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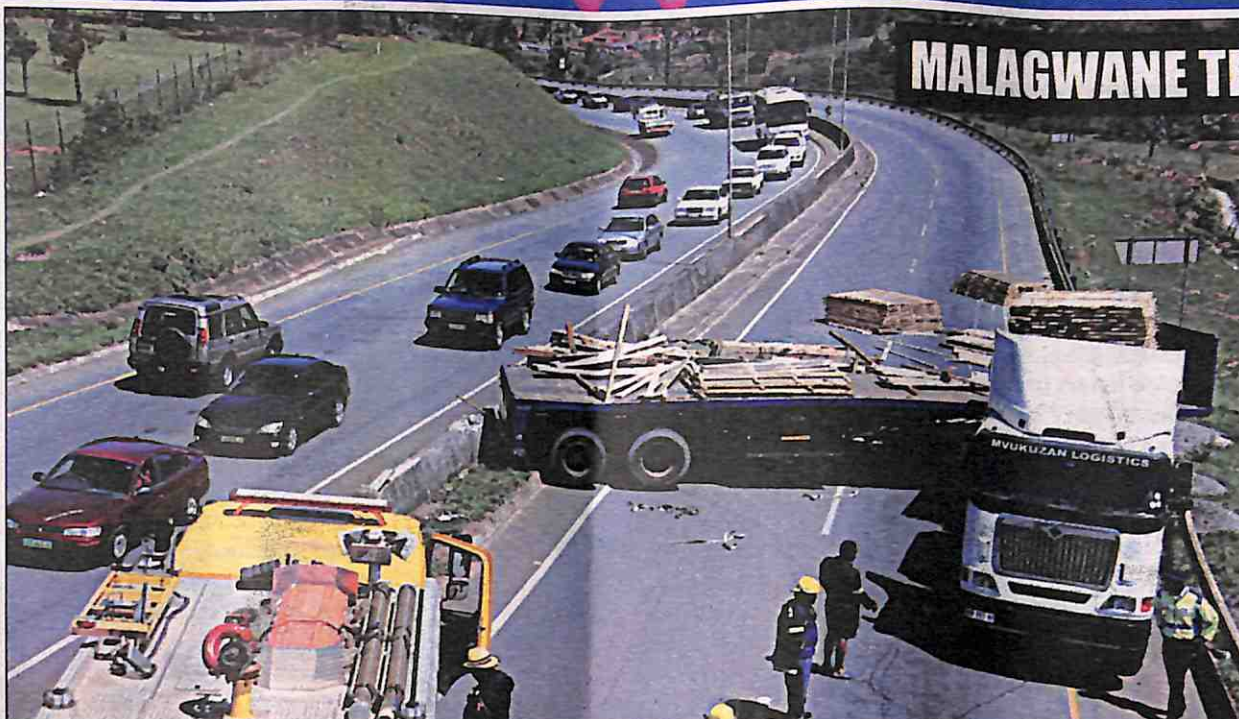
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The students said the environment was far from being conducive for learning, citing various factors which they believed were contributing to the current state of affairs

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Rain forecast still looking good

By Nozipho Sibiba
Mbabane

THE seasonal outlook forecast continues to show above-normal rainfall this October till December.

This was confirmed by Swazi Met's Sifiso Nzalo yesterday. Nzalo said there was a slight

chance of normal to above-normal rainfall over most parts of the country during the October-November and December 2016 (OND).

Course

He said this week shows that the above normal rains are slightly taking its course in the country.

He said there are high chances of rainfall, looking at the fact that

tomorrow evening there will be occasional rain drizzles and fog, otherwise cloudy with sunny intervals in the Lowveld.

Temperatures

"Temperatures are going to slightly drop till Friday," he said.

The January, February and March (JFM) 2017 period is likely to have the entire country's rainfall trend receiving towards normal-to-below normal rainfall.



NATCOM PROMOTES 65 POLICE OFFICERS

The national commissioner stated on account of the increasingly diverse exigencies of the service there arose the need to promote officers to various categories of the organisational ladder

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

NATIONAL Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula has promoted 65 police officers based at various stations around the country.

News of the promotions was relayed to the officers on Monday.

INSPECTOR TO ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

1. Inspector Thembi R. Khumalo – Malkems Station Admin.
2. Inspector Musa A. Simelane CPU (HMK)
3. Inspector Zachariah P. Sacolo – Post Commander, Lavumisa Border
4. Inspector Samketi E. Dlamini – Command Studies Wing, P/College
5. Inspector Xolile Nkhambule – CPU Emakhasikati Escorts
6. Inspector Fikelephi Mletwa – CPU HMK
7. Mduduzi C. Mhambali – 2ND IN CHARGE Band Master OSSU
8. Inspector Mbogeni Mlangeni – 2nd in charge DSC PHQ
9. Inspector Thabsile Nxumalo – In charge DCS Hhohho RHQ
10. Inspector Samketi Msweli – In charge Crime Prevention Unit, Manzini.
11. Inspector Maghawe K. Nxumalo – OSSU PA Communications System
12. Inspector Joseph Matsebula – In charge Traffic section Matsapha

From Sergeant/ASS Inspector to Inspector

1. A/Inspector Siphiwe Dlamini – In charge DCS Big Bend
2. A/Inspector Phindile Mkhabela – In charge DCS Siteki
3. Sergeant Enock M. Msibi – Mhlambanyatsi Police Post Commander
4. Sergeant Ndimiso Mavuso – PHQ Training and Development
5. Sergeant Patrick Z. Lushaba – In charge IS Gege
6. Sergeant Julios Honre – In charge Drug Unit, Hhohho RHQ
7. Sergeant Muzi Phungwayo – Mahlangatja Police Post Commander
8. Sergeant Nelly Mkhombe – CPU Administration
9. Sergeant Nokulunga Simelane – CPU (HMK)
10. Josiah S. Shongwe – OSSU Royal Band
11. Sergeant Sandile Simelane – Photography and Printing PHQ
12. Sergeant Simon Simelane PHQ FINACE
13. Sergeant Zwakele Dlamini – PMs Escort
14. A/Inspector Zanele Simelane Hlophe – PHQ Welfare
15. Sergeant Sanele Dlamini – CPU (HMK)
16. Sergeant Muzi Dlamini – OSSU Operations
17. Sergeant Menzi P. Kunene – OSSU Operations
18. A/Inspector Israel N. Simelane – Communications and Information Officer PHQ

FROM CONSTABLE TO SERGEANT

1. Constable Bongani N. Jele – OSSU Royal Band.

FROM SUPERINTENDENT TO SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT

1. Ms Phakamile G. Dlamini – P/College, Instructor
2. Mr Issac Dlodlo – Chief Training Officer OSSU
3. Miss Zanele P. Nxumalo – Chief Police Nursing Services Officer, P/College Clinic.
4. Mr. Charles T. Magagula – Staff Officer Traffic Policing and Transport, PHQ
5. Miss Zandile Minisi – Head of Domestic Violence, Sexual Offences and Child Protection Unit, PHQ
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5. Mr. Pholani Nxumalo – P/College, Instructor
6. Mr. Madzela Dlamini – Force Communications, PHQ
7. Mr. Patrick Matsebula – CPU (HMK)
8. Mr. Salathiel Luthle – 2nd In charge Royal Residence Protection Unit
9. Mr. Dumsane L. Dube – Manzini Station Operations

FROM SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT TO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

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4. Mr. Edgarson V. Mkhabela – Desk Officer Internal Affairs, PHQ IS
5. Mr. Shedrack Simelane – Senior Staff Officer Finance, Procurement and Logistics, PHQ

FROM ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER TO SENIOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

1. Mr. Meshack M. Ntshalintshali – Director is, PHQ
2. Mr. Vusi J. Masuku – Regional Commissioner P/College
3. Mr. Mandla P. Mdululi – Regional Commissioner Shiselweni.

SIPA CEO summons cleaners to disciplinary hearing Friday

By Ackel Zwane
Manzini

LAST Friday Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) cleaners were each served with letters to appear before a disciplinary hearing this Friday on charges of leaking information to the media about mismanagement of the state corporation.

The letters stipulate they must show why disciplinary action should not be taken against them for disclosing the parastatal's inside information to the public.

They allege the letters are at the insistence of Chief Executive Officer Phumelele Dlamini.

However, the cleaners are seething with anger and point an accusing finger at their supervisors whom they suspect have been forced to file false claims as their CEO intensifies her resolve to get even with all her employees.

They also dispel media reports that at any point they admitted to leaking information to the media save for submitting 17 grievances to established structures within the organisation and these being grievances bordering on welfare and industrial issues and not secrets about the operations of SIPA.

The media report further makes reference to an interim findings report by some lawyer who purportedly led an investigation into the leaking of information.

However, the cleaners allege they have nothing to do with the compilation of 36 grievances by their counterparts at headquarters and therefore cannot be made accountable to those save for what they submitted both to the board of directors, the minister and to a Member of Parliament who raised the issue within the legislature.

The executive did not waste time and summoned the cleaners immediately after they presented their grievances and charged them with what she termed a serious breach of SIPA policies.

However the cleaners argue they last signed their contracts in the second quarter of 2014 and since then have been engaged outside the labour laws of the country and therefore cannot be held accountable to those laws.

It was for that reason they wanted other competent bodies to intervene because the CEO had also taken things on her own hands such as awarding them increments even before they could sign contracts, a blatant breach of protocol and pro-



MY FARM: SIPA CEO Phumelele Dlamini.

cedure on her part.

The cleaners are also enraged by allusions they admitted before their supervisor of having leaked information to the media, saying it was either the wild imaginations of the lawyer or those of the supervisor attempting to save face before her superiors.

"How can our supervisor make statements on our behalf when we are there and report to work every morning? Even if we refused to appear before the probe it does not make the supervisor's submissions any credible," said one of the cleaners.

Classified

In essence, the cleaners argue there is highly classified information contained in the grievances that did not come from the cleaners such as the double payment of contractors, information that can never at any point fall in the hands of cleaners.

The other is hiring out of Hall No.2 to a private pastor for private services whose rentals are still to be accounted for.

The SIPA managers in their letter to the minister alleged their CEO created a non-workable environment in the institution by her leadership style and have requested government to act up to prevent the organisation from failing to deliver on its mandate to attract investors to the country.

They accused the CEO of using abusive and belittling language against senior managers in front of junior staff and investors and it has rendered them unable to perform their duties.

They have also accused her of flouting a lot of procedures ranging

from procurement and sidelining managers by engaging junior staff for managerial duties. These allegations are in a letter to the minister of February 23. Instead of looking into the grievances the CEO jumped to institute a commission of enquiry that was otherwise dubbed a witch hunt. The instruction to establish the commission of inquiry had initially been directed to the SIPA board of directors, which was however, sacked sometime in May 2016 and replaced by the current board chaired by Sandile Simelane.

This board called upon the employees to submit their grievances against the CEO and a report had already been submitted to the board for consideration.

The CEO was also accused of micro managing even the smallest of tasks, which removed authority from the relevant managers, but later held them accountable.

She was further reported to have sidelined the human resource manager or line manager of a particular employee when transferring them to other departments or varying their duties.

This, the employees said, impacted negatively to the organisation because she failed to consider relevance of that employee in the new department and statutory requirements.

Another allegation is the CEO was entitled to approve tenders worth up to E500 000, otherwise the audit committee has to be involved on tenders for projects beyond that mark.

However, Dlamini is alleged to have interfered on tenders whose costs were above her threshold.

She is alleged to have authorised a E981 565 000 tender for the rehabilitation of Taitex factory shell in Matsapha, by arguing the project should be done in phases since the budget was not supposed to exceed E500 000.

The cleaners say they cannot possibly possess so much detail about her alleged mismanagement.

They stick to the 17 grievances they directed to the board and the minister, these being institutions directly linked to the operations of SIPA.

They also accuse her of defying her own board and also accusing one of her superiors, the ministers yet she is bent on forcing cleaners to jump all the structures and appear before her instead of their supervisors who also must be within the established regulations that govern the flow of authority at the institution.

SUSPENDED LIMKOKWING STUDENTS RUN TO MPs

COVER STORY

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini
Mbabane

SUSPENDED Limkokwing Students Representatives Council executive members, are intensely lobbying parliamentarians to intervene on the ongoing dispute between them and the university administration.

The SRC executive made a very convincing presentation to parliamentarians yesterday, detailing alleged injustice they were being subjected to at the institution, including their suspension and subsequent prevention from coming anywhere near the university.

The students told the MPs they had been instructed to keep a 100 metres distance from the institution.

Following a petition they delivered

● The SRC executive made a very convincing presentation to parliamentarians yesterday, detailing alleged injustice they were being subjected to at the institution, including their suspension and subsequent prevention from coming anywhere near the university

in parliament last week, the students embarked on the process to lobby the legislators to consider, as part of their intervention, conducting their own investigation in the institution to see for themselves the harsh conditions they were subjected to everyday.

Conducive

The students said the environment was far from being conducive for learning, citing various factors which they believed were contributing to the current state of affairs.

The meeting between the student body executive and the parliamentarians took place at the Sibane Hotel shortly after the completion of a workshop that was organised by the

parliamentarians. The MPs were told that the students' problems in the institution had been going on for a very long time now, dating back to the previous SRC executive which reportedly took up the students' concerns with the ministries of labour and social security as well as that of education and training.

The students said as a university of innovation, Limkokwing students should be able to access internet services but such services had been top of their agenda of challenges they faced since 2014. They said they were told they had since used the last bundle of units from SPTC which were provided by government.

PAC will miss newly appointed ministers

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

THE Public Accounts Committee (PAC) will miss the valuable contribution that was brought by the two recently-appointed ministers.

PAC members have congratulated the two on the appointments into their new positions. However, they stated their departure from the PAC would somehow affect the work of the committee because they had brought in a massive wealth of experience to the committee.

Manzini South Member of Parliament (MP) Owen Nxumalo and Mafutseni MP Christopher Gamedze were sworn in on Monday at Cabinet offices in Mbabane.

Nxumalo is now the Public Service Minister while Gamedze will head the Tourism Ministry.

PAC Chairperson Thuli Dladla thanked His Majesty King Mswati III for appointing them to be ministers.

She stated that she would miss their expertise, which made the PAC function properly. Dladla said she worked with them for sometime both in the PAC and as backbenchers.

She described them as hard workers who were dedicated in their responsibilities. She said their outstanding attributes included reliability because they would attend PAC meetings, with-

out compromising the quorum.

Dladla said they would also interrogate issues during the hearings, without fear or favour. The new ministers would also stay throughout the hearings, despite the long session. At times, they would leave the chambers at midnight. However, the chairperson pointed out that she would sometimes receive protests during such incidents.

Qualifications

"Their tertiary qualifications and experience in the accounting field will not go unnoticed in their contributions during PAC hearings. I will miss them in my capacity as the chairperson of the PAC and that of the prime minister's portfolio committee," Dladla said.

The chairperson also highlighted that even in Parliament, the two would always actively avail themselves to workshops on bills and any other parliament meetings. She singled out Gamedze as one MP who would send an apology when he was not able to attend.

PAC Deputy Chairperson Phila Buthelezi also pointed out that the PAC would be affected by the departure of the two MPs.

"We lost a lot as a result of the departure of the two MPs. They have a rich background in finance and accounting and they made our work as PAC a lot easier. Now we have to close the vacancies created by their departure



CHAIR: Thuli Dladla.

and sometimes this takes a long time to happen," Buthelezi said.

Buthelezi's sentiments were shared by Mbabane West MP Johane Shongwe, who is also a member of the PAC. "We have lost two great politicians at PAC as they were both zealous about their work," Shongwe said.

However, Shongwe wished them all their best in their new positions as ministers.

Shiselweni II MP Mthokozisi Kunene, however, was of the view that the PAC would not be much affected by the departure of the two MPs.

"I think the work of the PAC will now be much easier because the two MPs will now be able to quickly sort out any wrongdoings within government, without having to be seen by Parliament," Kunene said.

He said government and Parliament worked in close cooperation to move the country forward.

...No admission limit at Limko

THE troubles that are reportedly engulfing the Mbabane based Limkokwing University centres around poor admission policies, the SRC executive has alleged.

Addressing parliamentarians at Sibane Hotel, the SRC executive said so unbearable the situation at the university that students scrambled for chairs and other facilities which should otherwise be easily accessible to students had the institution been operating normally. The student executives said some students attend to lectures and spend the whole session standing. To get a chair, the same thing applied, students scramble for them and only those able to

grab a chair first got to enjoy the luxury of having a lecture on a chair. The parliamentarians were told the problems extends to classroom shortages and accommodation at the formerly Castle Hotel which was converted into a university residence. Rooms that were designed to accommodate three students are now allegedly packed to capacity with six students per room, said the SRC executive. The students concerns included that poorly qualified lecturers were engaged by the institution. Some of the contracted lecturers reportedly graduated with Associate Degrees in 2015 and have no work experience.

Ntfonjeni MP calls for calm

"I nearly died inside my car after a gate came flying and almost smashed my car," said Ntfonjeni Member of Parliament Sompisi Magagula.

In his desperate plea to the students for calm and patience, MP Magagula said no matter how aggrieved they were, it remained paramount for them to ensure safety of innocent members of the public was guaranteed.

He told the students he had absolutely done nothing wrong on the day in question and his only sin was to be at a wrong place at a wrong time, hence he became a victim of circum-

stances.

The unfortunate incident, Magagula said, occurred during one of the student protests at their university campus at Sidvashini in Mbabane.

Had he been unable to immediately apply his car's brakes, he would have died on the spot despite having done no wrong. The SRC executive is currently on suspension pending their appearing before a disciplinary committee for a hearing.

In the interim, however, they have been slapped with a restraining order to stay at least 100 metres away from the institution.

Armed police deployed at Limko

STUDENTS at the Limkokwing University said they were intimidated by an alleged heavy presence of armed police officers in every corner of the institution.

The police presence, the SRC executive believes, is an intimidation tactic used by the university administration to instill fear amongst the students to prevent

them from joining their leaders who are on suspension.

Disallowed

The SRC executive told parliamentarians they were currently disallowed to enter the university campus and therefore were camped by the gate, at least 100 metres away to avoid violating a restraining order issued against them to that effect.

80 tons of mealie-meal smuggled into SD monthly

By Sabatha Dlamini
Mbabane

AN estimated 80 tons of mealie-meal is smuggled into the country monthly. NAMBoard Chief Executive Officer Siphephiso Dlamini made the revelations while warning members of parliament that to open the gates for unrestricted importation of mealie-meal and other grain products would

destroy the country's fragile economy.

Explaining why the market was restricted, Dlamini said that was a form of protecting the local economy from outside giants who could easily flood their products and ultimately kill the agricultural industry locally.

Increase on importation, doubled with the smuggled products, would definitely render the Swazi economy completely non-functional,

said Dlamini.

Dlamini said all the challenges faced were a result of the country's failure to produce enough maize and other products for the local market.

The deficits, Dlamini said, warranted that the National Maize Corporation (NMC) continued to import maize.

NMC Chief executive Officer Dumsani Msibi concurred with Dlamini, further emphasising that the govern-

ment parastatal had a duty to ensure the grain was at all times available locally and controlled the price as well.

Lugongolweni MP Joseph Sousa demanded answers on what the parastatals were doing to ensure they mitigated the situation and improved local production as opposed to supporting the foreign market, especially South African farmers who were main producers of maize.

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CELEBRATIONS: His Majesty King Mswati III's representative Prince Simelane and Republic of China on Taiwan Ambassador Thomas Chen cutting the cake, while Prince Sicalo and Princess Sikhanyiso look on. This was during the 105th National Day celebrations of the Republic of China on Taiwan at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre on Monday evening. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON



STANDING: Republic of China on Taiwan Ambassador Thomas Chen with Prince Sicalo and His Majesty's representative Prince Simelane during the singing of the national anthems.



TOAST: Prince Simelane and the ambassador proposing a toast.



BIG BOYS: Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director A.T Dlamini flanked by Swazi Observer acting Managing Director Andreas Nkabinde and National and Defence Ministry Principal Secretary Andreas Mathabela at the event.



HERE: His Majesty's representative being ushered in by the ambassador.



RESPECT: Invited guests standing during the singing of the national anthems of the two countries.



FULL HOUSE: Various guests from near and far graced the occasion. Here they are seen listening to various speakers on the evening.



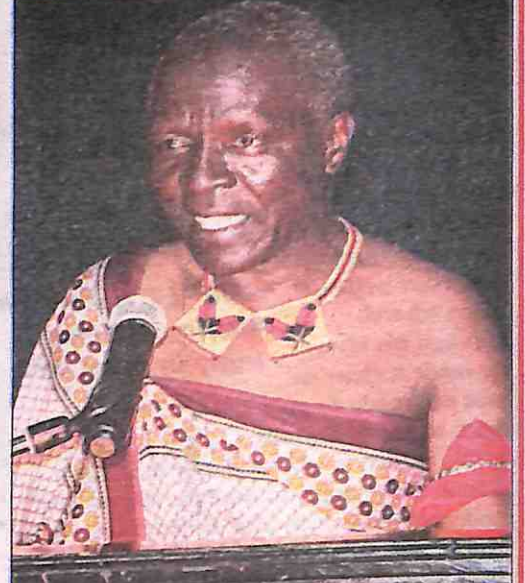
TAIWAN 105TH NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS



COME THIS SIDE: Chen chatting with Prince Sicalo and Princess Sikhanyiso.



HOST: Ambassador of the Republic of China on Taiwan Thomas Chen delivering his speech.



ON BEHALF: Prince Simelane reading the King's speech.



IN FULL CONCENTRATION: Part of the invited guests following the proceedings.



RELATIONS: Ambassador Chen proposing a toast with Prince Sicalo and Princess Sikhanyiso.

GUESTS: SA High Commissioner Happy Mahlangu (l) was among the invited guests.



STOMACH AGENDA: Invited guests having some refreshments.

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SUSPECT KILLER TEACHER
SENT TO SIDWASHINIBy Pheheyia Kunene
Mbabane

THE teacher accused of murdering his wife and setting her alight inside their family car, Themba Masimula, made his second appearance yesterday before court whereby, through his lawyer, he made it clear he was not ready to go back to police custody.



SUSPECT: Themba Masimula seemingly in great pain.

This follows a submission by the Crown Counsel to re-apply to have the suspect kept under police custody after he spent the whole day in hospital yesterday. "None of our objectives were met Your Worship as the accused person was in hospital the whole day, so we are asking to re-apply for another 24 hours as investigations have to proceed," Masango said. He further mentioned that his concern was the accused would not be accepted at the Correctional Services due to his condition. "He has to be fully fit; we ask to keep him until we are sure he is fit enough. We will keep him at Mbabane Government Hospital as they do have holding cells there and a doctor will attend to him until he is ok," Masango added.

However, Masimula's lawyer Noncedo Ndlangamandla opposed this move.

Nhlabatsi then ordered the suspect to be sent to the Correctional Services until October 20. The suspect came back a different man in court as he spotted bandages all over his face and hands. He was also bare-footed this time around while also limping. Moreover, more people came to support him when he made his appearance at around 3:30pm. After the order was granted, he left the court and chatted with his lawyer and some of the people who came to support him before he was taken away in a van.

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KING PRAISES TAIWANESE
FOR UPLIFTING SWAZISStories by Sabatha Dlamini
Ezulwini

HIS Majesty King Mswati III is full of praise for the Republic of China on Taiwan for its critical role in uplifting the living standards of Swazis.

Speaking during the celebrations of the 105th National Day for the Republic of China on

Taiwan through Prince Simelane, His Majesty said the rural landscape had been illuminated by access to electricity while more people were enjoying potable water and other social amenities.

He said these were all fruits of the bilateral relations the two countries have been enjoying for the past 48 years.

The event was held at Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre

at Ezulwini on Monday evening.

"Our educational facilities and health programmes have benefited immensely from Taiwan's support towards poverty eradication and decentralisation of services to all corners of the kingdom," said His Majesty.

The king said the exchange programmes and scholarships offered by the Taiwanese government to the Swazi people

continued to leave an indelible mark on the country's national development initiatives.

Witnessed

"We have also witnessed a rise in the standards of our cultural events because of your continued contributions which have placed these events among the fast growing international tourism attractions.

Only a true friendship could make this possible," he said.

Bilateral relations to strengthen

THE 48-year-old bilateral relations that have existed between Swaziland and the Republic of China on Taiwan would no doubt be further strengthened.

His Majesty King Mswati III said the existing ties between the two states have contributed to the development of the kingdom.

He said despite the change in the republic's political leadership, such relationship should be maintained and improved to higher levels.

The king said the recently held SADC Heads of State and Government Summit was a resounding success because of the contribution received from,

amongst others, the Taiwanese government. The king said the successful hosting of the summit would not had been possible had it not been for the support and contributions from various sectors of society as well as international partners.

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Taiwanese government for the E14 million contributions towards the hosting of this Summit.

It went a long way towards helping the kingdom meet the expectations of hosting an event of this magnitude and for this we are truly grateful," he said.

On behalf of the government

and the people of Swaziland, the king congratulated the president, the government and the people of the Republic of China on Taiwan for the remarkable achievement of celebrating the National Day.

He concluded by requesting the Taiwanese ambassador to extend his sincere gratitude to the president, government and the people of the Republic of China on Taiwan for all the assistance rendered to the kingdom.

"We also wish to express our appreciation for the warm hospitality afforded to me and my delegation when we attended the presidential inauguration earlier this year, as well as for hosting Her

Majesty the Indlovukazi shortly thereafter," concluded His Majesty.

Meanwhile, Ambassador of the Republic of China on Taiwan Thomas Chen, described the relationship between the two states as 48 years of constructive partnership.

He said the year 2016 has been very unique to them in that not only did they witness a change in the political party leadership but, for the very first time, they elected a female president.

He said the first congratulatory remarks she received were from His Majesty the King, who further attended the inaugural ceremony and sat next to the madam president, much to the envy of other dignitaries.

