main aim was to keep officers fit as well as helping them in exchanging different ideas on their day to day duties.

Nevertheless, Ntshangase said such an activity was part of the Service's community outreach initiatives as non-officers were allowed to take part in the league by joining the department's teams as players.

He emphasised that each team was expected to register 30 players of which 20 of them should be officers and 10 non-officers.

The league's Public Relations Officer Majaha

Kunene said a proposed resumption of the league was the second week of January, 2017.

Noteworthy, the league's rules and related activities are recognised by the country's football mother body, being the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS).



LET'S PLAY: HMCSCG  
Isaiah 'Mzuthini' Ntshangase.

## Muhle Dlodlu is new chairperson

**SOCCER - HIS Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Isaiah 'Mzuthini' Ntshangase has appointed Assistant Commissioner Muhle Dlodlu as the new chairperson of the Commissioner General's Football Cup Executive Committee.**

Dlodlu took over the reigns from out-going chairperson in

Deputy Commissioner General Thokozile Nxumalo who, was leading the committee last season.

Announcing the new committee was newly elected chairperson on Tuesday at Matsapha Staff College after being approved by the Commissioner General.

Addressing the gathering, Dlodlu congratulated the new

elected members for the new task given to them by Ntshangase.

Dlodlu indicated the importance of hard work amongst officers, who would be in office for the next two years as he mentioned he was looking forward to improving the standard of the games.

He however, pledged for commitment and dedication amongst

the officers.

Conversely, the executive committee's Public Relations Officer

(PRO) Majaha Kunene also maintained his position amongst others.

Below are the names of the former and newly elected executive committee members.

### Former Executive Committee

#### Chairperson:

Thokozile Nxumalo

Vice Chairperson

Christopher Simelane

#### Secretary

Sicelo Mkhabela

Vice-Secretary

Emmanuel Matsebula

#### Treasury

Elphas Ginindza

Public Relations Officer

Majaha Kunene

#### Members

Clement Dlamini and Delisile Dlamini

### Newly elected Executive Committee

#### Chairperson:

Muhle Dlodlu

Vice Chairperson

Emmanuel Matsebula

#### Secretary

Sicelo Mkhabela

Vice-Secretary

Sifiso Ndlovu

#### Treasury

Elphas Ginindza

Public Relations Officer

Majaha Kunene

#### Members

Njabulo Dlamini, Hloniphile Ngcamphala

Mduduzi Dlamini



ELECTED: Muhle Dlodlu new chairperson of the Commissioner General's Football Cup Executive Committee and PRO Majaha Kunene.



## We will defend title – Matsapha coach

**SOCCER - MATSAPHA coach Mduduzi 'Cosmo' Mdluli is adamant his players will defend their league title of His Majesty's Correctional Commissioner General Cup in the 2016/2017 season.**

This, he said, in an interview

following that his charges recorded their double success in the tournament after being crowned champions for the second consecutive year.

The coach said they were eagerly waiting the resuming of the new season.

Mdluli stated that coaching Matsapha was one of the toughest assignments he had ever had but was ready to face the challenge.

He said all the other Correctional Centre's teams gave them stiff competition in

the previous season since they wanted them to be stripped off their championship title.

He also encouraged his charges to continue where they left off.

Furthermore, the coach lauded the Commissioner General for a kind gesture as he said such games were a motivational factor in the department as well as the society.

## Oyama gets E5 000 boost from City Office Machines

By Sabelo Majola

**SPORTS - OYAMA Kyokushin Karate has received a financial boost to the tune of E5 000 from City Office Machines in their quest to raise funds for a karate tournament slated for Japan.**

Six local fighters will be leaving the country on November 22 headed for the capital of Japan, Tokyo, where the Oyama World Karate tournament will be held.

The kind gesture from City Office Machines was influenced by the fact that one of the athletes in former Mr Swaziland Linda Dlamini is an employee at the company. The company's MD Gavin Moir said they were proud to be co-sponsoring with the Swaziland National Sport and Recreational Council (SNSRC) and they are hopeful that their staff member will come back with honours from Japan for the country and for the company.

"I would like to appeal to companies and individuals to come forward and give a helping hand to the association so that they meet their objective of taking these athletes to Japan," he said.

Oyama Karate president Mfanafuthi Vilakati forwarded his gratitude to COM for the financial assistance and SNSRC for having laid the foundation for the trip to be a success.

"We are grateful to the company for the wonderful gesture especially when the economic climate is not so good. It is a wonderful thing when a local business embraces a nation building project, giving the youth something to channel their energy at. We will sure try our utmost best to fly the Swazi flag high.

SNSRC had initially pumped E45 000 towards the initiative and the money accumulates to E50 000. The association said it is E80 000 short to meet the required budget for the trip to be a success.