2 women busted red-handed stealing 4 Milos

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

TWO women were yesterday afternoon busted red-handed stealing four bottles of Milo by the shop owner at Smile Supermarket in Mbabane.

According to the shop owner Irifar Makkan, the thieving pair entered his shop at around 13:45 hours and took a shopping basket like normal customers do.

He said he started noting that the two were up to not good, when they started wondering aimlessly inside the shop. He then watched their every move on the closed-circuit television (CCTV) monitor located at the counter.

"Along the food aisle they spent about 30 minutes at one spot and that's when I became even more suspicious of them. When they moved from that aisle they started taking random groceries around the shop and headed for the paying till. All this time the pair was still walking together carrying on as if they were normal customers," he said.

Makkan said when they got to the paying till they dropped the grocery baskets they were carrying and headed for the

door. He then stopped them on their heels and ordered his female staff to conduct a frisk search on them. He said to confirm his suspicion the two were found hiding Milos underneath their shirts.

One unidentified woman was found with three Milo containers stuffed around her waist tightened by leggings. The other one, identified as Busisiwe Dlamini (33), was also found with one Milo container also tucked around her waist tightened by leggings as well. The shop owner said he quickly called the police hotline '999' and asked the officers to respond to his shop and they swiftly did.

The two ladies were found quarrelling amongst themselves with the unidentified woman blaming Dlamini for convincing her to steal from the shop. "You made me steal, I told you we must just leave the shop but you kept on saying we must take the stuff," she was heard saying.

Upon realising they were photographed, Busisiwe turned violent and assaulted the news reporter while trying to block the camera on her way out of the supermarket to board the police van.

The two are expected to appear before court today.



STOLEN MILO: Busisiwe Dlamini displaying the Milo that she stole at Smile Supermarket. (Pics: Gugu Simelane)



STOCKED: An unidentified lady displaying the stolen items.



IN THE HIGH COURT OF SWAZILAND

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SWAZILAND HOLDEN AT MBABANE ON THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2016 BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE T. DLAMINI

HELD AT MBABANE

CASE NO. 1386/2016

In the Petition of:

HLALAWATI SAVINGS & credit
CO-OP SOCIETY LIMITED

(for an order in terms of Section 32
Of the Deeds Registry Act No. 37/1968)

Petitioner

Having heard Counsel for the Petitioner.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:-

COURT ORDER

1. A rule nisi is hereby issued calling upon all interested persons to show cause why an order in the following terms should not be granted:-
1.1 That the Registrar or his lawful Deputy, of this Honourable Court should be authorized and directed to take all such steps as may be necessary to sign all documents and consents for purposes of effecting transfer into the name of your Petitioner, HLALAWATI SAVINGS AND CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED of the property known as:-
CERTAIN: Portion 8 (a Portion of Portion 2) of Farm No. 313, situated in the Manzini District, Swaziland.
MEASURING: 4000 (Four Zero Zero Zero) Square metres
2. That this order be hereby published three (3) times in both local newspapers and the Government Gazette.
3. That the matter be returnable before this Honourable Court on the 30th September, 2016

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL AT MBABANE
ON THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016



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TOWARDS A CYCLING FRIENDLY CITY: Manzini Council wants to transform the Hub of Swaziland into a cycling friendly city as she strives to achieve first world status by 2022.

EVER CONSIDERED CYCLING TO WORK?

● Manzini Council encourages residents to try it and reap the due benefits

Dear reader, you most likely have been exposed to cycling at some point in your life.

Most probably, you even enjoyed cycling as a hobby. However, ever since you started working and got yourself that beautiful car you have never thought of it as a cost-effective alternative mode of transport that also comes with a number of health benefits.

As the Municipal of Manzini we would like to challenge you to try cycling as a means of getting by. Go to any developed country and you will find the streets littered with bicycles. Visit any of the places of work in these developed countries and the parking lot will be decorated with all forms and sizes of bicycles. In fact, the probability of you finding out even the chief executive of that particular organisation rides a bicycle to and from work is very high.

The Kingdom of Swaziland and, by extension, the City of Manzini, is on the journey to first world status. This means we need to give the issue of cycling some sort of seriousness as part of this exciting journey. Manzini and a few other towns in the country are currently grappling with issues of vehicular congestion. The question is do we realise the positive impact cycling could do to our city if everyone could take the decision to use the bicycle to get to work? In other countries, people use the bicycle up to 10km to get to work.

In Manzini, we are talking about 4km from Ngwane Park and even



A HEALTHY CITIZENRY: Cyclists captured in action during one of the recent races held by Out There Sports Events.

far less from neighbourhoods such as Coates Valley.

Consider the health and environmental benefits that come with cycling and then begin to understand why the first world has adopted this mode of transport. People in the first world will tell you cycling is one of the simplest forms of working out as a form of moderate physical activity required by the body. Therefore, using a bicycle to get to work helps incorporate physical activity in one's daily life. Studies have shown cycling contributes to cardiovascular health. It also increases the energy levels through an increase in body stamina and boosting the endurance capacity of a person.

In fact, it is time employers found strategies to encourage cycling to and from work amongst employees.

Experts say an increase in the energy levels results in enthusiasm at work and a higher output from employees. It also reduces stress levels resulting in positive and higher productivity in the workplace.

Cycling is also an environmentally friendly mode of transport that reduces air pollution. It is a known fact the vehicles are the biggest source of greenhouse gases in our cities. These harmful gas emissions damage the nervous system and cause severe respiratory issues. Why then do we stick to a mode of transport that reduces our lifespan in the process? Just imagine the peace and quiet we would enjoy in Manzini municipality if we were to adopt cycling due to it being a noiseless mode of transport.

One would argue the municipality does not yet have the appropriate

Participate in exciting Manzini Cycle Race next Saturday

As a form of kick-starting the new era of cycling in the City of Manzini, the Municipal Council of Manzini together with renowned cycling race organisers, Out There Sports Events, have organised an exciting bicycle race to be held in the Manzini city centre on Saturday 22nd October 2016.

The theme of the event is "Manzini - A Cycling City of Choice - Come 2022". The one hour 30 minutes event will begin at 3pm at the Jubilee Park in Manzini and riders will do up to 10 laps on Ngwane, Nkoseluhlaza and Louw streets. The start and finish point of the race will be the Jubilee Park, going into Louw street (the flea market street), proceeding onto Ngwane street up to the traffic circle, round into Nkoseluhlaza street and back to the Jubilee Park. The race will be divided into two categories; the ladies, juniors, masters and elite riders. The first category will do five laps and the second ten. This will be preceded by a VIP parade where dignitaries that have been invited will do one lap. The affected streets will be barricaded half width.

The purpose of the event is to promote cycling and healthy living in the city as well as raise awareness of cycling to other road users.

"We have chosen Manzini to host this race as the city that is

the most proactive in achieving His Majesty's 2022 vision as well as helping the city achieve its vision of being a World class African city. Our wish is for Manzini to be a cycling friendly city and we are positive with the visionary leadership we currently have within Council it is possible", said Out There Sports Events' Rodney Young.

Council and Out There Sports Events encourage anyone who has a bicycle to participate in the event and be part of the fun. There is no age restriction. Registration is already open at the Adventure Sports shops in Manzini (near VOC) and Mbabane (at the Riverside Estate) and the participation fee is E50 per person. The deadline for registration is October 19. All riders will be required to put on their helmets for safety purposes.

Council further appeals to users of the affected streets to bear with her during the event and she hopes it will not cause much traffic disturbances since it will take place late in the afternoon and on a Saturday. We also thank the business community within the affected route for their understanding and cooperation when they were approached for buy-in into the event.

Out There Sports Events may be contacted on 2505 6092 or 7602 0635 for more information about the event.



CYCLING ALL THE WAY: Anyone who has a bicycle is invited to participate in the Manzini cycle race to be held next Saturday.

cycling infrastructure. Of course, that might be true but let's just consider this as the beginning of a new era. It should start with changing of the mindset and thereafter provision of the required infra-

structure. Let us see people riding bicycles to and from work and then Council will be assured that putting the required infrastructure will not amount to scarce resources gone to waste.

BIG MEETING FOR MADONSA, THOMASDALE, EXT. 6 RESIDENTS THIS EVENING

Dear resident of Madonsa, Thomasdale and Extension 6 (Ward 8).

The Municipal Council of Manzini invites you to an urgent and important meeting in which you will be given an update on progress in the delivery of projects in your Ward. It

is in this meeting you will help Council reprioritise the projects that are to be delivered in your township as part of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

The good news is the Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) will also be there.

They want to know whether or not you are happy with their service in terms of water supply, billing and sewer issues.

Please be there. If you already have engagements for this evening please make it a point you ask a family member to

attend on your behalf. Further note this meeting is not exclusive to property owners but tenants and the businesses that exist within the Ward are also welcome.

Council understands most residents will be from work and

tired on the time of the meeting but please be assured that the meeting will be over by 8pm.

DATE: TODAY
VENUE: KHANYISILE PRIMARY SCHOOL
TIME: 5:30PM

2-HOUR CONGESTION AS TRUCK SPILLS TIMBER AT MALAGWANE



ROAD CLOSED: The truck ferrying planks from Bhunya to South Africa stuck across the Manzini-Mbabane Highway direction at Bahai. The driver failed to balance after being disturbed by another car. Motorists coming from Manzini direction were forced to use a single lane. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

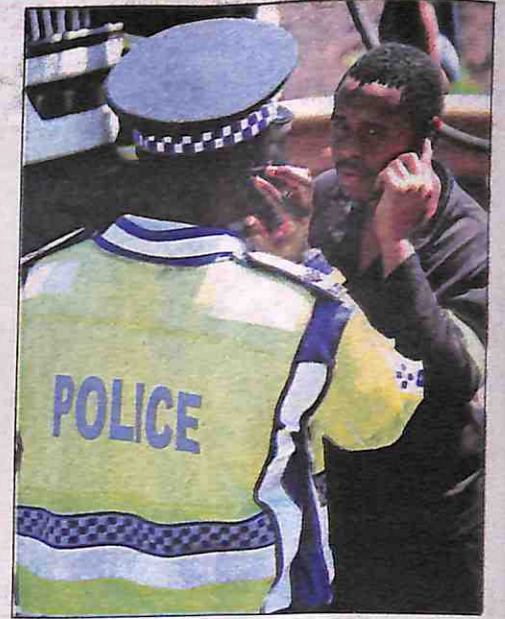
TRAFFIC came to a standstill at Malagwane Hill yesterday when a truck transporting timber spilt its cargo all over the road thus blocking the on-coming vehicles.

The incident occurred around 2pm when Melusi Sibiya, 25, of South Africa lost control of the truck, which he said he failed to balance properly on the steep hill.

Interviewed after the accident, Sibiya said the cause for the accident was his failure to balance the truck as he was climbing the Malagwane Hill.

No one was injured during the incident save that it caused traffic congestion as they tried to remove the spilt timber from the road.

"I am still shocked on what happened because I tried to control the truck but failed as in the process it got a puncture on the wheels and it took almost two hours to clear

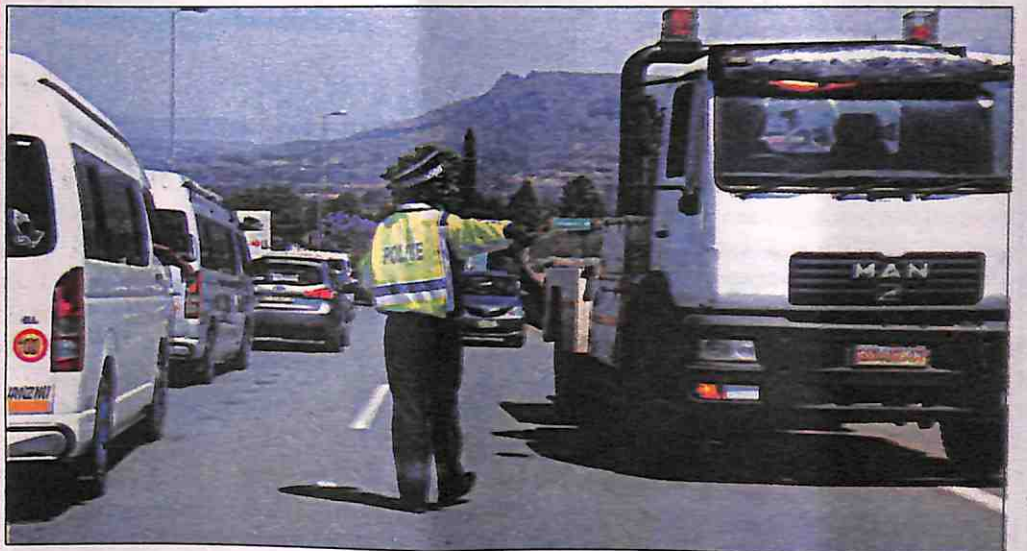


HELLO: Driver of the truck Melusi Sibiya with a police officer.

the road," he said.

Motorists using the Manzini-Mbabane suffered due to the incident and it was a task to get people to the spot to clear the road. Traffic movement did not attain normalcy until after 4pm. Due to the slow movement, traffic stretched as far as Mvutjini.

Inmates from His Majesty's Correctional Services were brought to assist in removing the timber from the road.



GO: A traffic police officer controlling the vehicles at the accident scene.



EMERGENCY: Workers from Fire station at the scene.



HELPING HAND: His Majesty Correctional Services prisoners clearing the road.

VACANCY



EXECUTIVE PERSONAL ASSISTANT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates to fill the vacant position of Executive Personal Assistant to the Managing Director's Office, Head Office.

MAIN PURPOSE

To provide secretarial and administrative support to the Managing Director and the Board of Directors.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Diploma from a recognized Institution: Executive Secretaries or related
- Excellent word processing and IT skills, including comprehensive capabilities in Microsoft
- Office software (Word, Excel, Power Point etc.).
- Three (3) years working experience in a relevant or similar position.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/COMPETENCIES

- Computer literacy, document and data processing.
- Electronic document and data management.
- Office Administration and good tele-communication skills.
- Executive secretary experience interacting with high-level executives.
- Planning and organizing skills, and broad picture thinking.
- Problem solving skills and mental alertness.
- Self-driven, with good communication skills (verbal and written).
- Strong Ethics and Values.
- Attention to detail and follow up.
- Ability to maintain the highest level of confidentiality at all times.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- The incumbent will be responsible for the following:
- Drafting and typing letters, minutes of meetings, agendas, memos, proposals, tenders, monthly reports.
- Arranging business trips (including flights and accommodation)
- Taking and screening incoming calls appropriately and attend to correspondence professionally and in a timely manner
- Directing incoming mail and correspondences through registry to relevant personnel.
- Arranging in advance and informing all relevant stakeholders about time and venue of meetings and/or functions.
- Liaising and communicating with relevant stakeholders
- Logistics arrangements for all meetings.
- Proper filing of all documents.
- Efficient management of the MD's and/or Executive diaries and all appointments
- Events management

GRADE

The position comes with a competitive salary and other benefits associated with the level of the position and experience.

APPLICATIONS

Interested candidates must submit their applications together with an up to date CV and copies of certified academic qualifications to:

The Human Resources Manager
Swaziland Water Services Cooperation
P.O. Box 20
Mbabane
Swaziland
humanresources@swsc.co.sz

Entloojeni Building, Corner M1403
and Cultural Village Drive, Hlatshini.
Tel: 031 246 6000, Fax: 031 246 6006
Visit: www.swsc.co.sz

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BLOCKED: The planks which were split on the road.



SLOW DOWN: The traffic jam caused by the truck which was stuck along the Mbabane/Manzini Highway at Bahai yesterday.

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water in
the truck.



WORKING HARD: Fire and Emergency employees and paramedics removing the planks.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND INSTITUTIONAL HOUSES

Expressions of Interest are invited from suitably qualified service providers/contractors for the provision of general maintenance services for buildings; including offices and institutional houses for the Corporation. Interested companies should provide a detailed company profile and copies of a valid Construction Industry Council certificate, valid tax clearance certificate (for government parastatal tender), valid trading licence, labour compliance certificate and the latest (2015) audited financials. Experience in ISO compliant environments will be an added advantage.

Expressions of interest must be addressed to:

**The Managing Director
"General Maintenance of Buildings and Institutional Houses"
Swaziland Water Services Corporation
Emftonjeni Building
Corner MR103 and Cultural Village Drive
Ezulwini**

Submissions must reach the above address not later than **16:30hrs** on the **14th October 2016**. Any submissions of documentation received after the said time will not be accepted.

A short list will be prepared from the received Expressions of Interest and only the short-listed companies will be invited for the next stage of the tendering process.

Emftonjeni Building, Corner MR 103
and Cultural Village Drive, Ezulwini.
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Education, experience and competencies required:

- Bachelor's Degree Preferred
- Hospitality Management Degree, Business Management or Economics.
- Experience within the Hospitality industry would be an added advantage.
- Minimum 3 - 5 years' relevant industry experience with at least 2 years Management experience.
- Ability to plan and prioritise work in order to meet set targets.
- Good negotiation skills.
- Proficiency in Business financials.
- Good problem solving skills.
- Excellent Relationship building and communication skills.
- Business Acumen.

Key Responsibilities:

- To set and effectively communicate the hotel pricing strategy by market segment with reference to market intelligence, buying patterns and pre-determined seasonality
- To ensure preparation of accurate 3 months and 12 months forecast for hotel rooms revenue by segment.
- To actively participate in production of hotels' annual budget and assist in creation, update and evaluation of the hotel Sales and Marketing plans.
- To be a key catalyst of driving hotel performance within property to ensure that overall revenue budgets are met.
- To introduce incremental revenue generator
- To ensure compliance with brand, regional and owning company Processes and Procedures pertaining to Revenue Management.
- Assist the Sales & Marketing Team in devising marketing campaigns, to ensure that the Hotel reaches the right people, at the right time, in the right place.
- Maintaining high standards of data quality through system maintenance. Responsible to drive maximum revenues.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS **21 OCTOBER 2016**

If you are interested in applying for this position please send your written application together with a detailed CV and certified copies of your qualifications to:

The Human Resources Manager
Swazispaspa Holdings Limited
Private Bag, Ezulwini
OR

send an email to
recruitment.swazispaspa@suninternational.com

NB: Should an applicant not receive feedback 21 days after the closing date that application would have been unsuccessful

10 NATIONAL NEWS

E26m or we strike again, orderlies tell government

By Linda Jele
Mbabane

HOSPITAL orderlies have vowed to bring all public health institutions to a standstill again should government not pay their arrears salaries by the end of this month.

The orderlies, from all public institutions in the country, won a court order that was confirmed by the Supreme Court that government should upgrade their salary grade from A2 to A4.

The Supreme Court had issued the order in June 2016, but nothing was done until the orderlies engaged in a protest action to force compliance.

The ministry of health, in court papers, has said it would need a budget of about E26 million to comply with the order.

Government, last week instituted legal proceedings against the orderlies to stop them from engaging in the protest action. The Industrial Court issued an interim order barring the employees from engaging in the industrial action.

Filing

The matter was postponed to October 28.

The parties were on Monday at the Industrial Court again to be put to terms on the filing of papers and allocate hearing dates.

The orderlies, after that, convened a brief meeting where they were addressed by Lucky Msibi,

who expressed concern that government was delaying complying with the court order.

"We will wait until October 28 to see what government puts on offer. If nothing is done, we will down tools again on October 29," he told the gathering.

He stated they deserved the salary upgrade.

Pains

When interviewed yesterday, Msibi stated that orderlies were at pains on government's non-compliance with the court order. He said the orderlies needed the money and it was painful they were made to earn meagre salaries yet they know they deserve better and the courts allocated them.

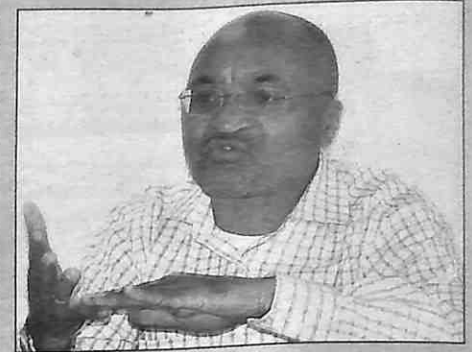
He stated they would wait to see

what turns out in court on the day and decide on the next move. He stated that the upgrade on their salaries would see them earning an increment of more than E1 000 each, depending on the salary notch one is in. He stated that a hospital orderly on A2 notch 1 earned about E4 400 and the A4 notch one grade attracted about E5 700 per month.

Industrial Court Judge Dumisani Mazibuko had advised government to solve the issue by at least paying half the amount owed to the employees.

Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Health Dr Simon Zwane said they had asked Cabinet to assist in the matter.

He also said they filed a request for a supplementary budget.



FREE ADVICE: Businessman Walter Bennett.

Include Emabandla in parastatals' decision making - Bennett

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

BUSINESSMAN Walter Bennett has advised government parastatals to include councils (Emabandla) in key decision making positions to avoid negative repercussions in cases of retrenchments.

Bennett's advice stems from the impending Swaziland Post and Telecommunication Corporation's workshop on the unbundling of the parastatal.

He said the past has proven that when parastatals undertake a retrenchment exercise, chances of the cases of unsatisfied ex-employees ending up with the councils are high. It was therefore imperative that the parastatals should consider involving the councils at the preliminary stage of retrenchment exercises.

"Emabandla should also be invited in these kinds of workshops so they could put forward their views since by now they are aware of the major issues that go wrong in cases of retrenchments. Their input could be very valuable and it would also help avoid a lot of people seeking interventions from the various councils," he said.

Bennett said the various emabandla were very important in stabilising the country. He made an example of the Municipal Council of Mbabane which has just retrenched some of its employees saying some amongst them were unhappy with the payout received.

"The ex-employees will be soon going to seek intervention from the councils yet had they been involved when the process was at the preliminary stage, they would have made great input which would have avoided the unsatisfied lot," he said.

Cop dumps her senior cop husband

By Linda Jele
High Court

A senior police officer's bid to save his marriage with his colleague, seemed to fall on deaf ears as she told him in court she wanted out.

Inspector Sicelo Dlamini was defending his wife Nombulelo Bhembe's application before the High Court who was seeking an order cancelling their Swazi customary law marriage.

Bhembe, a Sergeant in the police service, filed the application before the High Court, claiming their families had resolved that the marriage should be cancelled after it went sour. She claimed her husband engaged in many love relationships and also physically abused her.

Bhembe informed the court she was married to Dlamini on

September 21, 2001 at his home-stead at Esitsheni. Soon after her marriage with Dlamini, she was enrolled at the Police College in Matsapha. They thereafter stayed together at the Police Camp in Siteki, but were later transferred to different police stations.

She claimed that all was rosy for a period of five years and he thereafter changed his behaviour. She alleged he got involved in many love relationships, but accused her of cheating on him.

"He would assault, insult me and this happened for the better part of the period we stayed together. A number of meetings between the families were convened where I reported him for assaulting me. He would even assault me for having reported him to my family. On February 10, 2008, the families met and it was resolved that the marriage should be dissolved," Bhembe said.

She was leading evidence before High Court Judge Qinisile Mabuza and was represented by Advocate Mduduzi 'Tsotsi' Mabala on instruction from lawyer Linda Dlamini from Mabala Attorneys.

Dlamini was represented by lawyer Thulani Mamba from Mkhwanazi Attorneys in the matter. Mamba cross examined Bhembe and said Sicelo would deny that the families had met and resolved to have the marriage dissolved.

However, Bhembe maintained her stance and claimed the meeting had been held at Esitsheni where one Inkhosikati LaMtsetfwa had stated that due to the differences between the two, the marriage should be dissolved.

Mamba stated that his client would deny he ever assaulted her. He also said Sicelo would tell the court, when leading evidence,

that the various meetings convened by the two parties' families were aimed at resolving their differences, including that he was dating women, not to end their marriage. Again, Bhembe denied this and stated she had witnesses, such as her uncles who had been part of those meetings. However, she maintained that the meetings were aimed at reporting her husband for the alleged assault.

"The defendant will tell the court he still loves you and does not want to separate with you. Not today or any other day," Sicelo's lawyer told Bhembe.

Bhembe first paused briefly before saying; she could not define the assault in Sicelo's hands as being loved. "My wish is to cancel the marriage certificate," she said.

She stated that she and her husband had been living separately since 2008. She also had heard that Dlamini had married another woman, but has never met her. The matter was postponed indefinitely for continuation.

E5 000 FINE FOR SLAPPING COP

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane

A 27-year-old soccer fan learnt the hard way after he assaulted a female police officer on duty during a soccer match at Somhlolo National Stadium.

The act has set the soccer fan back by E5 000, which was a fine handed by Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi yesterday. The Mbabane Magistrate's Court learnt that Mancoba Matsenjwa lost his cool and slapped Constable Ncobile Dlamini twice on her face after she came in between Matsenjwa and his girlfriend.

It is alleged the couple was involved in a lengthy fight after taking one too many at the stadium on Sunday afternoon. It is

alleged the police officer, who was on duty on the day of the incident, saw it fit to try and separate the two.

However, she allegedly got more than what she bargained for as she received two hot slaps from the drunk and aggressive soccer fan. This then led to Matsenjwa being charged with the offence of assault common by the Lobamba police.

The incident happened at around 5:50pm at or near the national stadium after the two soccer games that played on the day had concluded.

While making his appearance before court, Matsenjwa blamed alcohol for his actions. He further alleged he realised late that the

woman he was slapping was actually a police officer doing her work as she was on duty.

"She found me fighting with my girlfriend. I slapped her by mistake as I did not see she was a police officer, actually, I was too drunk," Matsenjwa said. He said this after Nhlabatsi needed to know what made the offender assault a uniformed police officer.

However, Matsenjwa pleaded guilty to the offence, which resulted in the court convicting him. He was found guilty as per his own plea.

During mitigation, Matsenjwa asked the court to be lenient with him as he was still young. "I acted childishly and am sorry for my actions. It will not happen again," he said.



PRESIDING: Mbabane Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi.

Nhlabatsi sentenced him to pay a fine of E5 000 or spend five years in jail. However, two years or E2 000 from the fine was suspended for three years on condition he must not be found to have committed a similar or any offence.



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Suspect killer teacher needs counselling

Stories by Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane

THE teacher suspected to have murdered his wife and set her alight inside their family car, alleged he was in need of professional counselling.

Themba Masimula revealed this when making his first appearance at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court on Monday, where the Crown Counsel moved an application that he be kept under police custody, at least until Friday.

The main reason advanced by Buddy Masango, who represented the Crown, was that investigations were still underway while adding the matter needed to be treated differently from other previous criminal cases.

On the other hand, Masimula alleged he was having a hard time dealing with the troubles currently facing him.

Among several reasons, he alleged he lost his father in a car accident about four hours after losing his wife.

While spotting visible injuries on his face, hands and legs, Masimula further made allegations that since the police took him under their custody on Saturday, he has been denied an opportunity to go to hospital.

"I do not even know the charge I am facing as no one has communicated anything to me regarding that. I also do not have an access to a phone, thus making things difficult for me to engage the services of an attorney.

The death of both my wife and father is

making life difficult for me hence I ask the court to consider helping me get professional counselling," Masimula said.

Masimula further told the court the interrogation had worsened things for him as it was not only disturbing but also gave the public an opportunity to judge him.

"I was also involved in the same accident that took away my wife's life and the large number of police officers visiting both my homes while conducting their investigations has left me to be viewed as a killer by the court of public opinion.

The newspapers as well are flooded with stories about this, so I need to move on to the next stage so I do not want to be kept under police custody anymore," he added.

But Masango, who is the Crown Counsel, told the court that something was still not adding up in the investigations hence their request to have more time with the suspect.

"We need to find out what really transpired here. We cannot afford to treat this matter in like manner with others.

The Crown would suffer greatly in terms of finding the truth if this matter would be dealt with the normal way, so in order for justice to be served we apply that the accused be kept under police custody," Masango said.

Masango added that the suspect was misinforming the court about the allegations he was denied an opportunity to go to hospital.

He revealed all this after Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi demanded clear explanation as to why she should grant them the application to keep the suspect with the



ROUGH PATCH: Themba Masimula talking to his lawyer Noncedo Ndlangamandla after the court ordered he must be moved from police custody. He faces a charge of murder after his wife was found burnt inside their car. (Pic: Phesheya Kunene)

police way more than the stipulated time.

After a court adjournment, Principal Magistrate Nhlabatsi granted the Crown Counsel their wish of keeping Masimula under the police custody until yesterday, even though the suspect had initially objected to the application.

Nhlabatsi further told the suspect he was facing a charge of murder following suspicions that he played a role in the death of his wife.

...Police cells conditions unbearable

THEMBA Masimula has said life at the police holding cells was not rosy for him and he was not looking forward to spending more than 48 hours there.

He then asked the court to move to the next level as he alleged the interrogation stage was now done, according to him. He further told the court he needed to be in charge of his father's funeral arrangements as he was the first born at home.

He then asked the court to give him a chance to contact his lawyer as he alleged he was being denied access to his legal representative while under the police custody.

After the matter was stood down for more than one hour 30 minutes, Masimula came back without a lawyer and claimed he was only given a phone four minutes before the court's time to find himself a legal counsel.

However, his lawyer Noncedo Ndlangamandla emerged and asked the court that her client did not want to be seen as uncooperative with the police but feared torture at their hands while being interrogated.

The Crown Counsel assured the court that the suspect would not be tortured in the hands of the police as they to do so aware they were aware it was unlawful.

Suspension of Makhewu indvuna leaves residents in dilemma

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

THE suspension of Makhewu Indvuna Sigwili Nkonyane, has left residents of the area undecided as to whether to continue attending meetings chaired by him or not.

Makhewu is one of the largest communities under KaLanga Chiefdom.

Nkonyane and his entire council were suspended by Acting Chief Rudolf Maziya last Sunday.

The suspension was communicated to the residents during a community meeting, which was held at the community hall.

Nkonyane and his council were suspended following allegations they were illegally allocating land to new settlers without consulting with the acting chief.

Knowledge

The council was also accused of conducting a number of other projects which would at some instances require residents to make monetary contributions without the knowledge of the acting chief.

Confusion started when another faction arrived at the same community hall a week later and nullified the suspension of the inner council.

The faction is said to have been led by Mandla Maziya, who is regarded as a senior member of the chiefdom's royal family (*umntfwanenkhozi lomkhulu*).

This is the same faction which has over the years been at loggerheads with the appointed

authorities of the area.

Mandla has been contesting the appointment of the acting chief, saying he was not endorsed by the elders of the family.

Mandla allegedly stated the elders of the Maziya family still recognised Nkonyane as the rightful Indvuna of Makhewu.

This is what has left residents of the area confused as to which of the two parties should be obeyed.

When he was also quizzed by this publication on whether he did visit the community hall to 'nullify' the acting chief's order, Mandla confirmed to have done so.

Concerned

He stated that as far as the elders of the Maziya family were concerned, Nkonyane was still a legitimate Indvuna of Makhewu.

"It is true that we visited the community hall on Saturday to give a green light to Nkonyane to proceed with his duties as an Indvuna," said Mandla. Meanwhile, Mandla and other family members have on several occasions appeared before Lubombo Regional Administrator Sylvia Mthethwa after they were reported to be disobeying the acting chief. At some instance, they were reported for having conducted renovations at the *umphakatsi* without consulting the acting chief.

On this particular case, the RA ruled that Mandla and his siblings (children to the late Chief Mlimi Maziya) must always seek permission from the acting chief whenever they wanted to do anything concerning the *umphakatsi*.



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI

NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

MANZINI POUND ON FARM 1231 NORTH OF MANZINI

The following livestock will be sold by public auction at the above mentioned Pound on Wednesday, 26th October 2016 at 1300hrs. Bidders shall have to pay five hundred Emalangeni (E500-00) at the Council Rates Hall prior to the auction date.

COWS

1. Black white bullock	940-930	Approximately 2 ½ years
2. Red heifer	N/A	Approximately 2 ½ years
3. Red white Polly ox	N/A	Approximately 4 years
4. Red white(f) calf	N/A	Approximately 1 year
5. grey ox	N/A	Approximately 5 years
6. Brown white heifer	479-1908	Approximately 3 years
7. White black Bull	479-02306	Approximately 4 years
8. Red Bull	N/A	Approximately 7 years
9. Red Polly cow	383-1660	Approximately 4 years

DONKEYS

1. Black donkey	Approximately 4 years
2. Black donkey	Approximately 4 years

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Cops assaulted, fabricated charges against me - dagga accused

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A man has claimed he was assaulted by arresting police officers who later fabricated the charges against him to make them appear more severe.

Bheki Mabuza (27) from Buhleni claimed he was assaulted by the arresting police officers who took him to a secluded forest, and beat him all over the body with fists and kicks.

He said after the beatings the policeman then took him back to the Buhleni police station for more

beatings and fabricated the charges. Mabuza had appeared before Pigg's Peak Magistrate Simangele Mbatha.

He said the police originally arrested him for the possession of dagga weighing 1.2 kilograms which was found at his home at Buhleni.

However, the police later changed the charge and said he was in possession of dagga weighing 4.2kg, and that was the fabrication.

"The police caught me with 1.2 kg of dagga at my homestead in Buhleni and instead of taking me straight to the Buhleni police station, they took me to a secluded for-

est where one of them started assaulting me and demanded other sacks of dagga," he said before Mbatha.

Mabuza claimed the arresting police officers were working with other local dagga dealers who wanted to take his dagga stock.

"The arresting police officers are working with local dagga dealers who thought I had more dagga instead of the one they found," he said. Mabuza said the arresting police officer then refused to take him to the Pigg's Peak government hospital to receive treatment for the assault.

They also refused to open a case

of assault against the police.

Magistrate Mbatha informed Mabuza he should write a letter to the Pigg's Peak station commander and ask that he investigate the allegations of assault by the arresting police officers.

She said if no help was offered, Mabuza should then write to the regional commander informing him about the issue and if that also bear no fruit, Mabuza should then write a letter to the commissioner of police to investigate the matter.

"As of this very moment, I will order one of the police to take you to the Pigg's Peak government hospital so you have a medical check-



BEFORE HER: Pigg's Peak Magistrate Simangele Mbatha.

up and you are expected back to the court room on Friday," the magistrate said.

140 residents refunded as power scheme fails

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

MEMBERS of an electricity scheme project at Mathendele Township learned with shock and disappointment when they were informed they will not have electricity any time soon.

About 140 residents mostly being those living in the informal settlement were hoping to have electricity in their houses before the end of this year.

However, such is not going to happen as the project has not been considered despite being earlier assured by someone who is in the Inkhundla committee council the project would be considered and also get funding. The members of the scheme on Saturday were refunded money they contributed towards the project.

Agreed

It had been agreed each homestead would make a contribution of E700 which was part of a certain percentage of the amount needed to be raised.

Members of the Mathendele Electricity Scheme are now angry and demand explanations on why they would not be getting connected to power yet they were assured such a project would benefit them.

"Today (Saturday) we were refunded the money which we were advised to raise as a requirement to meet the sponsor half way. We wonder what has happened as we thought all was in place. The sad part

is the person who is part of the inkhundla council team no longer frequents the area though he was a common feature before elections. It's the same person we feel should come forward to tell us what he has achieved for us or the township in general. He is owing us an explanation as we feel he has taken us for a ride by making empty promises," one of the residents said.

The members of the scheme said it was easy to tell the project would not take off anytime soon as long as the person 'frustrating' the project was still in office.

Service

"Electricity is what we need and it's a service that is on demand. We should have not been allowed to start the scheme if the project was not going to succeed. Someone decided to make us fools and now he is dodging us. The committee of the scheme decided to refund us our money and this was after it realised nothing is going to materialise," said one of the members.

Bucopho of the area Brigs Hlatshwako said he was aware of the said electricity scheme, adding he would consult further on its progress.

"I am aware of the electricity scheme but as to what are the latest regarding it, I don't have any idea.

I have to find out from one of the members of the committee as to what happened. Right now, I don't have anything to say," said the bucophu.

Property damaged as father, son fight

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

A father and his son put a major spectacle when they were involved in a fierce fight, waking their family members and neighbours.

It is still not clear as to what sparked the fight between Mese Zwane and his elder son Comfort, of Sigcineni near Sidvokodvo who allegedly caused a scene while other family members were asleep.

It's said it was when Zwane senior went to his son's house and when outside, he started verbally attacking him.

The son did not pay attention to that and remained in bed, hoping his father would go back to sleep.

Whilst he was still hoping his father would leave, he heard windows of his house breaking as the enraged father

pelted them with hard objects his hands laid on.

He continued shouting and demanded his son should leave as this was his home so he no longer wanted him.

It is said upon realising his father was vandalising his house, Comfort then came out and started verbally attacking his father as well.

The windows were broken into pieces and Comfort resorted to revenging by damaging his father's house. His father tried to stop him from doing further damage, but he failed.

It is said chaos at the homestead ensued when the two manhandled each other and a lot of noise engulfed the place with neighbours waking up to witness the drama.

"It has become a norm for them to confront each other, but on this particular day, it was terrible. The two argue

even over petty issues and the next day they make up.

However, on this fateful night, the homestead was turned to a battle field and it almost resulted to blood being spilled," one neighbour said.

It is said the following morning, police from Sidvokodvo arrived at the homestead to find out what had taken place the previous night.

Police were keen to arrest the two but the family members made a request they should leave this to them as they would discuss it at family level.

"Police arrived at the Zwane homestead the following morning and the intention was to arrest the father and his son, however, close relatives appealed to the police and insisted they would drum sense the two. Police understood and left without arresting anyone," said a neighbour.

JUDGES SHOULD NOT THROW AWAY COURT CASES AND HIDE ON LACK OF JURISDICTION

By Linda Jele
High Court

HIGH Court Judge Qinisile Mabuza has said the High Court has original jurisdiction to hear all cases, even if they are traditional matters.

She says Judges should not shun their responsibilities and turn people away on the grounds the courts do not have powers to deal with certain cases.

The judge says the High Court is empowered by the constitution to hear all cases, unless those matters involve matters of chiefs which should be dealt with by the King or if they involve the installation of Headmen they are dealt with by traditional structures.

She made the statement Monday when she was hearing a case of a woman who filed an application to have her marriage declared to have been cancelled.

The woman was married to her husband in Swazi customary law. When the matter was heard Monday, the husband's lawyer raised a point of law that



DON'T: High Court Judge Qinisile Mabuza.

the High Court did not have jurisdiction to hear the matter because the marriage had been entered into in Swazi law and custom.

However, the judge threw away the argument. She said she had issued a judgment sometime back where she

stated the High Court had original jurisdiction over all cases.

"Judges should not shun their responsibilities. If they throw away a case, they should state which body should deal with the matter. In some cases you find people's rights are trampled upon and the courts throw their cases away," she said.

Dealt

She said if it is a case that would need to be dealt with by the traditional structures; the courts would accordingly refer them to those forums.

She said for instance, if it is a case involving the installation of a chief, headman or allocation of land that case is to be referred to the relevant traditional structure. However, she said, if there are disputes in those cases, the courts have jurisdiction to entertain them. "We all stay in town and if the many cases are thrown out it means only a small percentage of the people's cases are heard. *Bandlancane* (Inner council) for instance is not trained on issues involving estates," the judge said.

Man arrested for kidnapping ex-girlfriend from new lover

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A man of Lubulini has narrated before the court how another individual invaded his house and forcefully took away his newly-found girlfriend after beating him to a pulp.

This was during the case of Dumsani Xaba (30) who was charged with house breaking with intent to commit robbery and kidnapping. He was further charged with kidnapping and rape. According to the charge sheet, the accused was alleged to have broken into a house belonging to Lungelo Nyawo where he proceeded to steal

sneakers valued at E900.

At the time when he broke into the house, it was occupied by Nyawo's girlfriend who was also a mother of a child fathered by the accused person.

This was after the accused had separated with the woman.

Upon gaining entry at the house and further stealing the sneakers,

the accused allegedly forcefully took away the woman who had come to visit her new lover. He is said to have taken the woman to his house where he sexually harassed her.

He allegedly used force and suffocated the woman by immersing her in a river. The accused made his appearance before Principal Magistrate Dumsani Magagula on Monday for commencement of trial.

When the charge sheet was read to him, the accused pleaded not guilty to all three counts.

The new boyfriend was then called in as a witness in the matter.

Nyawo told the court he also got a thorough beating from the accused person before he went away with the woman. He said he was aware of a past relationship between his new girlfriend and the accused person. But the accused had recently parted ways with the woman, he stated.

The witness said the accused broke into his house through the window and took away the woman. He said the accused claimed to be still in a relationship with the woman.

The matter was eventually postponed to next Monday for continuation of trial.

Impressive registration for Walk for Hunger

By Nozipho Sibiba
Mbabane

OVER 80 percent of Swazis registered for U-Reporting have promised to partake in the 2016 Walk for Hunger, which is spearheaded by Esicojeni Foundation.

The Foundation, whose Patron is His Majesty King Mswati III, will be celebrating 10 years of existence in the country.

Chairman of the Foundation, Ambrose Dlamini Swaziland said the walk was aimed at alleviating hunger amongst children.

It has been scheduled for October 23.

He said they would walk from Somhlolo National Stadium to old Lobamba shopping centre and back in a bid to raise awareness and funds to support OVC in the country.

Dlamini encouraged Swazis to nurture the spirit of giving to the children whom he described as the future leaders of this nation. He said Esicojeni Foundation over the past years has managed to fulfil its mandate of supporting a number of projects in the country.

"These include soup kitchens; Neighbourhood Care Points (NCPs), school gardens and farming projects. In most of these places, some of the children are able to eat at least one decent meal per day," he said.

Dlamini said they did not wish to work alone in alleviating hunger amongst the children, but they also wanted to establish partnerships with companies in the private sector, non-governmental organisations and government to raise financial and human resources aimed at eradicating child hunger.

He invited all the companies and general public to partake and support the foundation despite the financial challenges most companies face this year.

Meanwhile, U-Reporting National Coordinator Nontobeko Mbuyane said her organisation was a free SMS-based system that allowed young Swazis to speak out on issues within communities across the country and work together with other community leaders for positive change.

She said 80 percent of over 10 000 people registered for U-Reporting said they would partake in the walk. "Some requested that next year the day should be made a national holiday so they attended in bigger numbers."

Mbuyane said she was excited that the U-Reporting platform was giving the people a voice to raise any issues of national interest in their respective areas.

Ex-MP Jennifer ready for parly

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

FORMER Timphisini Member of Parliament (MP) Jennifer Du Pont has desire in representing her constituency in parliament, come 2018.

"It is up to the people to decide whether I go back to parliament to represent them or not. Otherwise I am ready to serve them and would love to represent them as their MP," Du Pont said.

The former lawmaker said at present, she was focusing on her career as a nurse and was currently stationed at Mkhuzweni Clinic.

She said this was what she wanted to focus on as it was another way of helping people. "I still help people where I am because it is a Swazi way of living. We can still provide help to the members of the public even if we are not in parliament," she said.

Meanwhile, Du Pont was reported to have helped residents who were affected by the construction of the Madlangemphisi-Msahweni road.

Du Pont reportedly helped 130 people get their compensation from government so they could be able to renovate their houses or build new ones. She said the people who were not compensated yet would get their money in groups.



EVERREADY: Former Timphisini MP Jennifer Du Pont.

The former MP said her intention was to help people from Timphisini, which was her inkhundla. However, she did not withhold help for other people who were not from Timphisini Inkhundla.

Currently, the people of Timphisini are represented by MP Sikhumbuzo Apton Ndlovu. He succeeded Du Pont in the 2013 elections. Du Pont was wearing mourning gowns at the time of the 2013 elections.

That was one of the factors that hindered her progress towards attaining a seat in the current parliament.

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FORM FIVE EKUDVWALENI PUPIL WRITES EXAMS IN HOSPITAL

IN a rather sad note, a Form Five pupil has been involved in a car accident just when she had started writing the 2016 external examinations.

She was admitted at the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital female ward.

The 17-year-old minor from Buhleni was burdened with the unfortunate task of writing her end of year external examinations whilst being admitted and on pain killers at the hospital.

The girl is a pupil at Ekudvwaleni High School in the Northern Hhohho and has been hospitalised since Saturday.

The pupil said the car accident happened on the road between Buhleni and Mtsaweni on Saturday afternoon.

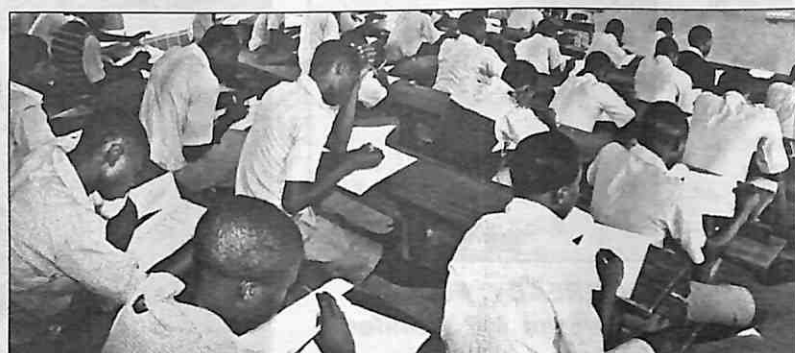
She suffered face and chest abrasions but no fractures or concussions but the abrasions were serious enough to result in her being admitted to the government hospital for treatment.

"I cannot remember the full details of the accident, all I know is I am forced to write my examinations while admitted and sometimes I want to fall asleep while writing," she said.

The pupil stated she wrote Monday's and yesterday's papers at the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital conference room while under medication that made her sleepy.

"I was told by one of my teachers to write my examination in the hospital conference room whilst in the presence of two invigilators from the Examinations Council of Swaziland. They had to make sure I do not copy but the problem is that I am on medication that sometimes makes me feel drowsy and sleepy.

● I was told by one of my teachers to go write my examination in the hospital conference room whilst in the presence of two invigilators from the Swaziland Exams Council who watched over me



FORCED CIRCUMSTANCES: An internet picture of pupils writing an exam. A pupil from Ekudvwaleni High School was forced to sit for her exam at a hospital after being involved in an accident.

Concentration is a problem, also it is hard to study in the ward as I have a study routine but cannot always follow it because I need to sleep," she said. One of the nurses at the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital outpatient department (OPD) confirmed that the pupil was receiving medication and required rest.

"The child needs to rest not write exams as examinations are a stressful time to any pupil so the child should be healing not writing."

One of the teachers from Ekudvwaleni High School, who refused to be identified, stated it was not the first time a pupil has written an examination under such circumstances.

"This is not the first time this has happened, in the past we have had

similar instances. We cannot stop pupils from writing their examinations because we are required to distribute all copies of the exam papers as soon as we get them so if a pupil cannot write for whatever reason he or she is disqualified and will have to take the exam the following year," the teacher said. The teacher said he understood the stress that the pupil was going through but unfortunately nothing could be done.

"Unfortunately external examinations have rules and regulations that we have to abide with. If the examination was from the school itself, then we would wait for the pupil to recuperate then join us for the exams but unfortunately this is an external examination so there is nothing we can do." The pupil will continue writing her exams at the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital until today.

Dagga dealers work in networks

DAGGA dealers have created hidden networks to protect themselves not only from the police but their counterparts.

It is said competition to sell dagga is quite high these days.

A self-confessed dagga dealer from Lomshiyo said he sold his produce at the Pigg's Peak and Mbabane bus ranks.

"Lomshiyo is good for dagga dealing in all its forms from selling, growing, and using but not just anyone can start growing dagga if you are not under protection from a network of other dealers," the dealer said.

The dealer stated that competition for selling dagga was high, so sometimes a dealer could steal produce from another if the garden was not protected. In some instances, a dealer could call the police on another dagga dealer thus eliminating the competition in the process.

"In order to make more money, one dealer would locate another dealer's garden and wait for the produce to grow once grown, the dealer would then steal as many plants as possible to either transplant elsewhere or to sell. The dealer could call the police and act as an informant," the dealer said.

The dealer stated that the gardens need to be protected by a network of other dealers who worked together to keep watch over these.

"The best way to work in the business of dagga is to be involved in a hidden network of other dealers who will pro-

vide you with protection if the police arrest you. Your friends in the network will bail you out as they usually have E2 000 saved as bail money and your friends will help you protect your garden," he said.

The dealer further stated that the location of the gardens was very important as all the land was owned by someone.

Even the distant forests belonged to individuals or companies who had at least some sort of security measure in place to protect the land against intrusion.

A senior police officer in Pigg's Peak said the networking system was an old one and was not only employed at Lomshiyo but all over Northern Hhohho.

"It is true there is competition amongst the dealers who work together as unofficial teams to buy, sell and grow dagga.

The dagga dealers' main target is for the produce to reach the lucrative South African market," the policeman said.

Acting Police Chief Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati could not confirm dagga dealers organised themselves in networks but stated the high number of dagga dealers obviously meant there was some sort of competition.

"We cannot confirm the networks but we aware there is a large number of dealers so there could be competition for sales," she said.

Man fined E1 200 for not fastening seatbelt, causing accident

A man has been fined E1 200 for not wearing a seatbelt and resisting arrest.

Zweli Lukhele (22) from Buhleni was arrested after he failed to put on his seatbelt and then resisted arrest, further causing an accident in the process.

The incident happened late on Sunday evening along the MR1 public road at Pigg's Peak, close to the police station.

He appeared before Pigg's Peak Magistrate Simangele Mbatha.

He was reportedly driving out of

Pigg's Peak town from Highlands Inn when he came across a police road block that caught him by surprise thus startling him and he sped off.

Speeding

"I was driving out of Pigg's Peak towards Ngonini when out of nowhere I came across a police road block and I did not see them signalling me to stop so I continued driving past them.

After close to a minute, I then saw a police van speeding from behind me on my rear view mirror," he said.



Lukhele said he had no idea that the police van wanted him to stop so he kept on driving until he ended up bumping into a pavement, scratching his car bumper as he was trying to move out of the police van's way.

"I had no idea I was being stopped by the police, so I just kept on driving.

I thought the police van wanted me to move out of the way so I drove towards the side of the road thus allowing the police to pass but I got too close to the pavement thus bumping into it," he said.

Lukhele stated that when he stopped, the police then arrested him, much to his surprise.

Magistrate Mbatha disputed Lukhele's claim and said "it was obvious that the police were trying

to stop you by driving behind you for at least two minutes."

Mbatha sentenced Lukhele to six months in a correctional facility if he failed to pay a fine of E600 for bumping into the pavement.

Sentenced

She further sentenced Lukhele to six months in a correctional facility if he failed to pay E600 for failing to stop when instructed to do so by police officer Ayanda Maseko.

Mbatha stated that Lukhele would have paid only E60 had he stopped when told to but now must fork out E1 200 unnecessarily.



Applications for Extension of Time Submission of Income Tax Returns (Individuals and Companies)

In terms of Section 33(1) and (14) of the Income Tax Order of 1975, as Amended, the Commissioner General of the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) hereby advises all taxpayers that applications for extension of time are now open for submission to the SRA. These applications may be submitted by taxpayers who require more time to submit their Annual Income Tax Returns for the year of assessment ended 30 June 2016.

Manner of Application

Taxpayers are expected to do the following:

- complete** the extension of time **application form in full**,
- attach the necessary supporting documents** as stated in the application form and
- submit** such forms to the SRA on time.

Taxpayers are hereby informed that the time extended shall not exceed sixty (60) days. As such, the extended period for taxpayers whose financial year end is June 30, **shall not exceed 31 December 2016**. For taxpayers that have been authorised by the Commissioner General, to use a substituted year of assessment, their extension may be for a period of up to sixty (60) days after the deadline for submission of their Income Tax Returns.