POSE: Oyama and SNSRC representatives posing for a group photo with City Office Machines staff members including former Mr SD Linda Dlamini. (Pic: Sabelo Majola)

## E70 000 sponsorship for Swazi Plaza Night Run

By Sabelo Majola

**THE Swazi Plaza Night Run is back with a bang with a E70 000 sponsorship pumped into the second edition of the event.**

The run is hosted by Swazi Plaza in collaboration with Golden Foot

Club. It is scheduled for November 26 and will start and finish at the Plaza. The first edition was held in 2014 with over 300 participants taking part in the run but it was not held last year. Swazi Plaza CEO Alan Fobian said they were looking to make the run an annual event with the idea to make it a family fun

initiative that would be enjoyable to all ages.

"Initially, we wanted to launch a cycle race but after considering multiple factors on the aftermath of cycling at night, we opted for a night run.

We are glad the opportunity came again and we have this great work-

ing relationship with GFC. They are enthusiastic and easy to work with, we are hoping to have an epic event," he said.

GFC's Gideon Mthembu said they were targeting 500 participants and all of them would receive T-shirts and medals. "We would give a cash prize to three groups with the highest number of participants and we would reward individual winners according to age groups so every-

body is welcome to join the run," he said. Registration starts on November 14-26 and its E50 per person. The race will commence at 7pm on the day. The route starts from the Plaza, Total Gardens, City Council Offices, goes to CTA, SBIS, goes up to St Marks, Sandla, Somhlolo Road back to town, passing at Auto Stan to the Old Bus Rank and back to the Plaza where the winning point is.

## PREMIERE LEAGUES FIXTURES

Tomorrow at Mavuso Sports Centre  
Sundowns vs Red Lions 2pm  
Pirates vs Leopard 4pm

Tomorrow at Somhlolo National Stadium  
Sea Birds vs Young Buffaloes 4pm  
Green Mamba vs Tambuti 6pm

Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium  
Swallows vs Midas City 1:30pm  
Wanderers vs Highlanders 3:45pm

### MIDWEEK FIXTURES: NEXT WEEK

Tuesday at Somhlolo National Stadium  
Leopard vs Sea Birds 6pm

## TAMBUTI SLAPPED WITH E25 000 FINE

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER - ELITE** league rookies Tambuti have been slapped with a E25 000 fine after the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Disciplinary Committee found the team guilty on two charges.

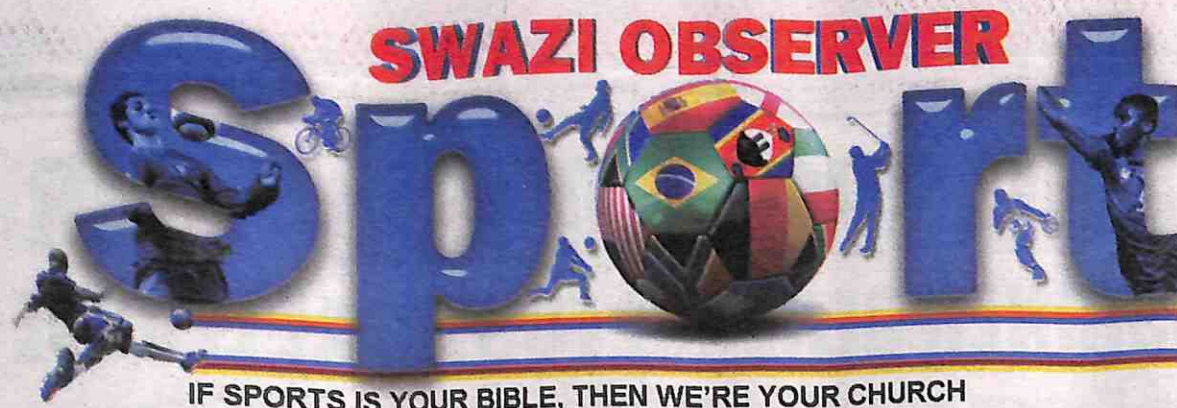
The team's head coach in Mali born Alou Badara was fined E25 000 for man-handling Moneni Pirates coach Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini during their match at Mavuso Sports Centre on October 23 and it was implicated in the stadium rep report while the team's skipper Thokozani Mkhulisi was found guilty of threatening to assault referee Phinda Ndzimandze after they lost 1-3 to Manzini

Wanderers on November 2 at the same venue and Tambuti was fined E10 000 on that aspect. The case was heard yesterday before the DC at Sigwaca House.

### Assaulting

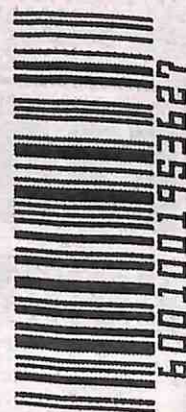
Mkhulisi's initial charge of assaulting the referee where he was facing six months ban was wholly suspended as the latter is said to have threatened to assault rather than actually assaulting the said referee. The verdict means Mkhulisi will feature in the team's next game against Green Mamba tomorrow at Somhlolo National Stadium.