The following requirements must be fulfilled by the taxpayer when applying for extension of time:

- Application for extension of time must be made and signed by the taxpayer's **public officer** only.
- All applications must be submitted **15 days** before the end of the filing period as notified by the Commissioner General. i.e. **15 days before 31 October 2016** for taxpayers whose financial year end is 30 June 2016. For taxpayers that have been authorised, by the Commissioner General to use a substituted year of assessment, this will be **15 days before their respective filing deadline**.
- Valid reasons causing the delay in furnishing the tax return must be advanced to the Commissioner General, supported by evidence thereof.
- The taxpayer must be compliant in all tax types for a period of 3 years successively.
- An interim return with estimated taxable income must be submitted together with interim financial statements/ trial balance attached.
- Income so declared in the Interim Return of Income should not be less than 90% of the actual taxable income submitted in the final return. Provided, however, where the estimated income is less than 90% sufficient reasons must be given for such shortfall.

N.B No applications will be processed after this deadline has elapsed.

REVISION OF ESTIMATED ASSESSMENTS TO THE ACTUAL RETURN ASSESSMENT

Taxpayers are hereby reminded that the interim returns and financials are not final but are in anticipation of actual filing on or before the expiration of the granted extension of time period.

For the final actual return to be considered for revision, the following conditions should be met:

- Tax due resulting from the assessment of the interim tax returns should be paid in full notwithstanding the fact that the actual tax due is less than the estimate.

Failure to adhere to the above guidelines shall result in penalties being imposed in accordance with section 40 of the Order.

NB: THE SRA HEREBY REMINDS ALL TAXPAYERS THAT IT IS THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION TO ENSURE THAT ALL THEIR TAX AFFAIRS ARE IN ORDER.

Where to get Application forms for extension of time

The extension of time application forms may be downloaded from the SRA website **www.sra.org.sz** or alternatively collected from the SRA Head Quarters, Sibekelo Building 2, or in any of the following SRA Service Centers;

- Manzini Service Centre, Estel House Manzini
- Matsapha Tax Office, Matsamo Shopping Complex, Mahhala, Matsapha
- Nhlangano Tax Office, Old Skonkwane Complex, Nhlangano
- Mbabane Service Centre, Corporate Place, Swazi Plaza, Mbabane
- Pigg's Peak Service Centre, 1st floor Supreme Building, Pigg's Peak
- Siteki Service Center, Mafumbe Building Jacaranda Street, Siteki

Forwarding of Forms for extension of time

Completed forms for extension of time **MUST** be forwarded for the attention of the Commissioner General either by:

sending them by email to **info@sra.org.sz**

or

mailing them to

**The Commissioner General
Swaziland Revenue Authority
P.O. Box 5628,
MBABANE**

or

hand delivering them to the service centres mentioned above.

Further Information

Taxpayers may get further information or assistance by contacting the SRA at: Tel: **+268 2406 4050**;

Email address: **info@sra.org.sz**

NOTE:

ALWAYS MENTION YOUR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SRA.

**DUMISANI E. MASILELA
COMMISSIONER GENERAL**



RELOCATED: 'Dobha Phansi' hawkers near KaMjuda in Nhlanguano.

OVER 200 HAWKERS NOT HAPPY WITH MUNICIPALITY'S STANCE

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

CLOSE to 200 hawkers, popularly known as 'Dobha Phansi' doing business in Nhlanguano, are bitter that the town Council has relocated them and further anticipates changing their market days.

A couple of weeks ago, the women operating 'Dobha Phansi' were removed next to the Nhlanguano main bus rank to below KaMjuda Business Empire and they feel, the town council is not being fair to them

Other hawkers in Nhlanguano feel 'Dobha Phansi' colleagues are giving them unfair competition, thus have approached the Council and suggested the trade be allocated Wednesdays

and Thursdays to do business and should not operate on Fridays and Saturdays. It is alleged there was now factionalism within the hawking business in the town.



A couple of weeks ago, the women operating 'Dobha Phansi' were removed next to the Nhlanguano main bus rank to below the KaMjuda Business Empire and they feel the Council is not being fair to them.

The empire has ample open space and the hawkers were allowed to do their business there after approaching the owner Rudolph 'Mjuda' Diamond, who is a popular businessman in Nhlanguano and owns a number of properties. The Council has held meetings with both groups of hawkers with an aim of finding a lasting solution.

"We are comfortable operating our business here at KaMjuda and they can have their Fridays and Saturdays but we are still going to survive here as we have customers supporting us despite being far from town. The Council can remain with those who feel we are giving them unfair competition, as we are now operating on privately owned proper-

ty. We are even considering operating from Monday to the last day of the week and will see if this is not going to affect those who feel we are a threat to them," said one of the 'dobha phansi' members.

Meanwhile, Nhlanguano Town Clerk Apollo Maphalala said he was not sure what has been finalised about the issue of 'Dobha Phansi'. He said what he was aware of is there was a time where the issue of days on when 'Dobha Phansi' hawkers would be allowed to operate.

"The two groups do not agree on days the 'Dobha Phansi' should be allowed to operate was being discussed. I am yet to know what was agreed on when they were called to thrash the issue out. As town council, we don't take sides but we want the hawkers to work in peace and harmony. On Wednesday, I might get a feedback from those tasked to work on the issue," said Maphalala.



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FEATURES & OPINION

REFRESH WHAT YOU THINK...



MACFORD WELCOME SIBANDZE
(DIRECT DESCENDANT OF ABRAHAM)

THE year 2050, is three decades away, 34 years to be precisely and I can't wait to be there! (As if I will be there).

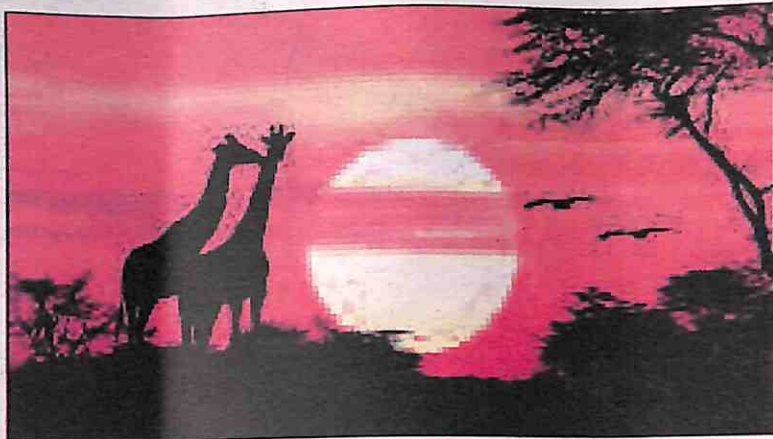
Those who are zero ages, in anthrax napkins, will be 34. Those who are 34, will be 68 and those who are 68 will be 136, interesting, neh? And if I will live that long, I will be at the wrong side of 70.....79 or 80 something-does it matter?

You see, there's a lot of hip-hop, 'yada-yada-hem-de-lay-la-la-la' and excitement about the year 2050. Not surprising of course as there was also too much 'hem de-lay-la-la-la' about the year 2000, where the most thing that we saw, with our naked eyes, in dawn of the millennium wasyou guessed right-NOTHING-yes we sawNOTHING-NOTHING, worth writing home about!

Maybe I am wrong, as I'm always, but by now you know, I have never been the type that bend or bulge. But let me just bulge for once and say, 'you are right, we saw SOMETHING in the year 2000'-Yes SOMETHING! Instead of health for all, we saw deaths for all. Instead of Peace for all, we saw war for all. Instead of fertility for all, we saw mortality for all. Instead of food for all, we saw hunger for all. Instead of wealth for all, we saw poverty for all! The list goes on and on and on! What a great sight! What a great spectacle!

And if you have been reading my articles (this is my 26th) you are beginning to say, 'this chap is Pessimism Incarnate!' That I see the world with blind eyes or at worse, I see shades of gray, even in the ever-green forest of the Amazon! Say what you say, but I want to tell you today, and with the sincerity of the gods, that in 2050, I see horror! To me and every centre wing, (not left wing or right wing) 'Think Tank Optimist', 2050, is a vision of sun-

VISION 2050: A VISION OF SUNSET!!!



set! It is going to be horrendous! Ferocious! Atrocious, to say the least!

Take my word for it, the most graphic, pejorative shenanigans of all times, will be witnessed in 2050, oh children mark my word! In no particular order I will list the 'shades of grey' (un) lucky people will have to deal with in 2050! Fortunately for me and a good number of active consumers of this article, I will be cold bones in the grave! (Will be ancestors-still playing active role to the living) And this is no wet blanket of pessimism; it's not even genius, but just saying the obvious because most of those who read this column are on the wrong side of their ages.

NAMES

In 2050, children will rise against their parents because we would be living in Fakeland. Parents will be sued by children, when they get old, for naming them with what they call 'old fashioned names.' For instance, children will frown at names like Mgongodzeli, Khonjiwe, Sipeneti, Mboza, Sipakupaku, Mbobozehluzi, Mgubane, Mbesuma, Phangisile, Mafonkhola, etc. Parents will be sued for lack of creativity!

The children will ask their parents why they didn't name them with colourful names like; Bey, Riri, Jason, Jackie, Luther, etc. Even in 2016, all those who were named Nonhlanhla are NONO, Vuyisiles

prefer VUVU, Bonisiles are BOBO, Mboza is Boxer, Mbobo is BOB, Speneti is Penny and Spakupaku is Parks to his peer group! Atleast this generation is not hostile! Come 2050, St. Mathew will be Monster Matthew, sending winds of catastrophe! So creativity should start now yebatali! Cultural heritage will be frowned upon and children will sue you for *tinanatelo* like Boya Benyatsi, Ndllebe Zimchewane, Mdlanyoka, etc. The 2050 generation will find it absurd and distasteful to be referred to as Mdlanyoka!

PASTORS

In 2050, out of five men, four will be pastors. The gospel of Christ will be a commercialised entity so much that we will have miracle pastors who are so strong they will stop period pains.

(As one pastor said in Northern Rhodesia) These miracle pastors will do wonders and any pastor who preaches the word and has no healing waters will be laughed at. Any pastor who does not prophesy will be mocked! There will be a thin line between *tinyanga* and pastors! Inside the house of God, we will see real magic in real time and it will be a battle of the titans! Undertakers will cry, for bad business, as pastors will either 'postpone deaths or raise the dead!'

SPERMATOZOAN DISGRUNTLEMENT

For lack of a fitting word I will call it just that! In 2050, children will sue their fathers! They will ask them, Why did you give birth to me? Out of all the people why you? You are poor, useless and I'm suffering because of you? Why is my father not Boom Gates, Maurice Motsephe, Jzee, Kwesta, AKA, Trump or Steve Komphela? The kids will ask why they were not born in Chicago, Ontario or British Colombia? Here, the sperm that fertilised the egg, will be sued for being at the wrong place at the wrong time!

GAY MARRIAGES

In 2050, it will be so normal to see man walking hand in hand. They will kiss and smooch in full view of the public. Celebrity pastors will be making too much money in conducting these marriages. 'Woman to woman' (song by Shirley Brown) will be real as women will kiss and caress each other publicly, singing the song, 'Pho Indaba Kabani?' In 2016, when we see two men always together we take it for granted. And when we see women always together we conclude they are friends. In 2050 we will be suspicious! Very!

SPERM DONOR (SPERM FOR SALE)

This connects to the above. The richest person would be the one with million sperms in his testicles because instead of donating he will sell. Remember, gay marriages will be official and obviously, adoptions will be common. So guys with lots and lots of sperms will be millionaires in dollars-Spermillionaires! They will feed into the large numbers of people who will not produce children due to biological or social reasons!

MENTAL SANATORIUM

My research tells me that from time immemorial to date, people are forcefully taken to the mental hospital. They fight tooth and nail to go

there. (*Bayatitinyiswa*) Lo and Behold, in 2050, people will just take a nice trip, no force, no fight, voluntarily, to the mental ward! (*Batatiyela*) Reason-it will be too tight as life will be survival of the fittest! So to hide and get four meals a day, a short cut will be a walk to the mental sanatorium *adle aphile umuntfu wenkhosi!*

SATANISM

In 2050, Devil worshippers would buy media space and announce publicly they are worshipping the devil. It will be declared to the congregants that to be rich they will have to worship the devil. Instead of running away, there will be a stampede as others jump the head of the queue to be in the front row in the temple of Lucifer! In 2050, God will be replaced by Gold and conspicuous consumption! (Glitz and Glamour)

BEGGERS, BLESSERS AND 'YELLOW FEVER'

In 2050, women will be reduced to grotesque guinea pigs-shockingly, gender inequality will still be on the rise.

To make ends meet women will resort to begging men. Educated women would be worse, as their serious granite faces will scare men, so they will literally beg, to have a place in the sun! The usual suspects, blessers, will buy the rights to young girl's lives.

To sponsor their expensive tastes, so called beauty queens will place themselves on auction sale to the highest bidder!

2050, would be an official year of the yellows, so much that if you a darkie, no man will look you twice. Once again, the courts will be busy as darkies sue their parents for being dark brown. Girls will ask their moms, 'why didn't you get a yellow bone, look at me now!' They will cry, because men, their future husbands, will be having 'yellow fever.' *Wuuuuu shem! Woza 2050!*

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1964 - The Soviet Union launched Voskhod 1 into orbit around the Earth. It was the first space flight to have a multi-person crew and the first flight to be performed without space suits.

1972 - During the Vietnam War, a racial brawl broke out aboard the US aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. Nearly 50 sailors were injured.

1976 - China announced that Hua Guo-feng was named to succeed the late Mao Tse-tung as Chairman of the Communist Party.

1988 - Federal prosecutors announced that the Sundstrand Corp. would pay \$115 million dollars to settle with the Pentagon for overbilling airplane parts over a five-year period.

1989 - The US House of Representatives approved a statutory federal ban on the destruction of the American flag.

1993 - The play 'Mixed Emotions' opened at the John Golden Theatre.

1994 - Haitian military leader Raoul Cedras was granted political asylum by Panama.

1994 - The Magellan space probe ended its four-year mission to Venus for the purpose of mapping.

1997 - The St. Francis Basilica and 15th-century bell tower above Foligno city hall in Italy were damaged by three earthquakes.

1998 - The US House of Representatives passed the Online Copyright Bill.

1999 - Rob Reiner received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

1999 - In Pakistan, Pervez Musharraf seized power in a bloodless coup that toppled Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. The Supreme Court ruled that the coup was legal but insisted that a civilian government be restored within three years.

2001 - A special episode of America's Most Wanted was aired that focused on 22 wanted terrorists. The show was specifically requested by US President George W. Bush.

2006 - The Dow Jones industrial average advanced over 11,900 for the first time.

2015 - It was announced that Dell was buying EMC for around \$67 billion.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



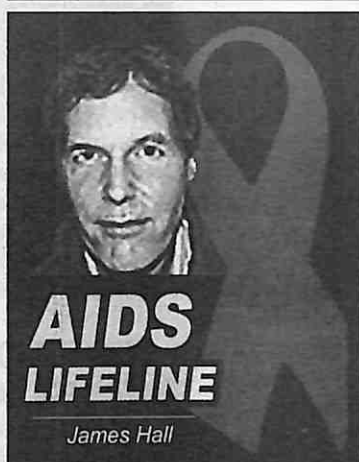
Erica Dixon
(Reality Star) -
October 12 1983
(33 years old)



Hugh Jackman(MOVIE ACTOR) -
October 12 1968
(48 years old)



Should HIV testing be mandatory?



WHAT if every person in Swaziland were to take a test to determine whether he or she was HIV positive?

Would this make the infection rate for the disease go down?

Knowledge of one's HIV condition is useless unless a person who is HIV positive actually does something with the information, which would be to begin anti-retroviral treatment. Therefore, should mandatory testing be followed up by mandatory enrollment in ART?

Plaguing

These are questions asked by politicians throughout Africa as they see an AIDS epidemic in its third decade with no end in sight. As leaders they wish to find a solution to the problem that is literally plaguing their people.

Mandatory testing is an understandable response to a difficult situation.

There is no denying that if everyone knew their HIV status, then a country would know precisely how many people were HIV positive. Every HIV positive person would be able to obtain necessary life-prolonging Anti-retroviral Therapy (ART). The

governments would be able to know exactly how to scale up their HIV response: The volume of drugs to secure, the number of personnel to employ, the number of clinics to build.

There is no question that universal testing for HIV would save millions of lives, billions of emalengeni and also significantly reduce the stress and suffering that societies experience due to HIV and AIDS.

That is one side of the argument, the one advocated at the SADC Summit.

The other side has to do with personal choice, and the moral obligation for society to recognise the right of every person to his or her privacy.

Mandatory

In response to the proposal by some African governments to introduce mandatory HIV testing, the AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA), a partnership of 73 southern and eastern African non-governmental organisations (NGOs), disagrees. The organisation feels mandatory HIV testing might reverse the gains made in the AIDS response over the past years. The position of the ARASA is that contrary to the belief promoted by some SADC heads of state, the truth is that mandatory HIV testing will not solve the HIV-AIDS problem in the region. Human rights issues aside (although these are important), ARASA noted that rather than push everyone to be tested and

making it a criminal offence if they do not, "We should look critically at the underlying causes of the low levels of HIV testing and uptake the prevention and other HIV-related services."

The umbrella organisation of health NGOs also noted that the sudden reverse course on mandatory testing would go against years of African countries' committed to the full realisation of human rights and fundamental freedoms as crucial to stopping AIDS, including eliminating discrimination against people with HIV and key populations at higher risk of HIV.

Discrimination

"Unacceptably high levels of HIV-related stigma and discrimination and human rights violations at the hands of families, communities, law enforcement officials, health care providers and employers as well as legal and policy frameworks that fail to protect people living with HIV, women and key populations at higher risk of HIV continue to present insurmountable barriers to HIV prevention efforts," the organisation believes.

If such discrimination were to end, many more people would test for HIV.

There would be no need to force people to test. They would do so on their own, voluntarily.

In other words, the best way to ensure that everyone gets tested for HIV is if the social stigma against HIV were eliminated. No one would have to be forced to be tested because they would not

fear being ostracised by their family, friends, churches, co-workers and governments.

"Fears of mandatory testing and breaches of confidentiality drive individuals at higher risk of HIV away from testing services.

Neither will mandatory testing ensure that people who need it can access life-saving anti-retroviral treatment," noted ARASA.

Evidence over the last 30 years has shown that successful HIV prevention interventions depend on an environment of safety in which people at risk of HIV can demand and seek services without fear of stigma, discrimination and abuse of their human rights, ARASA said.

Progress

Some progress has indeed been made using the voluntary testing model. A 2013 report from UNAIDS on the status of HIV response in eastern and southern Africa reports that there has been a 30% reduction in new infections between 2001 and 2011 as well as 50% reduction in new child infections between 2001 and 2011 in the region.

Health groups point to this data as evidence that current policy is working, albeit not at the pace that would cheer some countries' leaderships.

By going with what has proved to have worked and make it work better – namely reducing stigma associated with HIV and discrimination against HIV-positive people, more people will be less afraid to know their HIV status. More people will get treatment, and more people will live. This would lessen personal stress and larger stress on society, and have beneficial economic consequences for every SADC nation.

OLD POSTURES, NEW TIMES: WE NEED TO FAIL BETTER

WE cannot pretend the unpalatable scenes playing out across university campuses are surprising.

They are shocking. They are terrible. They ought to fill us with fear, of what is happening, but also, about what is being done in the name of 'democracy'. Forty years after the events of June 1976, thirty years after the painful ugliness of Botha's states of emergency, once again stones are flung, and young bodies are in flight from police fire.

Condemnatory gestures do not address the problems, and go no way towards resolving them.

Criminalising young people and their conduct which is so unacceptable to so many of us, will get us no further towards resolving the political problems at the heart of these events. Of course we cannot afford, in the current economic-political system, to 'lose' an academic year. It takes little imagination to work through the consequences of a suspended academic year, but it may be important to remind us of what these would be.

Accommodating

The already under-resourced post-secondary would have trouble accommodating new students into already swollen first-year classes. Accommodation and the resources needed to run them would have to be expanded, and the time frame makes this inconceivable. Poor students and their families would have to make additional sacrifices, despite the cash injections from government into the national loan scheme.

But we also cannot risk reducing the crisis in post-school education and training to an economic problem. It is at heart a political problem. It is the latest symptom of an older, untreated malaise, one we have for too long left untreated. Also, we cannot continue to imagine dealing with the surface manifestations of the underlying disease in the body politic will somehow resolve the problem. And so many of the current responses engage only the surface not the substance of the political trouble we find ourselves in.

Violence on campuses are of course to be deplored. But beyond the distress such violence induces, we need to ask ourselves what its causes are, and how we address those causes. Students have not changed at the level of DNA in the half-century since the first state interventions in university independence in South Africa. The scenes across our campuses are familiar to those who lived through the 1980s. The responses are equally familiar. Have we learned nothing from our own intimate



TIGHT SECURITY: Police monitor the situation at Wits University on Monday, where students have been protesting over the fees at the institution. (AP)

histories of violence and violation?

The violent actions of some in the student insurgency have been condemned, and rightly so. The violent actions of some in the security and police agencies have been condemned, and rightly so. But these two sets of actors are not in the same order of responsibility, nor do they derive the same kind of political or economic authority. We may all supposedly be equal in this post-millennial post-apartheid democracy, but what is theoretically true may not be substantially real.

Sanction

The South African Police Service is a state agency: they operate in the name of, on behalf of, and with the powerful sanction of the government that runs that state on behalf of the people who live in that state, and brought that government to power. Security companies are paid large sums of money to deliver the men and women who do the dangerous work at the lowest ends of the spectrum of remuneration in. Students are individuals and groups who are barely adults.

We must hold all of these individuals and groups to account, but it is disingenuous to pretend they have equal access to power, resources, or legitimacy, whether in material terms or in access to how they are represented.

However, in 2016, the ways in which information about the protests and the responses to them can be distributed has left many of the most powerful actors at a disadvantage.

The state is no longer the only distributor of images and film footage telling the story of what happened. The gap between events and wide distribution of film and images of these is almost non-existent. Across social media platforms, and via the networks of people connected through smart mobile technology, the ability to cover (in its double meaning) events with

official versions is slipping away from the most powerful sectors in this most unequal society.

2016 is not 1976. The ability to control what people make of events was never fully real. Many of us who lived in apartheid South Africa, or survived it, know we did not believe the sanctioned, authorised versions of our lives circulating in public. We cultivated habits of critical literacy, taught ourselves to read the world we lived in and the representations of that world circulated by the powerful, against the grain. It meant the denunciations and vilification of those who fought state oppression had quite the opposite effect for most of us.

Devalued

At base, the very ways in which Blackness and poverty were devalued required of some of us to insist that the images of ourselves circulated by power were inaccurate.

It is interesting to note how the old postures against student protests in 2016 echo the responses by those accommodated to and protective of the status quo of the 1980s. When asked about this echo, the response is too often that while that was a fascist state, this is a democracy. As if that word 'democracy' is the shibboleth that covers even the unpalatable, and worse, the unacceptable.

We cannot just adopt old postures for new times. The political troubles we face today need us to respond differently from how we had in the past. After all, those past responses are part of the record of failures to address the problems which brought us to this point. This goes for everyone invested in this current political moment, whether the student protestors, who are the focus of so much of the censure, or the police.

But the civil authorities and managers must also take responsibility for getting us to this point.

Clearly the solutions proposed and implemented, whether by

the government actors, or by the university managers, have not worked. We cannot indulge in the madness of returning to a time where we think militarised responses to political conflicts resolve them, or defuse them. 2016 should not look like 1986, or 1976. We owe it to our children, who are in these spaces where the conflicts unfold, to do better. Watching groups of young bodies fleeing before adults firing guns is less distressing than having been one of those bodies. But it now happens in a 'democracy' signals to me the political failure to change the society more fundamentally. And failure is one the generation I belong to must own. And precisely because some among us know what it is like to run from militarised police actions against our political work, and we have the bodily scars to remind us of the cost.

We cannot return to another state of emergency. We must address the status quo with urgency, but it is not enough to reduce this current crisis as one of law and its administration.

Absurd

That would be to deal with symptoms, not causes. Also, it would be absurd to want to resolve this current crisis between identified 'leaders' only. The conflicts need to be de-escalated as a matter of urgency. But those who brought us to this impasse must take responsibility: the adults who made the country we now live in, those of us who were complicit with that making, and those merely implicated by our quiescence, and more than most, the political actors who have failed to address the troubles underpinning this crisis. We are all responsible; we must all work together to fix this, or we will all risk the consequences of failure.

We made this world and its procedures. We must unmake it. We need new solutions to our problems. We cannot just assume old postures in new times.

The political price of the latter is too high. Asking for individual 'leaders' to solve what is essentially a political crisis constitutes a fundamental category error in analysis.

We must hold to account the authorities who brought us to this impasse; and we must work together to work out new solutions, together, in an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect. Reaching for guns and firing them at our children will only serve to brutalise another generation of South Africans.

One thinks of Samuel Beckett (1983): "Try again. Fail again. Fail better."

Wit and Wisdom

1. We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future - George Bernard Shaw

2. For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone - Audrey Hepburn

3. The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing. - Socrates

4. The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. - Lao Tzu

5. Talent is God given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given. Be careful. - John Wooden

6. If you're trying to achieve, there will be road-blocks. I've had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it - Michael Jordan

7. Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching - Satchel Paige

8. It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see. - Henry David Thoreau

9. If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there. - Lewis Carroll

10. Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

11. Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment. - Jim Rohn

12. It's the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen. - John Wooden

13. Whatever you do in life, surround yourself with smart people who'll argue with you. - John Wooden

14. A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination. - Nelson Mandela

15. By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest. - Confucius

16. The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails. - William Arthur Ward

17. Think big thoughts but relish small pleasures. - H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

18. A man must be big enough to admit his mistakes, smart enough to profit from them, and strong enough to correct them. - John C. Maxwell

19. We are what our thoughts have made us; so take care about what you think. Words are secondary. Thoughts live; they travel far. - Swami Vivekananda

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Inflation Rate	8.0%
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Swaziland Building Society	
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Central Bank	
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Moving Forward

AGRICULTURE MINISTRY CAPITAL PROJECTS HIT A SNAG

By Manqoba Makhubu

UNAVAILABILITY of funds has delayed the implementation of the ministry of agriculture capital projects.