Tambuti was represented by Machawe Sithole who was accompanied by the team's PRO Nathi Dlamini. Sithole said that the cases would run concurrently, meaning the team will not pay the maximum E35 000 but only part with the E25 000 fine. The team was fined according to MTN Premier league Rules and Regulations article 7 (1) (f) which says failure to control fans, supporters, officials, marshals, a fine of not less than E25 000.

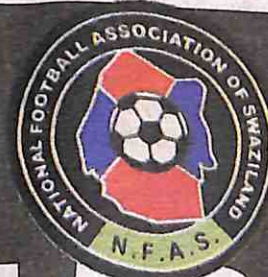


IF SPORTS IS YOUR BIBLE, THEN WE'RE YOUR CHURCH

Friday November 11, 2016



# FA DISCUSS 'MADZE' FUTURE AS SIHLANGU COACH



By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER - THE** fate of Harries 'Madze' Bulunga as Sihlangu coach could be decided by the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) over the weekend.

'Madze's position has been the subject of speculation as he is now out of contract.

A reliable source said Bulunga's future would be discussed during the FA retreat this weekend.

"The FA executive will discuss this matter this weekend and Bulunga is likely to know his fate next week. Sihlangu technical team contracts would top the agenda during the meeting."

The source said everything had been finalised pertaining to the event.

FA Chief Executive Officer Frederick Mngometulu earlier on said the future of the coach would be known after October 20 and it is November now.

He said it was not only the head coach but the entire technical team.

'Madze' is assisted by coach Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe with Siphon 'Shilton' Dube as goalkeeper coach whilst Frank 'The



**TRIO:** Coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, assistant coach Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe and goalkeeper coach Siphon 'Shilton' Dube.

Horse' Maziya is the physical trainer.

Bulunga was first engaged into the national team as assistant coach in April 2013 to former Belgian coach Valere Billen. After the departure of Billen seven months later, he took over as an interim head coach, until he was given the reins on fulltime basis in August 2014. He worked tirelessly with the

technical bench to improve the team's FIFA rankings as back in 2014 it was ranked 179 in the world, two years down the line the team is now in the top 100.

Under his guidance, the team also got recognition after performing exceptionally well in the COSAFA Cup where they received bronze medals, a record which Sihlangu has never achieved in the past.

This is the same tournament that saw AS Vita new striker Felix Badenhorst named top goal scorer after netting five goals.

Sihlangu Semnikati almost qualified for the AFCON 2017 but lost the decider match against Malawi. One negative that can work against 'Madze' is the issue regarding his full time job as a teacher. During the COSAFA Cup, Bulunga was under fire from his employers after the pupils complained they were missing out on their studies while the coach was with the national team in Namibia.

Interestingly enough, parliamentarians have suggested that Bulunga should be hired as permanent Sihlangu coach and resign from his post as a teacher. Vocal former MP Robert Magongo previously warned civil servants to not dare leave their professions for sports positions.

## KOLA, SIHLE MKHONTA BOOST FOR WANDERERS

By Sabelo Majola

### SOCCER - MANZINI

Wanderers will welcome back the duo of Aladeon Kola and Sihle Mkhonta when they take on Mbabane Highlanders on Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium.

The pair was nabbed by the yellow card rule and didn't feature for their team when they played against Buffaloes this past weekend.

Wanderers PRO Senzo Dlamini said the return of the players means they would have a full squad to slaughter the 'Bull' effortlessly.

"The playing squad will be welcomed by the return of the duo of Kola and Sihle Mkhonta from a

one game suspension. Pride is at stake here thus we will not take things for granted but go for the jugular from the first to the last minute," he said.

Meanwhile, Manzini Sundowns will also welcome back Paito Dube, who was forcibly substituted in the game against



**TO HAVE FULL SQUAD:** Wanderers PRO Senzo Dlamini.

Moneni Pirates where they won 3-2.

Sundowns PRO Muzi Matsenjwa said the player started full training with the team on Tuesday.

"We expect him to bring the much needed stability in central defence. We are all out to get maximum points against Red Lions, nothing less, nothing more," he said.

The player had a knock in the head after a tussle for the ball with a Pirates striker.

### MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Swallows	10	9	0	0	29	4	25	30
Buffaloes	10	4	5	1	11	6	5	17
Wanderers	10	4	4	2	14	8	6	16
Sundowns	10	4	3	3	12	13	-1	15
Leopard	9	4	2	3	12	9	3	14
Mamba	10	3	3	4	10	7	3	12
Midas City	9	2	5	2	8	8	0	11
Highlanders	9	2	3	4	9	12	-3	9
Moneni	9	2	3	4	9	15	-6	9
Tambuti	10	3	0	7	8	18	-10	9
Red Lions	9	2	2	5	9	22	-13	8
Sea Birds	9	1	2	6	7	15	-8	5