According to the ministry's first quarter performance report 2016/17, funds were allocated to implement nine capital projects by the ministry with a total budget allocation of over E532 million for the 2016/17 financial year.

"As at June 2016, the ministry has prepared and submitted requisitions requesting release of funds amounting to E52 217 000, but the funds were yet to be released and availed for disbursement under the projects," said the report.

The funds were requested both from government and external financiers.

Although Principal Secretary Bongani Masuku said there have been new developments, "although money is not flowing the way we would have preferred it to be, but we have received some of the funds for the imple-



NEW DEVELOPMENTS:
Ministry of Agriculture PS
Bongani Masuku.

mentation of the capital projects."

He said the funds have been already disbursed to the projects for implementation.

"However, it is true this has slowed down the implementation of capital projects, but we have begun implementation of these," he said.

These projects included the Komati Basin Project-Downstream Development, Lower Usuthu-Downstream

Development, purchase of heavy plant and earth dam construction material, water and irrigation development at Sigangeni, Mpuluzi and Gege, Food Security Project, Smallholder Market Led Production Project, Lower Usuthu II Extension-Downstream Development, Innovative Beef Value Chain Schemes and Renovation and expansion of Mpisi breeding station.

In the report, the ministry said it was in the process of implementing a number of programmes aimed to enhance food security in the country through increased production and promotion of import substitution.

Rainfall

After receiving below normal cumulative rainfall during the 2015/16 rainfall season, the country has experienced a significant drop in the overall production, especially of maize.

Production was projected to be 33 460 metric tonnes compared to 81 623 metric tonnes in 2014/15.

The report said the planned imports of maize included a com-

mercial import of 39 000 metric tonnes and food aid imports of 100 000 metric tonnes.

The ministry also seeks to promote commercialisation and diversification of crops and livestock production in the country.

Recently, Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati said the ministry was in the process of establishing the Swaziland National Agricultural Research Authority (SNARA).

He said the idea has already been approved by cabinet and now awaits endorsement by parliament.

Vilakati said this has the potential to create jobs and improve productivity of agriculture thus aid in food security.

"For example, R&D allows the agricultural sector to increase value addition. Value addition is one of the initiatives the ministry has identified that can greatly aid the economy in general and the agricultural sector in particular systems for agriculture island countries, namely, Burundi, the Comoros, Guinea, Lesotho, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe," he said.

IMMINENT SA VAT INCREASE, A SQUEEZE FOR SWAZILAND

By Linda Dlamini

THE possible increase of Value Added Tax (VAT) by South Africa could have a negative impact on the Swazi economy.

Any tax increment normally erodes consumers' disposable income, otherwise known as purchasing power.

University of Swaziland (UNISWA) lecturer and economist Sandile Khumalo, said the proposed increase in VAT by South Africa would have both positive and negative effects on our economy.

"For easy administration purposes, the country will have no other option but to follow suit due to the fact that our economy is mostly dependent on the South African economy for both imports and exports," he said.

Khumalo further said if, for instance, South Africa was to increase its VAT rate to 16 percent and Swaziland maintains its 14 percent, this would mean SRA would have to facilitate the payment of the difference two



percent for items bought from VAT registered taxpayers in the Republic thus creating an extra administrative burden to the tax authority.

"VAT is simple to administer as compared to other indirect taxes. It is clear that from a purely macro-economic standpoint, an increase in VAT is less distortionary than an

increase in direct taxes," he said.

Khumalo said if Swaziland was to follow suit, an increase in the VAT rate would be a more efficient way of boosting revenue than increasing direct taxes as most countries make more money through VAT.

"However, taking such a move would also hurt the poor as this will push up commodity prices

(inflation).

This might also increase the costs of setting up businesses-by increasing investment capital, inputs though VAT refunds will help ease the pressure," he said.

Continental publication Africa Time, said local economist Dumisani Sithole, said the fact that Swaziland imports about 80 percent of goods and services from South Africa means a VAT hike by the neighbouring country could lead to price increase on most goods and services.

"Importers might be forced to buy the goods and services at high prices and they may be forced to pass that to consumers," Africa Time said.

The publication reported that short and long-term challenges could result from the tax increase, saying some importers might be forced out of business.

However, on a positive note, Sithole said Swaziland could also explore opportunities in alternative markets where it could source goods and services other than relying on South Africa.

ELECTRICITY PRICING SHOULD BE MORE EQUITABLE - SERA

Stories by Linda Dlamini

THE current system of pricing electricity is not equitable, as those who can afford are paying the same as those struggling to pay for electricity.

Swaziland Energy Regulatory Agency (SERA) Chief Executive Officer Vusumuzi Mkhumane said the pricing of electricity was very important, therefore, he said the country should place it as a priority factor for development.

"It is important to know that currently, electricity consumed in households is already subsidised, even though people complain that the rates are high," he said.

Mkhumane made these remarks yesterday during the regulator's stakeholders meeting held at the Institute of Development Management premises in

Matsapha.

He said the main objective of the meeting was for stakeholders to give their input into the tariff structure of the country, after which the proposal would be sent to cabinet for their consideration and subsequent approval.

Mkhumane said another issue that SERA as a regulator was looking into, was to ensure that energy providers in the country were sustained by the pricing method used.

"We are concerned with looking at that while energy providers look to make a profit, we as a regulator need to ensure their pricing mechanism is fair to the citizens of the country," he said.

The CEO said it was yet unknown when and if the proposed scheme was likely to be implemented as there were still various steps that needed to be



SERA Chief Executive Officer Vusumuzi Mkhumane.

taken first.

"The electricity subsidy will be concerned with looking at who should be receiving a subsidy and who should not because they have

an ability to pay. The other benefit of setting up the new electricity tariff is that it will be able to promote efficient usage of electricity," he said.

SERA announced earlier this year it had come up with a proposal that would introduce a subsidy into the pricing of electricity in the country. Mkhumane said they wanted electricity to be affordable for all Swazis, "thus we obtained consultants to look into the feasibility of a subsidy for electricity in this country."

Mkhumane expressed the regulator's aspiration to enable the less fortunate to be able to have electricity and move on to first world status. "Electricity is expensive for some, however, these individuals also need the electricity to be able to do a lot of other things like ironing and storing food in a fridge," he said.

THERE IS MORE DEMAND FOR IPHONE 7

THERE is considerable demand for the popular Apple iPhone 7 amongst Swazi consumers at the moment.

iStore Swaziland Manager Jenna Shields said they have received many enquiries about the availability of the iPhone 7.

"Customers have been to the shop wanting to know whether the iPhone 7 has arrived yet and how much it costs," she said.

Shields said they do have the iPhone 7 in stock and it costs E17 395.

"Currently we only have the 128 gigabyte iPhone 7 in stock. Numerous people have bought the phone from us," she said.

Shields said iStore was not the only store to have the iPhone 7 in stock but it was the most competitively priced one.

Some stores have placed E20 000 to E21 000 price tag on the iPhone 7.

Apple's Senior Vice President of Worldwide Marketing Philip Schiller said in a statement, the iPhone 7 and iPhone 7 Plus dra-



atically improve every aspect of the iPhone experience, "reaching a

new level of innovation and precision to make this the best iPhone

we have ever made,"

"The completely redesigned cameras shoot incredible photos and videos day or night, the A10 Fusion chip is the most powerful chip on any Smartphone while delivering the best battery life ever in an iPhone, and an entirely new stereo speaker system provides twice the sound, all within the first water and dust resistant iPhone," he said.

Schiller said the iStore is an Apple Premium Reseller (APR) which is a dedicated hub for Apple products and accessories.

"With 24 stores conveniently situated across the continent, iStore is the largest APR in Africa. iStore aims to maximise customer value offerings by providing an authentic Apple experience and offering customers exclusive services such as in-store complimentary training, technical support, and technical setup. iStore offers contracts on various mobile networks as well as a two-year extended warranty and damage protection option with iCare Plus," he said.

IMF PROJECTS INFLATION TO DROP

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) expects inflation in the country to drop in the current year and average around 5.5 percent.

"Inflation in Swaziland is set to average 5.5 percent for the current financial year. In 2017 the year-on-year inflation rate of the country is projected to be 6.6 percent," the IMF said.

Currently, inflation in the country stands at eight percent and was still below the 5.5 percent projected by the IMF.

The IMF's World Economic Outlook Report 2016 economic analysis of the country came to the conclusion that not only economic growth would be slow, but the country in the next couple of years would run a trade deficit after enjoying many years of trade surplus.

Balance

"The balance on current account in 2016 will contract by 4.9 percent as opposed to the 9.2 percent recorded the previous financial year. Projections indicate that the balance of current account will contract 2.4 percent in 2017," reads the report in part.

The bank said the balance on current account would reach positive territory around 2021 where projections were that the balance of payments would be 0.6 percent.

The Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) annual report 2015/2016 said the impressive growth of the current account surplus recorded in 2015 was mainly as a result of the widening trade surplus combined with a net inflow in current transfers during the year.

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SACU STATES GRAPPLING WITH HIGH FOOD PRICES

By Manqoba Makhubu

SOUTHERN African Customs Union (SACU) member states have continued to register double figure inflation in food and non-alcoholic beverages as the region continues to take a beating from the ongoing drought.

According to the SACU August inflation report, only Botswana recorded a single digit in food and non-alcoholic beverages.

The report notes that during the month of August 2016, when compared to July 2016, inflation rates eased in all member states with the exception of Swaziland where prices increased.

"The change in consumer prices in August 2016 was high in Swaziland, recording a change of 8.0 percent followed by Namibia at 6.8 percent, Lesotho at 6.6 percent, South Africa at 5.9 percent, and Botswana at 2.6 percent," said the report.

However, all member states continued to record a single digit annual inflation rate.

The report said monetary stance was unaltered between July and August 2016 in all member states with exception of Botswana again, where the bank rate was reduced by half a percentage point.

During the month of August, the highest prime lending rate was observed in Lesotho at 11.69 percent, followed by Namibia at 10.75 percent, South Africa, 10.50 per-

cent, Swaziland, 10.50 percent and Botswana, 7.00 percent.

In the recent monetary policy statement, the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) Governor Majazi Sithole said the bank considered the increase in inflation as temporary.

"Salary increments above average inflation contributed significantly to the inflation outcomes. Further, food inflation also contributed to the inflation increase by coming in at 17.4 percent in August 2016,

about two percent higher than observed in July," said the governor.

He said the supportive policies for the importation of food items would help alleviate pressure from food price inflation in the near term.

The country's inflation projections for the rest of 2016 were improved by 0.4 percent from an average annual rate of 7.7 percent to 7.3 percent in the September 2016 forecast.

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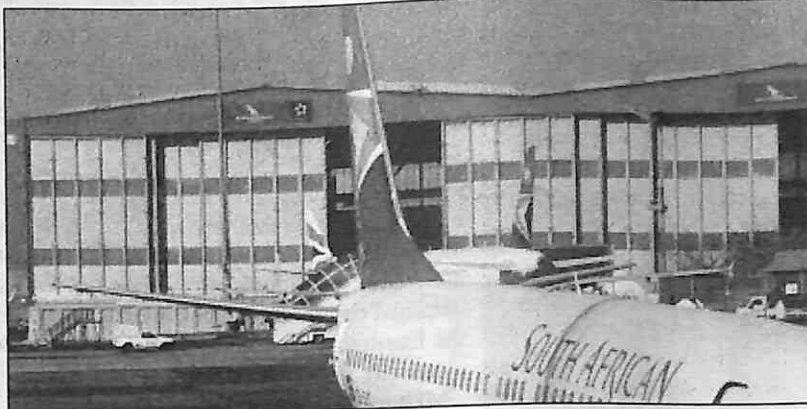
SAA SETS A COLLISION COURSE WITH PILOTS

JOHANNESBURG - South African Airways (SAA), the financially hamstrung national carrier, is forging ahead with plans to rationalise flight deck crew costs, which might land it in a court fight with its about 800 pilots.

The company says there is a need to interrogate and amend the regulating agreement with the crew.

Amending the agreement, however, requires buy-in from the South African Airways Pilots Association (Saapa). The association has previously indicated it will oppose proposed changes to existing agreements. In a recent SAA internal document, seen by Business Day, the airline discusses the effect of the flight deck crew regulating agreement and the strategy to address the "onerous" collective agreements with crew.

SAA says certain sections of the regulating agreement are not in the



FORGING AHEAD: South African Airways.

spirit of the Public Finance Management Act, which states a public entity must maintain a procurement system that is cost-effective and must take effective steps to manage working capital efficiently.

SAA spokesman Tlali Tlali confirmed "there is a process of engage-

ment currently under way between SAA and Saapa, which relates to the existing recognition agreement between the airline and its pilots. We are not at liberty to share details on progress of the process until all engagements have been concluded". *iNet Bridge*

OIL HOLDS GAINS NEAR 15 MONTH HIGH ON SAUDI

MOSCOW - Oil held gains near the highest settlement in almost 15 months as Russia and Saudi Arabia said they're ready to cooperate to limit output.

The International Energy Agency said the market may rebalance faster than expected if OPEC sticks to its new target.

Futures were little changed in New York after climbing 3.1 percent Monday. Russia is willing to join OPEC efforts to stabilize the market, requiring either a production freeze or cut, according to President Vladimir Putin. Saudi Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih said other countries are ready to cooperate and he's optimistic there will be a deal. Supply and demand could come back into balance earlier than expected next year if OPEC's agreement to curb output is implemented, the International Energy Agency said. Oil has gained almost 15 percent since OPEC provisionally agreed last month to cut production for the first time in eight years. The group's members will meet this week in Istanbul for talks on implementing the deal and Al-Falih said it's not unthinkable prices will rise to \$60 a barrel by the end of this year. *Bloomberg*

Goodbye SABMiller. hello AB InBev

CAPE TOWN - Anheuser-Busch InBev (AB InBev) [JSE:ANB] yesterday announced the successful completion of the business combination with SABMiller.

The merged company, Newbelco, has now been officially renamed Anheuser-Busch InBev and the former AB InBev has been dissolved by operation of Belgian law, it said in a statement yesterday.

Shares in the former AB InBev were delisted from Euronext Brussels and the Bolsa Mexicana de Valores at the opening of business yesterday and then delisted from the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) tomorrow, it said: The new ordinary shares were admitted to listing and trading on Euronext Brussels, the JSE and the Bolsa Mexicana de Valores at the opening of business in each market yesterday, it added. Shares started on the New York Stock

Exchange at the opening of business in New York on Tuesday.

"As a truly global brewer, we will be able to achieve more together than each of us could separately," said AB InBev CEO Carlos Brito on Tuesday.

"We remain focused on delivering superior top-line growth and increasing shareholder value. Building on our strong heritage, passion for brewing and expanded brand portfolio, we are also committed to helping farmers, retailers, entrepreneurs and communities thrive. "We are excited to work toward our dream: Bringing people together for a better world. Our ambition is to build a company to last - not just for a decade, but for the next 100 years." Building on our shared commitment to sustainability, the combined group will strive to be an engine for growth and economic development across our markets, the company said.

Fin24



TOOK ACTION: Energy Minister Tina Joemat-Pettersson.

a technical amount as it is due over a 30 to 50-year period. *Fin24*

New chapter for nuclear firm

CAPE TOWN - South Africa's state-owned nuclear company NECSA has received R1.7m as part of a fabrication contract to manufacture nuclear reactor components for Russia, it said yesterday.

The South African Nuclear Energy Corporation (NECSA) said in a statement the first items fabricated at Pelindaba were delivered to Russian company Tenex, a subsidiary of Rosatom. The first payment represents about a quarter to a third of the total contract, it said.

The announcement comes as the lid of controversy seems to be lifting on NECSA.

This follows Energy Minister Tina Joemat-Pettersson's implementation of a task team to investigate its board and executive (with no clear outcome), while NECSA had delayed the tabling of its annual financial reports over the auditor general's concerns over decommissioning and decontamination costs. CEO Phumzile Tshelane was also put on suspended suspension last year.

However, the announcement of a new board this year and the tabling at the end of September of its report has opened a new chapter at NECSA. The resolution saw government taking partial responsibility for exorbitant costs, which NECSA believes is

INVESTEC UNIT PARTNERS WITH ABACUS IN OFFICE DEAL

PRETORIA - Investec Australia Property Fund (IAPF), the JSE-listed Australian domiciled fund, has acquired a 50 percent interest in an institutional grade office tower in the central business district of Brisbane with Abacus Property Group for A\$132 million (R1.4 billion).

The transaction will increase the value of IAPF's property portfolio to A\$583m.

Forward yield

IAPF said On Monday the property comprised a two-storey basement car park with 98 secure parking spaces, ground-level retail, a three-level podium and main tower of 22 levels with average floor plates of 739 square metres.

Tenants include Allianz, ANZ, Brookfield Multiplex, North Queensland Bulk Ports, Asciano, American Express and Link Market Services. IAPF said the property would be acquired on a 12-month forward yield of 7.2 percent with annual contractual

rental escalations of 3.9 percent.

But it said it had been acquired with 20 percent vacancy, which equated to about 4 000m2, and there was an opportunity to substantially increase the yield of the property to 8.9 percent on a fully leased basis through strategic capital works and an active leasing campaign.

Strategy

Graeme Katz, the Chief Executive of IAPF, said the acquisition aligned well with the fund's strategy and was its third acquisition where it had adopted a strategy to take on existing vacancy, which had proven successful before.

"We believe the price a square metre of A\$6 642 represents attractive value given that recent transactions [in] proximity had been concluded at between A\$7 700 and A\$9 700 a square metre." The acquisition will be funded through the fund's existing debt facility. IAPF shares gained 0.97 percent Monday to R14.63. *IOL*

ACQUIRED: Chris Griffith.



Northam in R1bn rights deal

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's Northam Platinum has acquired a mining right from Anglo American Platinum (Amplats) for R1 billion (\$72 million), the companies said yesterday.

"The proceeds will be used to further reduce net debt and strengthen Anglo American Platinum's balance sheet," Amplats CEO Chris Griffith said. The right comprises around 16.7 million ounces and is on the northwestern boundary of

Northam's Zondereinde mine. Northam says it will be able to extract higher-grade ore for longer. The resource is similar in character to that of the Zondereinde ore body.

"A short lead time and limited capital expenditure are required to access the acquired resource from Zondereinde's existing infrastructure," Northam says.

The transaction remains subject to the consent of the minister of mineral resources.

Reuters

Rand slumps

CAPE TOWN - South Africa's rand plunged the most in more than three months and bonds slumped after Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan said he had been summoned to appear in court and prosecutors said he would be charged.

The currency dropped as much as 3.4 percent, and traded 3.1 percent weaker at 14.2431 per dollar by 10:56 a.m. in Johannesburg. Yields on government bonds due December 2026 soared 23 basis points to 8.93 percent. Gordhan con-

firmed police had delivered a summons to his home, and said his lawyers would release a statement shortly. EyeWitness News reported earlier that the finance minister would be charged with fraud relating to his time as head of the tax authority, the latest development in a battle that has pitted the finance minister against state-owned companies accused of mismanagement and corruption. "It's a grave concern and investors are unlikely to react kindly to this development," Jana van Deventer, an analyst at ETM Analytics in Johannesburg, said by phone. *Bloomberg*

R40bn for new coal power projects

JOHANNESBURG - The Department of Energy on Monday unveiled coal independent power producers (IPPs) Khanyisa and Thabametsi as the preferred bidders to build two coal-fired power plants that will add 863.3 megawatts (MW) of electricity to the country's system in the next five years.

Khanyisa and Thabametsi are part of the department's coal base load IPP procurement programme.

The programme, which will be in two bid windows, allows private firms to produce electricity from coal, an area dominated by Eskom.

It is similar to the renewable energy independent power producer procurement (REIPPP) programme, which has resulted in the procurement of a total of 6 376 MW in six bid windows.

Of the 6 376MW, 2 200MW has been connected to the grid.



The department said more than R40.1 billion of debt and equity had been committed to the mooted coal projects in Mpumalanga and Limpopo.

The first plant under the programme would begin commercial operation in December 2020, it said.

Minister of Energy, Tina Joemat-Pettersson, said the bidders had the backing of Korean, Japanese and Saudi Arabian

investors.

Marubeni Corporation of Japan is the lead developer of the Thabametsi IPP, while Korea Electric Power Corporation (Kepco) is its co-developer.

Funding. The Development Bank of Southern Africa, the Industrial Development Corporation and the Public Investment Corporation will also provide funding, according to the department.

Exxaro's Greenfield Thabametsi mine will supply coal for the IPP project.

In the bid process, the Department of Energy required the bidders to have a minimum South African participation of 51 percent, 30 percent black ownership and a weighted broad-based black economic empowerment contributor status level of five for locally based shareholders.

It said the two projects would create 6 613 jobs during construction and 13 524 jobs during operation. Thabametsi is scheduled to commence operations in March 2021, while Khanyisa's scheduled commercial operations date is December 2019.

The department has stipulated the risks that the private sector players will shoulder. These include risks of capital cost, operating costs overruns and costs associated with delays during construction. *Fin24*

Bamako shuts Randgold office over R3bn tax dispute

LONDON - Randgold Resources said on Monday the government of Mali had closed its offices in the capital, Bamako, over a \$230-million (R3.1-billion) tax claim the South African gold producer is contesting.

In a statement, Randgold Resources said it was disappointed at Bamako's move but insisted "the closure does not affect the operations of its three mines in Mali".

The London- and New York-quoted firm added it had been professionally advised "that a large proportion of the tax claims received from the state of Mali in respect of its operations in that country are without merit or foundation".

"Following the appropriate legal process, it is strongly defending its position in relation to these claims."

Randgold also noted that the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes had recently awarded \$29.2-million plus costs to its Loulo operation for taxes which the centre found the Malian government had wrongly collected.

"We have continued to engage with the Malian authorities at the highest level to resolve the remaining issues," Randgold Resources Chief Executive Mark Bristow said in urging a constructive approach to bring about a "mutually acceptable solution."

Mali is of strategic importance for the group, which also has a gold mine in Ivory Coast and the Democratic Republic of Congo and which last year posted net profits of \$189-million on sales of \$1.4-billion. Last year, Bristow hailed the mine at Loulo and neighbouring site of Gounkoto as being of major benefit to the Malian economy, indicating the complex had contributed some \$700-million "in taxes, royalties and dividends" to the state, while injecting "an additional \$1.9-billion into the economy" through supplier and contractor payments and employee wages. *AFP*

VWSA installs robots to rev up production

PRETORIA - Volkswagen South Africa (VWSA) has installed 320 new robots in the body shop at its vehicle manufacturing plant in Uitenhage as part of the R3 billion investment in its production facilities for the production of at least two new vehicle models.

Thomas Schaefer, the Chairman and Managing Director of VWSA, said on Monday that the robots would perform monotonous, high-precision work and allowed body shop employees to focus on tasks that required human involvement. "The introduction of robots will improve the ergonomics in the body shop as it reduces strain on our people. The introduction of the specialised robots into the body shop paves the way for higher volumes and even better quality," he said. Schaefer said the technology being installed would enable VWSA to produce more than one model on one single assembly line. The carmaker said last year it would be investing R4.5 billion into South Africa by next year, with the R3 billion to be invested in its production facilities also raising annual production capacity of its plant by 50 percent to 150 000 units. A further R1.5 billion is to be invested in the development of local supplier capacity and R29 million on the development of employees. *Business Report*



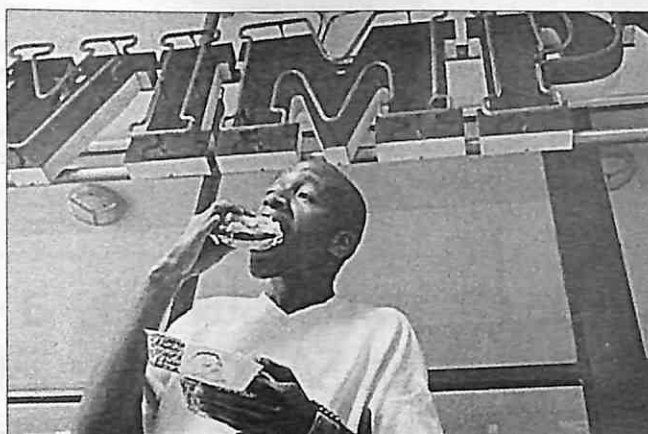
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Wimpy owner sees earnings surge

CAPE TOWN - Famous Brands said yesterday that it expected an increase of between 67 percent and 74 percent in headline earnings per share for the six months to the end of August.

The company said headline earnings per share were expected to come in at 403-419 cents per share, up from 241 cents per share in the corresponding period a year before.

Famous Brands, which owns restaurant brands including Wimpy, Mugg & Bean and Steers, noted that the results had been impacted by two exceptional items, a R141 million gain and a R20 million impairment. The positive R141



million was a derivative gain on a call option used to hedge the purchase price of the acquisition of Gourmet Burger Kitchen in the UK, and the comparatively small hit was an

impairment of the investment made in 2013 in UAC Restaurants in Nigeria.

The full results are expected on or about October 24. *African News Agency*

CASH SHORTAGES WORSEN AS ZIM AWAITS BOND NOTES

HARARE - Cash shortages in Zimbabwe are worsening as the introduction of bond notes - set for November - to stem the problem becomes imminent.

Some banks have reduced monthly withdrawal limits for individuals from \$100 (R1 381) a day to between \$20 and \$50, while companies are now allowed daily withdrawals of up to \$500, down from \$1 000.

ZB Bank, in which the government has a controlling stake, appears to be among the hardest hit, with branch managers' first task in the morning being to tell anxious clients whether or not there is cash for withdrawals.

Mobile money banking has not been spared either, with recipients who had become used to getting instant cash now having to hop from one agent to another looking for money.

With some banks giving out very little, some people are now opting for retail shops which can give up to \$100 as cash-back for plastic money purchases of \$15 and above.

Despite assurances that their US dollar values will be maintained, many Zimbabweans have remained sceptical over the impending introduction of bond notes, to be effected in small doses of small denominations of \$2 and \$5 equivalents. The notes will be supported by a \$200 million facility from the Africa Export and Import Bank (Afreximbank). An initial \$75 million worth of bond notes will be injected into the market by the end of the year. Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa said last week the government was crafting a law that would support the introduction of the bond notes and Zimbabweans should prepare themselves for

their coming.

"It is going to be reality. We are going to live with it. Those who can easily realise that reality should begin to accept that bond notes will be with us," he said when he hosted a lunch following the opening of the 4th session of the 8th Parliament by President Robert Mugabe.

However, opposition parties and other interest groups are reportedly waiting for the promulgation of the law so they can challenge its constitutionality.

Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe Governor John Mangudya said this week that the release of the notes had been moved to early November from the earlier planned end of October to allow their marketing.

He told the weekly private run newspaper, the Financial Gazette, that while, there was public scepticism over the notes, they would help maintain the current multi-currency system rather than eliminate it.

Fin24

Internet will drive media revenue

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's entertainment and media sector is expected to grow from R126 billion last year to R173 billion by 2020, with the internet set to be the key driver, according to a PwC report.

The local internet access market is set to rise from R39.4 billion last year to R68.5 billion in 2020, as fixed and mobile broadband become essential utilities.

The PwC report predicts growth will be seen in the video game market, filmed entertainment and television segments.

PwC Southern Africa entertainment and media industry leader Vicki Myburgh said: "As internet revenues continue to rise, the forecast for newspaper and magazine circulation is on the decline as consumers migrate from print to free online alternatives, and aren't as yet moving to paid digital formats in great numbers."

Something that is concerning for publishers is that digital advertising is under added threat because of competition from Facebook and Google.

Smartphone connections in South Africa are forecast to grow by about 160% from 24.8 million last year to 64.6 million in 2020, leading to a penetration rate of 60% that will fuel mobile internet access revenue growth. Totally, online advertising spend grew 23.6% last year to reach R3.8 billion. By 2020, this figure will rise to R8.2 billion. South Africa has the largest TV market in Africa and continues to grow strongly with pay TV subscription revenues expected to expand to reach R25.2 billion in 2020. *Fin24*

Focus on SA scene

I gave Zuma all evidence implicating him - Madonsela

JOHANNESBURG - It is in the interest of President Jacob Zuma to account for what he knows regarding the allegations of state capture which had been forwarded to him in March, the public protector says.

Thuli Madonsela was reacting to a statement from the Presidency, issued on Monday.

It relates to the public protector's investigation into the alleged involvement of the Gupta family in the dismissal and appointment of cabinet ministers and members of the boards of directors of state-owned enterprises.

The Presidency said Zuma had written to the public protector requesting her to allow him to question other witnesses, who have appeared before the public protector.

"Furthermore, the president would want to exercise his right to question some of the witnesses before responding to the written questions and adducing evidence," the presidency said.



BAFFLED: Public Protector Thuli Madonsela.

"The public protector would like to report that President Jacob Zuma was afforded a proper opportunity to tender his evidence since 22 March 2016.

"President Zuma was on Saturday, October 1, 2016, given all copies of

evidence implicating him," the public protector said in a statement issued on Monday night.

She said his lawyer raised a request to question witnesses for the first time last Thursday, when he was asking for a deferment of the investigation to the next public protector.

She said the Executive Members' Ethics Act required an investigation regarding possible violations of the Executive Ethics Code to be concluded within 30 days.

"It is of concern to the public protector that the president has on two occasions undertaken to answer questions and when the time arose, he changed his mind."

She appealed to Zuma to assist with any information he has that can assist the investigation, primarily, by answering the questions put to him.

Madonsela's term as Public Protector ends on Friday.

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Blade endorses cop action against protesting students

JOHANNESBURG - Higher Education Minister Dr Blade Nzimande has condemned the "irresponsible and disrespectful striking students" at the University of the Witwatersrand and supported the police action against them.

"The law enforcement agencies will continue to act and the law must take its course against those who have been found to have committed any crimes," a statement from his office said on Monday.

"There has been intimidation and destruction of property, including violence, which will not be tolerated. We call upon students not to allow any form of manipulation which may be

intended to undermine their legitimate demands."

Police intervened and dispersed a crowd using teargas, stun grenades and water cannons on Monday after they had thrown rocks at private security personnel.

This led to running battles between police and protesters in the streets of Braamfontein, where a bus was set alight.

Nzimande said: "We strongly condemn the actions of a few striking students who clearly don't want to see the completion of the 2016 academic programme. They continue to disrupt and intimidate students who want to continue with their studies." **TMG Digital**



FRUITLESS: A policeman unsuccessfully tries to apprehend as student from the University of Witwatersrand during clashes following a protest for free high education on Monday, in Johannesburg. (AP)

Religious leaders gather for report into rogue pastors

BRAAMFONTEIN - Religious leaders gathered in Braamfontein yesterday morning for the release of a report into the commercialisation of religions and abuse of people's belief systems.

The report was to be released by the Commission for Promotions and Protection of the Rights of Religious, Cultural and Linguistic Communities, following months of intense grilling of church leaders, including the Zion Christian Church's Bishop Barnabas Lekganyane, Pastor Ray McCauley of Rhema Bible Church and Grace Bible Church's Bishop Mosa Sono.

The Advertising Standards Authority, Broadcasting Complaints Commission of SA, the departments of home affairs and social development, among others, also appeared before the commission.

In August 2015, the CRL Rights Commission undertook an investigative study into the commercialisation of religion and the abuse of peoples' belief systems following an exposé of a Pretoria church where people were fed snakes. Among the church leaders who appeared before the commission was the 'snake pastor', Penuel Mnguni, who also fed his followers hair, cloths, rats, ants and carpet.

His close friend, Pastor Lesego Daniels, who is known for feeding people grass, leaves and petrol, also appeared. The pair told the commission they were instructed by God to feed people all these things, and added that no one had died.

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Mazibuko can still play a major role in SA politics - Zille

CAPE TOWN - Speaking at the Cape Town press club during the launch of her autobiography titled 'Not Without a Fight,' Zille said Mazibuko — who controversially left her position in the party in 2014 and is currently a resident fellow of the Harvard Institute of Politics in the US — can still play a key role within the DA going forward.

"Yes (she can still play a role)...Lindiwe is one of the most talented, able and articulate brains in South Africa," Zille said.

In her book, Zille discusses at length her decision to back Mazibuko for the parliamentary leadership position against the incumbent at the time, Athol Trollip. Zille says she was wrong to throw her weight behind Mazibuko at the time. She suggested that, Mazibuko — who was 31

when she won the parliamentary leadership race in 2011 — might have been too young and inexperienced for the position.

Zille states in her book that the race for the parliamentary leadership position was "divisive" from the outset and there was "blood on the floor before a single vote had been cast".

Zille suggests in the book that as soon as Mazibuko took over as leader of the DA in parliament, two centres of power were created. Mazibuko erected a 'Berlin Wall' between the office of party leader and that of the leader in parliament. Among other changes, Mazibuko cancelled the practice of joint press conferences by the party and parliamentary leaders, and refused to share an office with Zille in parliament.

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GONE ARE THE DAYS: Former DA leader Hellen Zille with Lindiwe Mazibuko.

MALEMA HAD PLANNED TO APOLOGISE TO 'KHWEZI'

JOHANNESBURG - "I've apologised to Kuzwayo and she passes on at a time when we were actually preparing to go and see [her] in person to apologise to her," Julius Malema said yesterday.

He said he now planned to extend the apology to Kuzwayo's mother. "I will never have a problem apologising to her mother."

"That's how far I'm prepared to go and send condolences to the family and repeat my public apology."

"I wanted to apologise to her. We

were working towards visiting her," Malema added.

When he was president of the ANC Youth League in 2009, Malema had controversially said Kuzwayo had had a "nice time" with Zuma.

Enjoy

"When a woman didn't enjoy it, she leaves early in the morning. Those who had a nice time will wait until the sun comes out, request breakfast and ask for taxi money," Malema told students at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology at the time. **News24**

... she was the strongest woman I know'

JOHANNESBURG - To the public she was known as President Jacob Zuma's rape accuser. She was nameless and faceless and the public's glimpse of her was the picture of her entering court, her face covered with a doek, under heavy protection - on February 13, 2006.

Activists called her Khwezi in an attempt to give her a name and a voice. Ten years later, South Africans finally know her real

name in death: Fezekile Ntsukela Kuzwayo.

Those close to her say she died after finally finding the strength to stop "living anonymously" and, after returning to South Africa, to "pick up the pieces of her shattered life".

Kay Sexwale, a family friend said, "Fezekile was tortured in many ways but she was now ready to live outside the 'Zuma rape survivor tag'. **News24**



SUBMERGED: This is the dramatic moment a man and his dog had to be rescued by three brave passers-by. (Daily Mail)



RESCUED: 'As soon as that door opened, it started to go down quickly but they managed to get him out and all that ended up showing of the car was the open boot,' witness Alex Kerr said.

Dramatic moment brave passers-by jump into a lake

...to save a pensioner and his dog from sinking car

WELWYN GARDEN - This is the dramatic moment a man and his dog had to be rescued by three brave passers-by when his car plunged into a lake and began to sink.

Footage of the scene shows the trio of rescuers urgently trying to get the man, who was in his 70s, out of the car.

The swimmers - one woman and two men - can be seen banging on the glass window of the car in a bid to break it after attempts to open the door failed.

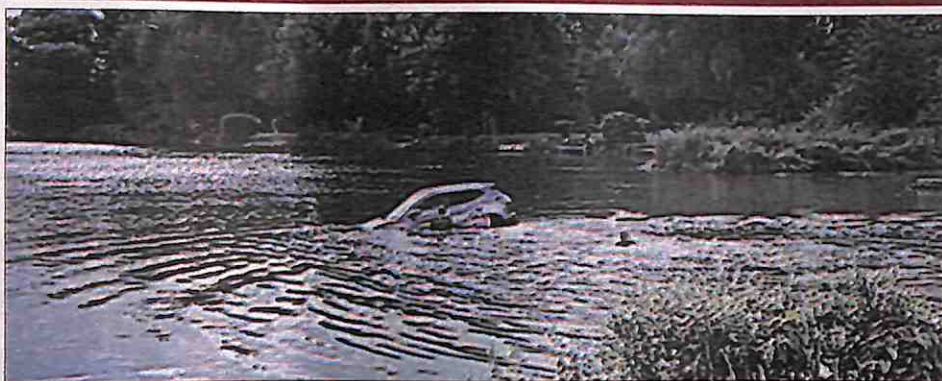
Incident

Fortunately, as the car begins to sink, the lifesavers manage to get the back door of the car open and pull out the pensioner in time.

The incident, which occurred on Sunday afternoon in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, was filmed by onlooker Alex Kerr, 29, who witnessed the rescue from a nearby cafe after popping out to get a coffee with her family.

The accountant, from St Albans, said: 'It was quite

- Three rescuers seen banging on the car window and trying to open door
- Eventually they managed to open the back door and drag pensioner out
- The car sank almost completely afterwards but the man was uninjured



JOURNEYING TO DEATH: The SUV started to descend down into the depths with the man and his dog trapped inside.

surprising to see as we were just sitting and having a coffee when we heard this big crunch noise. "When we looked up we just saw this car floating into the lake, but it had already gone through a metal bollard and chain.

"It just floated off but it took a while for any of us to realise someone was in there as he was sitting so still inside. "As soon as they realised they jumped

straight in to help him, they were great.

"They couldn't get the door open so they tried to break the windows as it was going down and then they managed to open the back door. "As soon as that door opened, it started to go down quickly but they managed to get him out and all that ended up showing of the car was the open boot."

Hertfordshire police were

called at 12.49pm to reports of a car entering the lake at Stanborough Park.

The rescued man, from Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, was treated at the scene and taken to hospital but he is believed to be uninjured.

Daily Mail



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MCA calls for Uhuru testimony

NAIROBI - A member of the Kisii County Assembly (MCA) charged with undermining President Uhuru Kenyatta now wants the Head of State to testify in court. Kiogoro Ward MCA Samuel Apoko on Monday said he wants the complainant to personally give his side of the story in court before anyone else does so. Apoko had claimed on August 2013 Kenyatta smokes bhang. "Those close to President Uhuru Kenyatta should advise him to stop smoking bhang," the MCA had said. In April 2014 he was charged with acting contrary Section 132 of the Penal Code. Mr Apoko, through his lawyer Gideon Nyambati, objected to any witness testifying before the President does. *allAfrica*

State house turning into ATM

KAMPALA — State House has been turned into an Automated Teller Machine (ATM), according to a law professor at Makerere University. Speaking at the closure of a week-long rule of law agenda organised by the Uganda Law Society in Kampala last Friday, Prof Joe Oloka Onyango said every crisis in this country is being solved by way of brown envelopes, a scenario he described as being sad and far below the rule of law in the country. "In early 1980s, when this country was under the leadership of Godfrey Binaisa Lukongwa, State House was like a market place. Today, State House has been converted into an ATM," he said amid cheers. *AllAfrica*

Rift Valley fever could spread

DAKAR - An outbreak of Rift Valley fever has killed at least 28 people in western Niger in recent months could spread to neighbouring Mali and Algeria, health officials warned on Monday. The highly contagious disease, which is transmitted to humans by mosquitoes or close contact with contaminated animals, has infected 90 people in Niger's western region of Tahoua since early August, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO). With no specific treatment or effective human vaccine, Rift Valley fever can cause blindness and severe haemorrhaging. *AP*



Merkel visit as state of emergency unfolds

ADDIS ABABA - German Chancellor Angela Merkel is visiting Ethiopia and plans to meet with its prime minister on issues including the country's newly declared state of emergency. This East African country, one of Africa's best-performing economies, declared its first state of emergency in a quarter-century Sunday, after months of protests demanding wider freedoms. Merkel's African tour is meant to highlight the global migration crisis and security issues. *AP*

Gunmen ambush Uganda-bound buses

JOHANNESBURG - A Ugandan bus driver has been admitted to hospital in the South Sudan capital, Juba, after he was shot by armed gunmen when they ambushed three Kampala-bound buses. Uganda Police Spokesman Patrick Jimmy Okema said Takuba Yusuf, the driver of an Eco bus, was shot in the thigh as he attempted to flee from the attackers, Uganda's Observer newspaper reported yesterday. The attackers, armed with rocket-propelled grenades and other heavy weaponry, laid the ambush at a junction in Jebelen, about 120km from Juba on Monday morning. *AP*



Zim 's street vendors turn on style to win customers

HARARE - In his three-piece suit, matching hat and bow tie, Farai Mushayademo could easily pass for a celebrity musician — if only his job didn't involve dodging cars at a busy intersection in Zimbabwe's capital, Harare, selling bottled water and potato chips to passing motorists.

Mushayademo's distinctive dress sense, with a different shiny suit every day, makes him a darling to customers and helps him beat the "rising competition," he said.

Massive joblessness in this once-prosperous southern African country has forced many to flood the streets, where they hawk anything from medicines to car parts. A good gimmick can help a ven-

dor stand out from the crowd.

While such scenes are common throughout Africa, they are unusual in Zimbabwe, where vendors once were found only at legally designated stalls. Now, as the economy plunges, such order is breaking down.

Sidewalks in Harare and other cities and towns are hardly passable for pedestrians due to the high volume of vendors. Some plunge into the streets to target motorists.

"The suits are part of my marketing strategy," Mushayademo told The Associated Press.

"Vendors are associated with shabbiness, but people want to buy food from someone who is smartly dressed," said the 35-year-old father of three, a tailor by profession. Tailors

have been hit hard because of an influx of secondhand clothes smuggled from neighbouring Mozambique that sell for as little as \$1.

Zimbabwe's official unemployment rate is 11%, according to the country's statistics agency, Zimstat, but the figure excludes informal traders such as street hawkers who are officially defined as employed because they earn an income. That sector is booming, with over 90 percent of the people officially defined as employed involved in informal trade, according to Zimstat figures.

This country's longtime leader, President Robert Mugabe, had promised to create 2.2 million jobs in five years during his 2013 election campaign. That hasn't happened. *AFP*

Rwanda angered by French reopening juvenal killing investigation

KIGALI - Rwandan President Paul Kagame criticised France on Monday after French investigators reopened an investigation into the 1994 assassination of the Rwandan president, a killing that triggered the country's genocide.

"The judicial system of Rwanda is not subordinate to France or France's interests," Kagame told a cheering audience of judges, senior military officers and government officials at an official judicial function.

"It should be France in the dock being tried, not anybody in Rwanda and not

Rwandans."

Rwanda's former chief of army staff Faustin Kayumba Nyamwasa, now in exile, has accused Kagame of being linked to the shooting down of the plane carrying president Habyarimana Juvenal, the president of Burundi and a French air crew. Nyamwasa made the accusations against Kagame in a widely reported trial in 2012, two years after an attempt to murder Nyamwasa in South Africa. Kagame says the plane was shot down by Juvenal's own supporters who disapproved of a peace deal Juvenal had negotiated with Kagame's rebels.



Before the genocide, France was Rwanda's main Western backer. But their relations collapsed after the genocide as Kagame accused France of training and arming the Hutu militias who were the main force behind the slaughter - an accusation Paris always denied. *Reuters*

Burundi bans three UN human rights investigators

KIGALI - Burundi's government banned three UN investigators from its territory on Monday, deepening a row between the east African country and the international community over recurring political violence.

The brief letter from Foreign Affairs Minister Alain Aime Nyamitwe named three investigators linked to a report released last month, which identified officials suspected of ordering political opposition to be tortured or killed.

UN spokesperson Stephane Dujarric in New York reacted with dismay when questioned about the ban. "It's critical that Burundi, and every other country, cooperate fully with



PUNISHED THEM:
Foreign Affairs Minister Alain Aime Nyamitwe.

the UN's human rights mechanism, and that is including working with those who represent it," he said. Burundian opponents of President Pierre Nkurunziza say his decision to

seek a third term last year violated the constitution and a peace agreement ended a civil war in 2005. The president says a court ruled that he could run again and he won an election boycotted by most opposition parties. Last week, Burundi's government dismissed a UN decision to set up a commission of inquiry to identify perpetrators of killings and torture, saying the decision was based on a one-sided account of events in the African nation. Burundi also announced plans to withdraw from the Hague-based International Criminal Court, six months after the court's prosecutor said it will investigate violence that killed hundreds of people. *Reuters*

Judges out on bail after weekend arrests

ABUJA - The Nigerian judges arrested at the weekend as part of a corruption probe have been released on bail, a source said on Monday, after the detention drew sharp rebuke from legal and rights groups.

"They were all released on bail Sunday on self-recognition," the source within the Department of State Services (DSS) told AFP. "They did report for investigation Monday and they have gone back home. And the investigation continues..." the source added. "Everything went very procedurally well and civil." At least seven judges were arrested at the weekend on allegations of receiving bribes, leading to an outcry from the bar association and rights groups who described the raids as "unprecedented". The investigation involves a total of 15 judges. DSS said it had seized \$800 000 in cash during the nation-wide operation which was prompted by allegations of corruption and professional misconduct made by other judges. On Monday, Chief Justice Mahmud Mohammed condemned the arrests as "deeply regrettable." The DSS said the arrests followed "lack of co-operation by the National Judicial Council, such as refusal by the NJC to allow the affected persons to be questioned by the DSS." *AFP*

Museveni gives Shs100m to former opposition members

Kampala - Members of NRM in Mengo, Kampala, last week had running battles with Yoweri Museveni's guards as they tried to reach the president to hand him a petition.

The drama was captured during the launch of Muyoka Sacco last week where Museveni handed members Shs100m to mobilise themselves into income generating activities.

NRM members were challenging President Museveni's action to hand money to people, majority of whom were recently drafted into NRM from the Opposition.

Muyoka Sacco is composed of more than 3 000 members who were recruited by a former DP member Rose Kafeero ahead of the February 18 elections to consolidate NRM's support in Kampala.

However, Museveni told grumbling members, "this Sacco was for you to work and get out of poverty", adding that challenging the Shs100m "handover was bad manners". *AFP*



CLASH: Uganda President Yoweri Museveni.

World News



RIFT: Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi.

Italian PM seeks to avoid rift in party

ROME - Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi sought Monday to avoid a rift in his Democratic Party over an upcoming referendum on constitutional reforms.

The changes are aimed at increasing political stability in a country which has had 63 governments since 1945, with Renzi's future riding on the outcome of the December 4 plebiscite. For months, the centre-left Democratic Party has been split on the issue, with a minority of lawmakers deeming the mooted reforms and the new electoral law which would accompany them to be dangerous to democracy.

In a bid to assuage the reforms' opponents within his own party, Renzi on Monday proposed a party committee be set up, including at least one member of the dissenting minority, to propose a new electoral law, but only after the December 4 referendum. However, one of the main voices among the naysayers, Gianni Cuperlo, warned he would still vote against the proposed constitutional amendments unless changes are made ahead of the poll. *Reuters*

Erdogan files complaint over German decision to drop comedian case

BERLIN - A lawyer for Tayyip Erdogan has filed a complaint about a German decision to drop a case against a comedian accused of offending the Turkish president with an obscene poem, prosecutors said.

The chief prosecutor in Koblenz will review the files on the case and rule on the complaint, the prosecutor's office in the western city of Mainz said on Monday.

Prosecutors announced last week they had not found sufficient evidence to suggest any criminal offence had been committed by comedian Jan Boehmermann or anyone else involved in making or broadcasting the piece. Erdogan had filed an initial complaint in March after Boehmermann read out a poem on a satirical show suggesting Erdogan engaged in bestiality and watched child pornography. The German Association of Journalists (DJV) on Monday criticised Erdogan's decision to file a further complaint. "The Turkish president is not only an active enemy of press freedom, but also a bad loser," DJV head Frank Ueberall said.

The case has damaged ties between Ankara and Berlin, which were strained further in June after Germany's parliament passed a resolution that declared the 1915 massacre of Armenians by Ottoman forces to be a genocide. *Reuters*

Trump still alive, but Republican Party in tatters

WASHINGTON - After nearly 18 months of vitriolic campaigning and two incendiary presidential debates, it is clear the 2016 race for the White House is truly like no other.

The release of a 2005 video containing lewd and sexist comments made by Republican nominee Donald Trump has further roiled his party, which was already in tatters and without a path forward. Now, many party stalwarts have abandoned their own candidate.

Here are the key lessons learned so far with four weeks to go before Americans go to the polls on November 8 for an election that will end with either Trump, 70, or Democratic rival Hillary

Clinton, 68, succeeding Barack Obama as US president.

1. Trump on the ropes but no KO (yet)

Team Trump breathed a relative sigh of relief on Monday after the second debate between the White House hopefuls.

On Saturday, one day after the bombshell release of the video showing Trump making aggressively sexual remarks about groping and forcing himself on women, it looked like the real estate mogul was one step away from political oblivion.

A cascade of repudiation from fellow Republicans flooded Twitter: one by one, party heavyweights including Senator John McCain, the 2008 presidential nominee,

said they could no longer back Trump. Questions swirled: would Trump drop out of the race? Would his running mate Mike Pence leave the ticket to position himself for 2020?

Two days and one debate later, Trump seems on better footing. His combative debate performance - heavy on zingers, light on substance - appeared to have righted the ship. Pence, who said he was "offended" by Trump's comments, changed tack.

"Nobody is perfect," Pence told MSNBC. "I'm honoured to be standing shoulder to shoulder with him."

For Julian Zelizer, a professor of history and public affairs at Princeton University, said "Clinton missed a knockout punch" during Sunday's debate. *Reuters*

...Top Republican won't defend Trump

WASHINGTON - Paul Ryan, the top Republican in the US Congress, said on Monday he would not defend Donald Trump nor campaign with him, plunging the Republican candidate's presidential bid deeper into crisis over his sexually aggressive remarks about women.

Ryan, Speaker of the House of Representatives, also signalled he was preparing for Democrat Hillary Clinton to win the White House in the November 8 presidential and congressional election.

In an emergency conference call with Republican lawmakers, Ryan said he would now focus on protecting the party's majorities in Congress, to ensure that Clinton does not get a "blank check" in the form of a Democrat-controlled Capitol Hill, a source familiar with the call said.



WE ARE OUT: Top Republican in the US Congress Paul Ryan.

It is extremely rare for a House Speaker to turn his back on his party's presidential nominee. Ryan's move illustrated the extent of the upheaval triggered by the emergence on Friday of a video tape from 2005 showing Trump crudely bragging about groping women and

making unwanted sexual advances. Ryan, the country's highest ranking elected Republican, said he could not defend Trump nor campaign with him in the coming 30 days, the source said.

But he did not completely cut ties to the New York businessman, whose volatile campaign has created the Republican Party's biggest crisis in decades. Ryan went back on the conference call later to clarify he was not withdrawing his endorsement, a source said. Republican members of Congress are worried that Trump's campaign could ruin their chances of holding their majorities in the House and Senate in November and inflict long-term damage on the party. Ryan has been a frequent critic of Trump, who has never previously run for office. *Reuters*

Buffett hits back at Trump over tax comments

WASHINGTON - Billionaire investor Warren Buffett denied on Monday an allegation by Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump that he, like Trump, had taken "a massive deduction" that allowed him to avoid federal income taxes.

Buffett said he paid about \$1.85 million (R25.51 million) in income tax in 2015, and that returns for previous years were similar in respect to contributions, deductions

and tax rates.

Buffett said he was being audited by the Internal Revenue Service but would have "no problem" in releasing his returns.

Trump has refused to release his tax returns, citing ongoing audits by the IRS. *Reuters*

NOT ME: Billionaire investor Warren Buffett.



BRIEFS

Russia to create permanent naval base

MOSCOW - Russia intends to establish a permanent naval base on the site of an existing facility it leases at the Syrian port of Tartus, Russian Deputy Defence Minister Nikolai Pankov said on Monday, Russian news agencies reported. Pankov's statement is the latest sign that Moscow wants to expand its military footprint in Syria where it has been helping President Bashar al-Assad fight rebels since 2015. Moscow last week deployed S-300 surface-to-air missiles to Tartus. "We will have a permanent naval base at Tartus," Pankov told Russian senators.

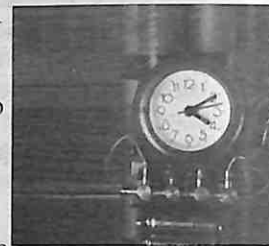
Reuters

Ex-convict killed by officer he fired

SYRACUSE - An ex-convict who served prison time for weapon possession was shot and killed by a police officer he fired at during a traffic stop near Syracuse University, authorities said on Monday. Police Chief Frank Fowler said the officer had pulled over a car late on Sunday because the vehicle's tail lights weren't on. While speaking to the man behind the wheel, the officer noticed the handle of a handgun inside the car and started to back away, telling the

Cops step up security following threat

BANGKOK - Thai police said they have been instructed to step up security measures following an intelligence report of possible



bomb attacks in Bangkok and its outskirts late October. There was some information that pointed to a possibility that a group may try to stage car-bomb attacks in three spots around Bangkok and its suburbs between October 25 and 30, said deputy police chief Srivara Ransibrahmanakul to reporters after chairing an urgent meeting with police officers, adding that tourist attractions and parking lots of department stores may be their targets. *Africa News Agency*

driver to show his hands, Fowler said. *AP*

'Assad failure caused 300 000 deaths'

BERLIN - UN chief Ban Ki-moon says Syrian President Bashar Assad's "failure of leadership" caused the deaths of over 300 000 people, according to an interview released on Monday. Asked by the German broadcaster Deutsche Welle if he considered Assad a mass murderer, Ban said that question was for other institutions to answer. He added, though: "It's true that because of his failure of leadership so many people have died, more than 300 000 people have been killed". Ban also said he had urged US Secretary of State John Kerry and Russia "to restore the cessation of hostilities, so we can deliver life-saving humanitarian assistance." *AFP*

UN rues failure to punish war crimes

GENEVA - A top UN human rights official renewed his call on Monday for an international probe into possible war crimes committed in Yemen, saying the "outrageous" weekend bombing on a funeral showed that violations continued unpunished. Zeid Ra'ad al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, said in a statement that countries belonging to the UN Human Rights Council had contributed to "a climate of impunity" in Yemen by failing to investigate adequately. *AFP*



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Celeste Ntuli, Nina Hastie for first Spring Comedy Night

By Majaha Nkonyane

WELL known South African comedienne Celeste Ntuli and Nina Hastie, are scheduled to tickle bone and marrow at the upcoming 'Spring Comedy Night', slated for October 28.

The event forms part of a comedy series undertaken by a company known as Southern Co-operation Events, in partnership with THASA. The first series will begin with the two South African acts and would feature local comedians; Mandy Ginindza, Smallz and EmceeDaComedian.

Other local acts will include 'Mdura,' who will be directing the programme while Sandz and DJ MBO would be rendering musical soul food.

THASA Management Director Thabo Sishwashwa, said: "We would like to encourage everyone not to miss this comedy night, which will be full of laughter and fun. We are looking forward to hosting this event, which is the first episode in our series, we are also looking forward to continue with these series and bring more fun and laughter to the people."

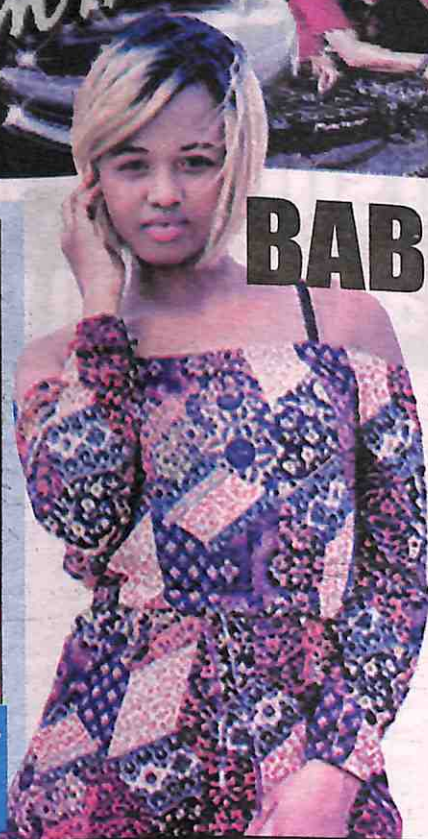
ple."

Celeste Ntuli is a South African stand-up comedienne and actress, best known as one of the Top 10 contestants on the second season of the SABC1 reality competition series 'So You Think You're Funny', which was hosted in 2009. The exposure she has received on the show allowed her to pursue comedy as a fulltime career and she has since performed at many major comedy festivals, as well as on television, radio and film.

Furthermore, the event will also reveal Nina Hastie, who is also a South African comedienne, actress and voice artist. She is best known for guest starring on satirical comedy shows, especially Late Nite News and The Bantu Hour.

She has performed at major venues such as The State Theatre, Wits Theatre and Joburg Theatre. She has headlined comedy festivals such as The Tshwane Comedy Festival, Soweto Comedy Festival, and The Wits Comedy Festival as well as the Nandos Comedy Festival.

Nina has become a regular featured guest on television, on shows like Late Nite News.



BABES WODUMO WANTS

The new South African kwaito 'IT' girl, who would be performing in the country at the 'star studded' Umdabula Festival said she would love to meet His Majesty

By Nomfundo Sifundza

BABES Wodumo of 'Wololo' fame, has made known her undying desire to meet His Majesty King Mswati III.

The new South African kwaito 'IT' girl would be performing in the country at the 'star studded' Umdabula Festival on December 31 to January 2 and indicated she would love to meet with the King during this period.

The singer's desire was confirmed

by her Manager, Victor Dlokolo who said whenever they (he and Babes) address the topic of her upcoming performance at Sidvokodvo, Tums Waterworld all she talks about is her wish to meet the King since her roots are apparently in the country.

However, Dlokolo said as the artist's manager he could not pursue the singer's wishes but would appreciate the opportunity if it would present itself.

Babes Wodumo, real name

SA-based Sakhile Mthethwa for WWW concert

By Nomfundo Sifundza

SOUTH African based local singer and song-writer Sakhile Mthethwa is coming for the We Will Worship (WWW) live in Swaziland concert scheduled for October 29.

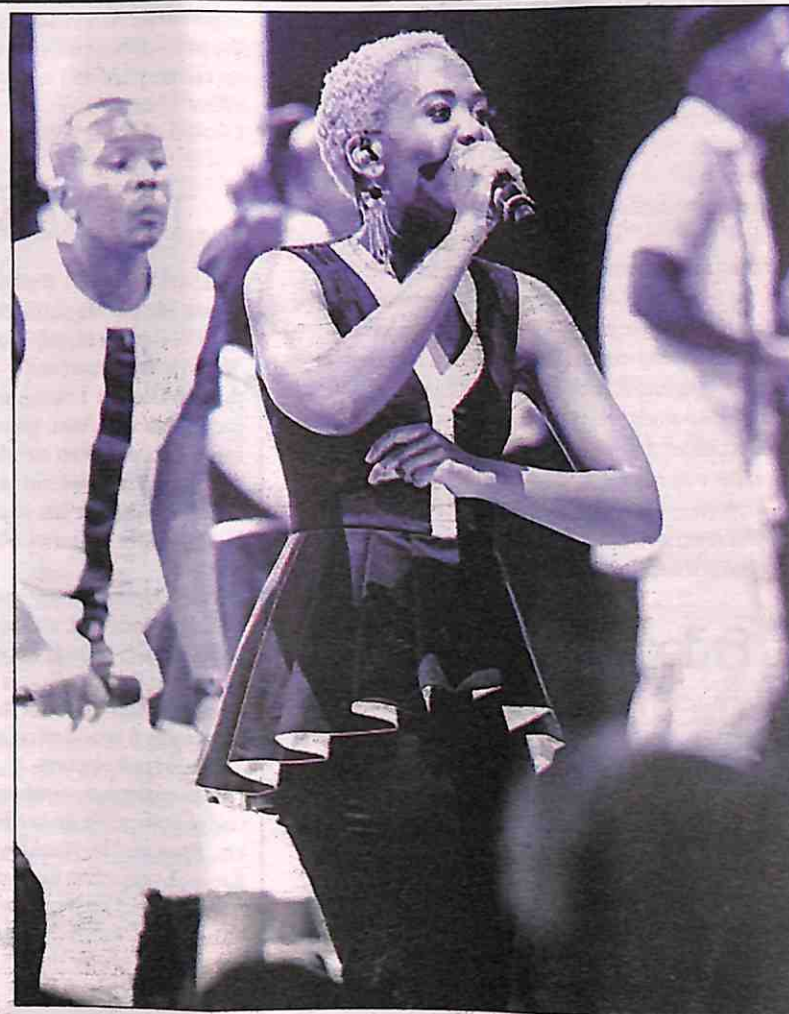
The vocalist, well known for her free-flowing worship, would be here courtesy of Fellowship of God's Holy Place (GHP) Pastor Emmanuel Dlamini who said they were without doubt that Mthethwa would deliver the best from her heart.

"In our talks with her, she said she would like to perform in the country yet again and therefore has cleared her schedule in order to make it to the WWW concert," Dlamini said.

Mthethwa is a talented vocalist and has, besides gracing many stages, also worked with big names in the South African music industry such as the likes of former Idols winner Khaya Mthethwa, Zwai Bala, Wanda Baloyi and Afro soul sensation Lira.

Sakhile will join yet another South African wordsmith Vus'umuzi Phakathi, who holds a great reputation in the country for his impressive rhyming poetry.

Phakathi would be coming back



to the country after his last visit in 2015 where he also performed at a youth camp organised by the same church.

Fellowship of God's Holy Place is known in the artistic circles for recognising talent in the form of music and poetry.

CROWD PULLER'S 'TROPHY GIRL' UNDERWAY

By Phumelele Mkhonta

LOCAL hip hop artist, Mpho 'Crowdpuller' Simelane, would be releasing an EP titled 'Trophy Girl' in a few weeks.

The rapper from Msunduzi, has been in the industry since 2011 and this would be his first EP.

The EP is produced by Neves Tronics, a music production company

based in Msunduzi that has been producing Simelane from the time his music career commenced.

Simelane's music career took off in 2009 after the demise of his biological father.

According to the rapper, his father was also a musician and that is how he was influenced into joining the industry.

In his upcoming EP, Simelane has featured South African rappers

known as Lil Chief and E-Megga.

"I have done most of my performances in South Africa than I have in the country.

The last performance I had was in Pretoria this past weekend and I was well received.

"I have so much respect for South African rappers Lil Chief and E-Megga. They have inspired my music in many ways thus have also featured them in one of my tracks.





TO MEET KING

Bongekile Simelane, claims to be Swazi and her manager also verified the news although he confirmed that she does not have any known relatives in the country as her family relocated to Durban even before the star was born. Babes Wodumo is currently basking in the glory other South African artists have toiled years and years to have.

The singer's new debut 'Wololo' has made her a star in all concerts, in her country over and beyond. Hence her presence on the Umdabula Festival line-up. The Director of the festival,

Mbekezeli Zulu said the line-up would feature top performers such as award winning DJ Black Coffee, Casper Nyovest and Nasty C.

He decided to bring all the South African crowd pullers in one event to simply close the year with a loud bang of talent.

The South African artists would be performing alongside local giants that have hosted the country's flag high internationally. These include rapper KrTC, Karly B, DJ Master P, Mr Kangaroo and DJ Mixmash, to mention a few.



IN TONGUES: Crax performing his 'In Tongues' song at the SoFresh Lounge on Friday evening during the fourth edition of the reggae sessions. **RIGHT - GOOD FOR A SMILE:** Mos Feb smiling as he and Mozaik take the turntables during Crax's performance. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza)



RHYTHMIC REGGAE NIGHT AT SOFRESH

By Nomfundo Sifundza

REGGAE music lovers were treated to rhythmic reggae renditions on Friday at the SoFresh Lounge in Manzini.

This was courtesy of the lounge owned by Steven Mthethwa who said the main goal of the sessions he hosts was to restore the genre to its actual position as seemingly most people had forgotten about the genre thus were bluntly ignoring it.

The genres old school and new were rendered by a number of DJs including former Mr Swaziland Sfiso Motsa, who proved he was not just a handsome face, but also magical with his hands.

Hip hop artist Crax was the only performer with a different genre and



ALSO THERE: Rastas smile as they pose for our lenses.

as usual the rapper dished out his absolute best as he did his hit song

'In Tongues' which saw the attendees dancing and singing along.



YOUR NUMBER 1: DJ Bandie poses for our lenses during his set. **RIGHT - AMAZING SKILL:** Former Mr Swaziland Sfiso Motsa rendering superb mixes during his turn on the tables. He got reggae lovers on their feet.



REGGAE DANCE: Reggae lovers dancing through the night. They were totally lost in the beautiful renditions.

Mega Praiseadds Israel Mosehla, Zaza on line-up

By Nomfundo Sifundza

MEGA Praise, a gospel music event organised by Dlophe Records, has added South Africa's worship gurus Israel Mosehla, Zaza Mokhethe and William Sejake on the line-up.

The show, scheduled for December 3 at Mavuso Trade Centre, last week unveiled Ntokozo Mbambo, Xolani Mdlalose and Mahalia Buchanan who all have a huge following in the country.

Dlophe Records Director Doctor Makhubela promised to reveal local gospel giants scheduled for the inaugural event next week. "Let Swaziland get ready for a time of her life as we are bringing them the best of contemporary gospel music. This is our thanksgiving for a successful 2016. All artists that will be on stage for the evening are award winners and bestselling in their own right," Makhubela said.

Makhubela is also Mahalia Buchanan's Manager and he recently brought the songstress to the country for a collaboration with Inkhosikati LaMbikiza at the Redemption Story live DVD and CD recording.

Mega Praise Project Manager Pastor Bakhe Dlamini also shed light on the upcoming festival saying "we have made sure that Swaziland gets the finest. Come December 3, Swaziland will descend to Mavuso Trade



Centre for a soulful feast".

Dlamini further added: "Ntokozo Mbambo would be the one undoubtedly leading the pack."

Mbambo just returned to the continent from her successful tour of the UK and US. She is also nominated in the International Annual African Muzik Magazine Awards.



The track basically elaborates on how our talents could be the very ones that put food on our tables," said Simelane.

"My best track in the EP is 'Likasasa Letfu' and it refers to nurturing the talent that was bestowed in us by God at birth.



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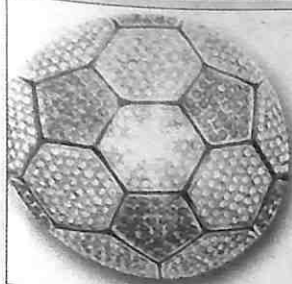
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**MZANSI
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**Tonight 20:00 | Mzansi
Magic (161)**

"S1/E1 - 1/1". An exclusive
glimpse into the lavish off-

field lives of some of the
most successful Mzansi foot-
ballers, from their favourite
meals, hobbies to their per-
sonal styles.



TOP GEAR USA

**Tonight 21:00 | BBC Brit
(120)**

In this season of Top Gear
USA, hosts Tanner Foust,
Adam Ferrara, and Rutledge
Wood pull out all the stops
exploring all things automo-
bile.

If it's never been done in a
car, they're going to do it.
Whether it's being the first to
photo map the legendary

Rubicon Trail, or being the
first Americans to legally
drag-race in Cuba in over
fifty years, the boys push the
boundaries of what can be
done on four wheels.

They'll also attempt to build
the perfect postal delivery
vehicle, train in war games
with the U.S. Army, and
compete as a team in a two
day endurance race in a car
that costs less than \$500.



HALLOWEEN WARS

**Tonight 21:00 | Food
Network (175)**

Halloween Wars is back and
scarier than ever!

Host Rossi Morreale over-
sees the competition, as five
teams composed of a pump-
kin carving expert, cake and
sugar artists battle it out as
they create mind-blowing hal-
loween-themed edible dis-

plays.

Throughout the competition,
seasoned Halloween Wars
judges Shinmin Li and Brian
Kinney will be joined by
celebrity guest judges Robin
Atkin Downes, Benjamin
Papac, Bex Taylor-Klaus and
Elvira, Mistress of the Dark. In
the end, one team will walk
away with a \$50 000 grand
prize.

DIAMOND, EMTEE, KWESTA, & PATORANKING

● Diamond, Emtee, Kwesta, & Patoranking to raise the roof at the MTV Africa Music Awards Johannesburg 2016

VIMN Africa and MTV Base (DStv
channel 322) have revealed
Diamond, Emtee, Kwesta and
Patoranking are to join the glittering
ranks of performers at the MTV
Africa Music Awards Johannesburg
2016.

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Diamond, Emtee, Kwesta and
Patoranking join previously announced
performers Alikiba, Babes Wodumo,
Cassper Nyovest, Nasty C, Ycee and
Yemi Alade on the giant purpose-built
MAMA stage at the Ticketpro Dome,
22 October 2016.

Winner

Last year's Best New Act winner
Patoranking is again in contention for
the 2016 awards – nominated this year
for best male, where he goes head-to-
head against last year's winner,
Tanzanian Bongo Flava star, Diamond.
Patoranking also scored a second nom-
ination in the 2016 awards for Best
Collaboration for "No Kissing" feat.
Sarkodie.

After a standout year, Emtee received
his first MAMA nod this year in the
hotly contested Best Hip Hop category,
while "Ngud" star Kwesta still has to
learn if he's scored a nod in MAMA
2016.

Highlighting the 'gold standard' in
contemporary music, creativity and
achievement, The MTV Africa Music
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to be the biggest and best ever, with
more than 15 000 music lovers expect-



ed to party up a storm at the Ticketpro
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Celebration

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The definitive annual celebration of
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achievement, MAMA 2016 recognises
and rewards musicians and achievers
who have made the most impact on
African music and youth culture over
the previous year.

The ceremony will feature stunning
performances from African and inter-
national artists along with the show's
signature cross-genre and cross-border
collaborations.

MAMA 2016 will celebrate African
talent across 18 award categories,

including Best Male, Best Female,
Listener's Choice and Best Group.

The contribution of artists from
Portuguese and French-speaking
Africa is recognised in the Best
Lusophone and Best Francophone cat-
egories. Additional categories include
the Africa Re-Imagined Award and
Personality of the Year.

Nominations

For news of this year's nominations,
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International
Celebrity News

Drake and Rihanna 'split'

NEW YORK - Looks like the couple that get ink together, don't necessarily stay together.

Drake and Rihanna have reportedly split with the rapper already moving on with someone new.

The 29-year-old Canadian star and the 28-year-old singer have called it quits according to E! Online. Despite the Controlla rapper publicly declaring his love for Rihanna at the MTV Music Awards star in August and them sharing matching tattoos, the pair have reportedly gone their separate ways - again.

A source told E! their love just was not enough for them to have



BREAK UP: Drake and Rihanna.

an exclusive relationship.

The source said: "Rihanna and Drake are seeing other people at the moment. They are not exclusive anymore." *Eonline*

TVD season gets scary

HOLLYWOOD

The search for Damon and Enzo continues on the eighth and final season of The Vampire Diaries—and E! News has an exclusive extended first look at the new episodes and the evil that possesses some of our very favorite vampires.

"This is it. This is the beginning of the end," Damon (Ian Somerhalder) says with his trademark smirk. "You can't save me,"



VAMPIRE DIARIES: Damon and Enzo.

he tells his brother.

Enzo (Michael Malarkey), on the other hand, seems very concerned the force that has overtaken the duo without an end date in

sight.

When does this end? How many more bodies until you're full," asks Enzo in desperation.

Eonline

Timberlake dedicates concert to Prince

TENNESSEE - Justin Timberlake is paying tribute to Prince.

The former boy bander has dedicated his new concert film, Justin Timberlake + the Tennessee Kids, to the late music legend. "His influence, and I have this in common

with I think every musician of my generation and the generations to come, his influence is all



DEVOTED: Justin Timberlake.

over every-one's music and there's so much that I feel like I've maybe consciously and unconsciously borrowed from him that it felt...right,"

Timberlake explains. "It just feels right to dedicate the film to him." *Show*

What will Elton reveal in his £6m memoirs?

LOS ANGELES - Sir Elton John is going to spill the beans about his private life in a long-awaited autobiography — that is if there are any more beans to spill.

The publisher Macmillan is believed to have paid £6 million in a deal brokered by literary agent Andrew 'the Jackal' Wylie, famous for his ability to extract huge advances for celebrity clients. The book will be ghosted by rock critic Alexis Petridis. "It is laugh-out-loud funny, full of



SECRET OUT: Elton and Andrew.

anecdotes and things you haven't heard before about Elton," says one source close to the deal.

Dailymail

SA Celebrity News

AKA claps back at a fan

JOHANNESBURG - The undisputed king of clap backs has struck again.

This time around the SupaMega has hit back at a follower who came for him on Twitter.

AKA has been waxing lyrical on social media about the current student protests, lamenting how the country can't get to a point where its young and old die.

The rapper went on to offer prayers to both parties on dif-



HITS BACK: AKA.

ferent ends of the student protests: *Drum*

Defiant Kelly defends decision to wear 'no-pants'

JOHANNESBURG

Kelly stole the show when she took to the red carpet in pretty much only a Khothatso Laurence Tsotetsi jacket.

And while social media had a hissy fit at the sight, Kelly doesn't regret a thing.

Speaking to City Press recently, Kelly said she made the wardrobe decision because she is a star! And "a star has to stand



NUDE: Kelly Khumalo.

out," she told the paper. *Timeslive*

out". "I haven't done this in a long time. If you are going to be a star and blend with everyone, what is the purpose of being called a star? A star has to stand

'No money to pay actors'

JOHANNESBURG - Muvhango boss Duma Ndlovu has revealed there is no money to pay Muvhango actors, as the show's contract with the SABC expired in August and has since not been renewed.

This comes hot on the heels of reports claiming Muvhango's production team went on a four-day strike from Monday, last week, after their salaries were allegedly not paid.

However, the show's creator



STRESSED: Duma Ndlovu.

work, because there was no money to pay them. *Timeslive*

dismissed the claims in a Sunday World report, explaining production was temporarily halted after instructing cast members to not come to

Moremi makes DJ Cleo's dream come true

JOHANNESBURG - It might have been a blue Monday for many. But not for DJ Cleo. The man finally got his wish, with the help of Idols finalist Mmatema Moremi.

DJ Cleo has long been an admirer of Mmatema and has spoken often of his desire to work with her.

And his wish came true when he released a brand new song, with none other than Mmatema on the vocals. *Halala!*

The song is called Choose To Be Happy and is available as a free download here.

Cleo helped write and produce



NEW PROJECT: Mmatema Moremi.

a track for Mmatema during her time on Idols and after her loss to Karabo Mogane spoke of wanting to sign her to his music label.

Timeslive

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

TODAY

Qondi's health takes a turn for the worse and Mehlemamba suffers a crisis of confidence. Iris suffers further heartbreak when she hears Jabu's song. Sunday proves his power. Fezile is torn as he struggles to accept Kaone's advances.



HURT: Fezile.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Angelique spots Majola being cosy with Nina again. Georgie is not happy and wants the game played on Nikiwe to go up another notch. Sechaba is not impressed with Lerato's choice for his hobby.



DISAPPOINTED: Sechaba.

Muvhango

TODAY

Bobo discovers where Serithi is hiding Khomotjo's contract. Ndalamo is suspicious of Matshidiso's real intentions at MMC. Rendani works through her fears of driving with Mpho's help.



DISCOVERY: Bobo.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Niki summons Suffo to a divorce mediation — but Suffo tries to evict Niki from her flat. Kop collects his last pay cheque and leaves on a high note. Bongie confronts Doc about his affair with Lerato.



SUMMONS: Niki.

IF KANYE AND KIM WERE BOTH DROWNING,
AND YOU ONLY HAD TIME TO SAVE ONE...



WHAT KIND OF SANDWICH
WOULD YOU MAKE?

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn
December 22 – January 19



There are lots of activities in the home before you even prepare for work. Perhaps young people need help or a loved one needs your emotional support. Whatever the case, there is a strong feeling that you are needed and can contribute to those around you. Work should go rather smoothly today. If you pay attention to what others are saying to you, you will probably find that you are appreciated in the workplace as well as on the home front.

Aquarius
January 20 – February 18



There is time to reflect and understand your own job situation. Your emotions, as well as the emotions and feelings of others, may be very clear. Clear decisions affecting others could be made. Someone could challenge you, but instead of jumping to conclusions—you have learned to look at the whole picture. Given time, someone will set things right and you will not have to enter into any sort of emotional dialogue.

Pisces
February 19 – March 20



The type of mental stimulation from others this morning is contagious. A round table discussion or some other way to encourage participation in a conversation is strong and competitive. There is a great deal of attention to your own ideas but you also may find some interruptions. Your clear thinking is strong and anyone trying to get you to joke around or become involved in frivolous conversations will find you focused on your responsibilities.

Aries
March 21 – April 19



You may feel like being different and trying something new and unusual today. This is a perfect time for new ideas, a breakthrough in thinking. Another who may not know your practical side could challenge your actions today. Harsh energies could leave you feeling emotionally blocked. You draw emotional sustenance and a sense of security from ideals, friends and social involvement.

Taurus
April 20 – May 20



There is a drive to work through some strong internal changes. You may be ready to move into new directions with regard to work or education. Obstacles to self-discipline or to your sense of organisation may appear—careful—move slowly. Authorities and red tape may stand between you and your goals, so planning is the key for now. Easy does it today! Your mind tends to settle on issues of security—home, family and such. Your sense of beauty and grace is heightened.

Gemini
May 21 – June 21



This is actually a good time to settle down to the process of work and rising above any challenges. This is also an excellent time for dealing with people in positions of power and leadership. At this time you will be inclined to dig deep into mysteries such as why the human psyche is motivated. Also, you may seek for the

key that makes people want to purchase an item and what it is that catches the eye.

Cancer
June 22 – July 22



You might spend a great deal of time communicating with co-workers and people outside the workplace today. You have enough enthusiasm to do your work well. There could be an air of seriousness to your business dealings or with superiors today. Give yourself time to complete projects. Say "no" if you are asked to do extra work that will cause you less sleep. You enjoy correct and neat results and you may decide to stay a little later to make sure your desk is in order before leaving work.

Leo
July 23 – August 22



Work on new ideas today. It is time for enthusiasm and new beginnings. Everything points to your taking the initiative. However, you could find yourself in the midst of highly emotional individuals that slow your progress. You can be troubled by all that gets too pushy, physical and gushy. You will find ways to help others and this is comforting. This is an optimistic time; better things to come are indicated. Now is the time to consolidate your ideas.

Virgo
August 23 – September 22



This is a great time to clear up any unfinished business and look to the future with shrewd speculation. Take time to examine all aspects of your dealings in order to be successful. This is the best time for becoming involved with new things and for planting the seeds of your future successes. You take on a new interest toward your creative endeavours. During this period, additional responsibilities may be placed on you in the context of the home setting.

Libra
September 23 – October 23



You are career-oriented and your personal reputation and honor are of the utmost importance. You possess a natural sense of organisation and practical insight and may find you are managing or supervising others. At least that opportunity will be opened to you.

Scorpio
October 24 – November 21



This seems to be a very superficial morning. It may not be possible for you to comprehend anything remotely meaningful or moving. Considering you are very seldom lazy or idle, you will probably do well to rearrange your desk or prepare for the next project. This afternoon you are better able to contend with any work issues and carry through with any responsibilities.

Sagittarius
November 22 – December 21



There may be an air of seriousness with your partners or co-workers this day. People that come to know you value your ability to make practical decisions.

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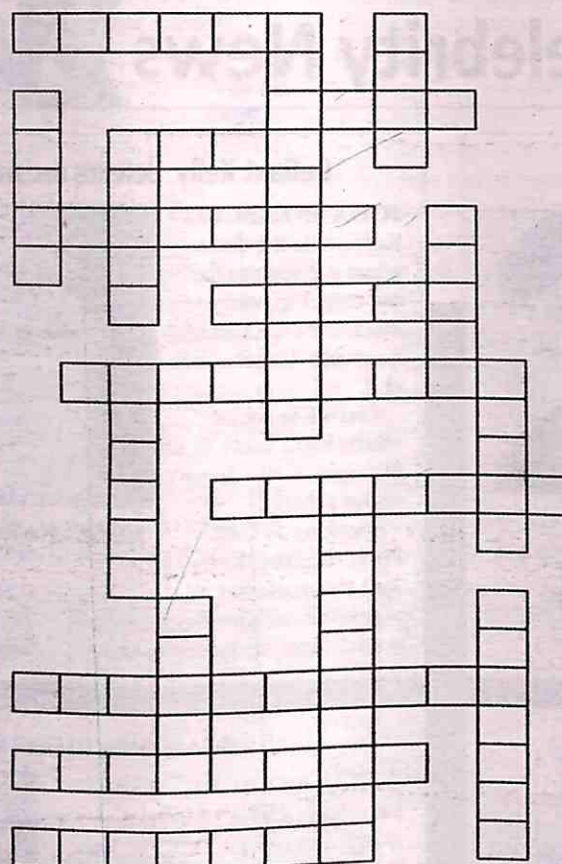
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We have the expectation To be winners on the day. We raise a cheer or shed a tear, Depending on the play.

With pride and admiration. We chant the hallowed name. Stand or fall, we give our all, We're followers of the game.

THE DOB

A child in class, when asked to draw a picture of the Holy Family, produced a picture in which Mary and the baby sat on a recognisably donkeyish steed, led by Joseph. In the ground nearby lay a black blob.

"What is that?" asked the teacher. "The flea," answered the artist.

"What flea, dear?" asked

LOL

Laughing at Loud

the puzzled teacher. "The one the Angel told Joseph to take." Eventually, puzzled but not liking to challenge an imaginative child, the teacher checked out her Bible. And there it was: **Matthew 2:13** ".....the angel of the Lord saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt....."

USELESS FACTS

1. The very first song played on MTV was 'Video Killed the Radio Star' by the Buggles.

2. William Marston engineered one of the earliest forms of the polygraph in the early 1900's. Later he went on to create the comic strip Wonder Woman, a story about a displaced Amazon princess who forces anyone caught in her magic lasso to tell the truth

3. Americans travel 1,144,721,000 miles by air every day

4. The the U.S. you dial '911'. In Stockholm, Sweden you dial 90 000

5. 38% of American men say they love their cars more than women

6. The US military operates 234 golf courses

BRAinteasers QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

YESTERDAY'S BRAinteasers

1. How many months have 28 days?

Answer: All 12 months!

2. They come out at night without being called, and are lost in the day without being stolen. What are they?

Answer: Stars.

TODAY'S BRAinteasers

1. What is full of holes but can still hold water?

2. Two in front, two in behind, and one in the middle. How many are there?

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Vuyiswa, Grade 4, Khanyisile Primary

My daughter was developing a negative attitude towards Maths because she felt like it was becoming difficult. She was not able to understand how to do certain sums.

I felt she needed special attention and from someone who would be patient with her. Her marks were between 90 & 100% in Grade 1 to 2, although they started dropping a bit in grade 3 to the 80's. It was the only subject that spoiled her overall aggregate.

She started hating the subject because she is a child that gets between 90 & 100% in all her subjects. Right now she is so happy, and she got close to 100% in her Maths exams. Also her attitude towards Maths has really changed. She now loves it more, and is always telling me she was explaining something on the board in class because the other kids did not understand.

A Parent

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CHELSEA TO CONSIDER SAFE STANDING AREA

LONDON - Chelsea will consider a safe standing area at a rebuilt Stamford Bridge – but only if the government change the laws.

Planning proposals have been submitted for a £500 million project that would see the club's home demolished and rebuilt, with the capacity rising from 41 000 to 60 000.

And the issue of including standing areas at the revamped stadium have been regularly raised by supporter groups.

Sportsmail understands the club are open to the idea, but will only explore the possibility should there be new legislation.

They will not campaign for such a change.

As reported by Sportsmail on Monday, Manchester United offi-

...when £500m revamped Stamford Bridge opens at 60 000 capacity

cials visited Celtic to view the Scottish club's 2 975-capacity safe standing area.

The section, which features rail seating, was introduced this season and is viewed as a success, adding to the already-raucous atmosphere at the famous venue.

Celtic Chief Executive Peter Lawwell described it as 'an investment in spectator safety' given that rail seating is viewed as a safer environment for fans to stand in than traditional seating.

The issue remains emotive on Merseyside following the Hillsborough disaster, in which 96 Liverpool fans were unlawfully killed 27 years ago.

However, the Liverpool supporters group Spirit of Shankly were recently asked to vote on



STATE-OF-THE-ART: Chelsea have submitted planning proposals to redevelop Stamford Bridge.

rail seating. The ballot returned a result of 93 percent in favour and 4.7 percent against with the remainder abstaining.

Standing is outlawed in the top two divisions of English football

following the Taylor Report into the disaster. Some believe rail seating could circumvent legalities, given that fans have the option to sit down should they wish. *Daily Mail*



STILL SIDELINED: Tiger Woods.

'Not ready' Tiger Woods postpones comeback

NEW YORK - Tiger Woods rocked the golf world Monday after abruptly cancelling his long-awaited comeback, raising fresh questions about his ability to return to the highest levels of the sport he once ruled.

Just three days after the PGA Tour issued a statement trumpeting the former world number one's participation at the Safeway Open in California this week, Woods announced he was not ready to return from his 14-month injury layoff.

The 14-time major winner, 40, who has been out of action since undergoing surgery late last year to cure a long-standing back injury, said concerns over form — rather than fitness — were behind the decision to delay his comeback.

"After a lot of soul-searching and honest reflection, I know I am not yet ready to play on the PGA Tour or compete in Turkey," said Woods, who was also due to take part in next month's Turkish Airlines Open in Antalya.

AFP

De Jager handed one match suspension

DURBAN - The Sanzaar Duty Judicial Officer Adam Casselden SC has accepted a guilty plea from Lood De Jager of South Africa for contravening Law 10.4 (h): A player must not charge into a ruck or maul.

Charging includes any contact made without the use of arms, or without grasping a player after he was cited during a Rugby Championship match at the weekend.

De Jager has been suspended from all forms of the game for one match up to and including November 5.

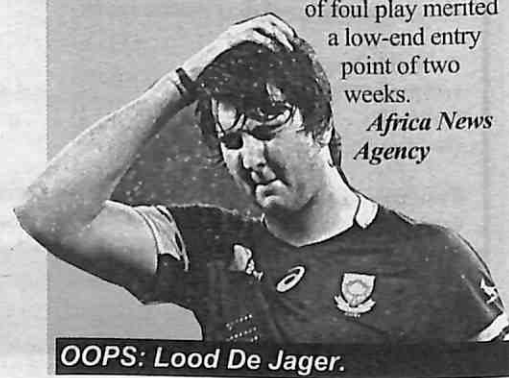
The incident occurred in the 72nd minute of the match between South Africa and New Zealand played at Growthpoint Kings Park, Durban on 8 October 2016, where the Boks lost 57-15 to the All Blacks.

SANZAAR Duty Judicial Officer Adam Casselden SC assessed the case. In his finding, Casselden SC ruled the following:

"Having conducted a detailed review of all the available evidence including submissions from his legal representative, I accepted the player's admission that he had committed an act of foul play contrary to law 10.4(h).

With respect to sanction, I deemed the act of foul play merited a low-end entry point of two weeks.

Africa News Agency



OOPS: Lood De Jager.

New Banyana coach in 14 days - Jordaan

JOHANNESBURG - The South African Football Association (SAFA) has vowed to appoint a new coach for the national senior women's team within the next 14 days, according to President, Danny Jordaan.

The national women's first team (Banyana Banyana), who competed admirably at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, have been without a coach since SAFA chose not to extend the contract of

Dutch-born Vera Pauw in late August. Pauw had been head coach since March of 2014 when she took over from Joseph Mkhonza.

Departure

Since Pauw's departure, the governing body had reportedly placed assistant coach and 90s midfield icon Desiree Ellis in temporary charge of this relatively inactive period while CVs and applications for the big job are reviewed - although sources say there is little to

no truth to that claim. But with the Africa Women's Cup Of Nations just five weeks away, the subject was again on the agenda at the SAFA national executive committee meeting held at the weekend.

"One of the resolutions from that meeting was that the technical committee must finalise the appointment of the coach for Banyana Banyana within the next 14 days", said Jordaan confidently. *eNCA*



ICARDI HITS BACK AT MARADONA

ITALY - Inter Milan and Argentina striker Mauro Icardi has hit back fellow countryman Diego Maradona after he criticised him for his affair with the wife of former team-mate Maxi Lopez.

Back in 2013, Icardi had a relationship with Wanda Nara - who was married to his then Sampdoria team-mate Lopez and then later went on to have a child together and get married. Maradona labelled Icardi a traitor when speaking at a

...for 'traitor' dig over relationship with wife of team-mate Maxi Lopez.

press conference to promote the Match for Peace organised by the Vatican.

"I don't know if Icardi will be called-up for the national team," Maradona told reporters. "I don't speak about traitors. I'm here for the Match for Peace and Icardi has nothing to do with it." Icardi labelled the comments 'tasteless' and said the Argentina legend was not an example to anyone off the

HITS BACK: Inter Milan and Argentina striker Mauro Icardi has hit back fellow countryman Diego Maradona after he criticised him for his affair with former team-mate Maxi Lopez's wife. Back in 2013, Icardi had a relationship with Wanda Nara - who was married to his then Sampdoria team-mate Lopez - and then later went on to have a child together and get married.

pitch. Speaking to Sky Sport Italia, Icardi said:

"He was a great player, but outside of football I can't respond to anything. "I think he's come across badly as he did last year, and an interview like that has nothing to do with peace." "These are tasteless words, it already happened in the friendly match Javier Zanetti organised. *Daily Mail*



EVER SMILING: Maria Sharapova.

Smiling Sharapova plays Las Vegas charity event

LAS VEGAS - Maria Sharapova set foot on a tennis court for the first time since her positive drug test at the Australian Open on Monday, smiling throughout an appearance in the World Team Tennis Smash Hits charity event in Las Vegas.

The Russian star, who last week earned a reduction in her drug ban that will allow her to return to tennis in April, played in two light-hearted doubles matches in the event at Caesar's Palace to benefit the Elton John AIDS Foundation.

Sharapova lost her doubles match with American youngster Taylor Johnson when they faced Martina Navratilova and Lieke Huber.

The 29-year-old indicated had felt a hint of nerves along with her 16-year-old doubles partner Johnson.

"It was a big occasion for her (Johnson) and also for me," Sharapova told ESPN.

"I haven't been on a court for a while, for both of us, it was to have some fun and a bit of laughs," she added.

Sharapova later paired with US legend John McEnroe in the evening's final game against Navratilova and Andy Roddick.

AFP

PAUL POGBA FIRES FRANCE TO NARROW WIN IN AMSTERDAM

PARIS - Paul Pogba's venomous 30-yard strike was enough for France to record a slender 1-0 victory over Holland in Amsterdam.

The £100 million midfielder lashed France in front after 30 minutes, picking the ball up from Dimitri Payet before unleashing a swerving shot which Maarten Stekelenburg couldn't keep out.

Vincent Janssen felt he could have won a penalty in the first-half when his shot flicked off the hand of Laurent Koscielny, but in a second period short on clear openings, Memphis Depay was denied spectacularly from point-blank range by Hugo Lloris late on.

The victory at the Amsterdam Arena elevated the Euro 2016 runners-up to overwhelming favourites to finish top of Group A and qualify for the finals in Russia in 2018.

France lead on seven points along with Sweden, who won 3-0 against Bulgaria, while Holland are third on four points. Although each country still has seven matches left, France's win over the team expected to be their toughest opposition in the section hands Didier Deschamps' side a huge advantage. Pogba hit his shot from midway between the halfway line and the edge of the Dutch penal-

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STUNNER: Man United midfielder Paul Pogba struck the winning goal from range in the first-half. Everton goalkeeper Stekelenburg slumps to the ground after failing to keep out the shot. (Daily Mail)

ty area and it swerved wickedly to outfox goalkeeper Stekelenburg, who might have done better with his diving effort as he tried to save it.

Holland made vociferous claims for a penalty four minutes before half-

time when the ball struck Koscielny's arm as he dived to block Vincent Janssen's close-range shot but Slovenian referee Damir Skomina turned down the Dutch appeals.

Daily Mail



ON-FORM: Christian Benteke celebrating one of his goals with his teammates. (AP)

Benteke scores after seven seconds on his way to hat-trick

BRUSSELS - Christian Benteke scored the fastest ever goal in World Cup history when he put Belgium ahead after seven seconds of their Group H game against Gibraltar on Monday night.

The Crystal Palace striker broke away from the kick off to beat the previous record of eight seconds held by San Marino's Davide Gualtieri who scored against England in 1993. Gibraltar had kicked off the Group H clash in Faro on Monday night but they had only two touches before Benteke intercepted and ran on to neatly clip the ball over

goalkeeper Deren Ibrahim.

"The coach told us to press high as soon as the game kicked off," Benteke told Belgian network RTBF.

"Their defender did not anticipate the back pass well and I got ahead of him and made for the goal." The swiftest ever international goal was scored after six seconds by Lukas Podolski for Germany in a friendly match against Ecuador in 2013.

Axel Witsel doubled their advantage with a fierce drive in the 19th minute before Benteke scored his second just before half-time.

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Portugal bring Faroes down to earth

LISBON - Portugal's Andre Silva scored a first-half hat-trick to set them on the way to a 6-0 demolition of the Faroe Islands in a World Cup qualifier on Monday, handing their opponents a reality check after they won in Latvia.

Cristiano Ronaldo was also on target in the Group B game as Portugal hit six goals for the second time in four days following their rout of Andorra on Friday.

Portugal went second in the group with six points from three games, three behind Switzerland who edged Andorra 2-1 away to maintain their 100 percent record. The Faroes are fourth after taking four points from their first two matches without conceding a goal, but they found the European champions a different proposition to Hungary and Latvia, who they beat 2-0 on Friday.

The hosts were never in



RAMPANT: Portugal cruised to a 6-0 victory against Faroe Islands. (Inset) Ronaldo's selfie moment with a fan. (AP)

contention after Silva took advantage of a sliced clearance to put Portugal ahead with a clinical finish in the 12th minute. The 20-year-old, who had scored once for his country before the game, doubled his tally 10 minutes later, heading in



after Ricardo Quaresma's cross caused havoc in the area. Silva completed his hat-trick eight minutes before halftime by knocking home another loose ball after Faroes goalkeeper Gunnar Nielsen parried Joao Cancelo's shot.

Reuters

Ronaldo finds time for selfie as fan invades pitch

LISBON - Cristiano Ronaldo rarely misses an opportunity to pose for the cameras but he even he must have been taken

aback to be asked for a selfie by a pitch invader.

The Real Madrid star is used to being stopped for selfies on the street but on

the pitch he probably assumed he could escape enthusiastic supporters and their phones.

Daily Mail



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ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP



Liverpool sweating on Adam Lallana, Wijnaldum fitness ...ahead of Manchester United clash

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool Manager Jurgen Klopp is facing the prospect of being without two of his successful midfield trio for Monday's visit of Manchester United.

With Adam Lallana still recovering from a groin injury sustained at Swansea in their last match before the international break, Georginio Wijnaldum limped off with a hamstring problem in the second half of Holland's World Cup qualifying defeat by France.

The pair have started every Premier League match alongside Jordan Henderson this season and have been a key part of the Reds' rise to fourth, just two points behind leaders Manchester City.

A longer period of recovery gives Lallana the better chance of making the United match but Wijnaldum will be assessed on his return to the club's Melwood training ground to discover the extent of his problem.

Klopp does have Germany international Emre Can waiting in the wings to make his first league start of the campaign after injury in August's EFL Cup trip to Burton set him back.

Monday will be Jose Mourinho's first meeting with Liverpool as Manchester United manager and he will be looking to extend a run which has seen the Old Trafford club win the last four league matches, although Liverpool did prevail in last season's Europa League last-16 tie, winning 3-1 on aggregate.

Daily Mail

Kante doing a great job for Chelsea

LONDON - Nemanja Matic has praised the impact of summer signing N'Golo Kante since he arrived at Chelsea.

A vital component in the Leicester side that became Premier League winners, Kante was quickly snapped up by the Blues for £32 million and has slotted into the midfield effortlessly.

Occupying the defensive role, the France international has allowed Matic to play further forward and having been the midfield linchpin for the last two seasons, understands the task better than most.

"Since Kante came, he's worked more behind me and his job is what I have done for the last two years," Matic said.

"I have a little bit more freedom to get forward, as long as there is space, but when we defend I have to get back to help him."

"He is doing a great job, I know it is not easy for him. I wish him all the best for the rest of the season because he needs to run a lot. It's very hard playing in that position, but it's his job. He needs to do that."

Comparisons were instantly made with Chelsea legend Claude Makelele, who spent five years in South West London and was credited with defining the defensive position in English football.

Daily Mail

MOURINHO WAS OFFERED CHANCE TO SUCCEED SIR ALEX FERGUSON

MANCHESTER - Jose Mourinho was offered the opportunity to succeed Sir Alex Ferguson as Manchester United manager during a clandestine 2013 meeting in the back of a people carrier.

Sportsmail understands that United's executive Vice Chairman, Ed Woodward, flew to Madrid in a bid to persuade the Portuguese, then managing Real, to come to Manchester.

... as Manchester United manager in 2013

The April summit took place in a vehicle, complete with darkened windows, outside the Vicente Calderon, where Mourinho's Madrid were taking on their cross-city rivals Atletico.

However, Woodward was left disappointed when Mourinho informed him he had told Chelsea he would be returning to Stamford Bridge instead.

As a result, United turned to David Moyes days later - with many subsequently believing the then Everton manager was hand-picked by fellow Scot Ferguson. That was not the case.

United had identified Mourinho as the man they wanted to replace the outgoing legend. The view within Old Trafford was the ex-Porto and Inter Milan man would

ensure the club continued to challenge for trophies and his personality was big enough to handle the task of following on from Ferguson's glittering era of success. Mourinho was open to the idea and had prepared himself for life in Manchester as he came to the end of his spell in Spain.

However, the intervention of Chelsea and Roman Abramovich scuppered United's plans.

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ONYANGO AFRICA'S BEST - SREDOJEVIC

PRETORIA - Following an heroic showing against Ghana last Friday, Uganda coach Milutin 'Micho' Sredojevic says Sundowns keeper Denis Onyango is the continent's best.

Onyango made some outstanding stops to help Uganda earn a credible point in a 0-0 draw away to Ghana in their opening Group E World Cup qualifier at the Tamale Stadium on Friday.

Onyango has also been in fine form for his club, Mamelodi Sundowns, and is likely to start in goal in Saturday's CAF Champions League first-leg final encounter against Zamalek in Pretoria.

"That is payback to me for whatever I have done for him in his life together with his agent, Ivica Stankovic. This is a mature performance of the best goalkeeper in African football at present," Micho, a former Orlando Pirates coach, was quoted as saying by SuperSport.

The 31-year-old Ugandan, who previously played for Mpumalanga Black Aces, Bidvest Wits and SuperSport United, featured in 23 of Sundowns' 30 league matches last season after ousting former No. 1, Kennedy Mweene.

Sport24

BOLT'S SUNDOWNS SHIRT IS REAL!

CAPE TOWN - Mamelodi Sundowns posted an image of Jamaican sprinter and the fastest man alive, Usain Bolt, holding up a shirt of the Pretoria-based club on Instagram.

South African soccer and Sundowns fans in particular naturally went crazy on social media, questioning the authenticity of the image.

Sundowns spokesperson Thulani Thuswa told Times Live that the image of Bolt holding up the shirt is in fact real.

"Usain and Sundowns are both sponsored by sports gear company Puma and I cannot fathom why people would think that the photo is not real. Why?"

"The Puma marketing team came to South Africa recently and they took the Sundowns shirt to Jamaica to Usain," said Thuswa.

"People must stop their petty jealousy. We are not some small team, we are a big team."

In July, Puma became the official kit partner for the Brazilians, having signed a long-term partnership with the club.

The reigning PSL champions are set to face Egypt's Zamalek in the final of the CAF Champions League at Atteridgeville on Saturday. *Sport24*



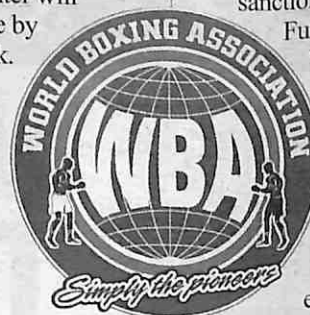
MANCHESTER - The Manchester-born fighter is also likely to do the same with the WBA, the other belt he also holds.

Fury, 28, will be stripped by the WBO this week because of his inactivity, his mental health, meaning he is unable to fight in the coming months and his failed

Voluntary Anti-Doping Association tests for cocaine. But the British fighter will pre-empt that strike by giving the belt back. Starsport understands the British champion will still being placed as 'champion in recess'.

That means as soon as he is fit to return to the ring he must be given a shot at the title within a certain timeframe by whoever is in possession of the belt.

New Zealander Joseph Parker and Mexican-born Andy Ruiz Jr have been mooted as possible contenders for the vacant crown.



However, there is no deal close and the WBO have not agreed to sanction that bout yet.

Fury's position with the WBA remains unclear but it is believed he will also drop that belt before the sanctioning body strips him.

Matchroom promoter Eddie Hearn will then look to the WBA to

sanction Anthony Joshua against Wladimir Klitschko for their title. Hearn wants a deal agreed and signed with Klitschko's team by the end of this week as he looks to stage the bout at Manchester Arena in December. *Dailymail*

Nedved regrets not playing for Manchester United

LONDON - Czech Republic legend Pavel Nedved has revealed the biggest regret he had during his career was not playing for Manchester United.

European footballer of the year in 2003, Nedved is known for his highly successful spells with Lazio and Juventus, while also helping lead his country to the final of Euro 96.

Now 44, the midfielder was once a target for Chelsea, a move which he turned down and when asked by Czech news outlet iDNES what he rues the most from his playing days he said: "That I never played for Manchester United, I'd have liked that."

"The transfer was never on the table though, there was only Chelsea."

"I liked the generation of

Paul Scholes and Ryan Giggs, who I admired."

"I was a little bit jealous of Karel Poborsky who played in Manchester and experienced great matches."

I know he still feels that love."

A winner of three Serie A titles, (two with Juventus) Nedved won 91 caps and retired from football in 2009.

Dailymail



REGRETFUL: Pavel Nedved (centre) says his biggest regret was not being able to play for Man United.

TINKLER BELIEVES CITY HAVE RAISED EYEBROWS

CAPE TOWN - Cape Town City head coach Eric Tinkler believes his team have overachieved in their five opening Premiership games in their first official season.

City have lost only once in their first five league games of the season with two draws and two wins. Tinkler was clearly pleased with the output of his newly-assembled squad at the Mother City club. "It's been a massive challenge that has had the good and the bad. If you asked me before the league started," he told KickOff. "If I had played five league games and been on eight points if I would be happy with that, I probably would have said 'of course'. "We try break it up into segments of five - we've collected eight points, so you start adding that and multiplying it by six, we'd be on 48 points - that's a guaranteed top eight. "So if you look at it that way, you'd say 'yes, sure I'd be happy.' "But looking at the games we've played, and how many points we should have collected, there's that disappointment, that we've let ourselves down. "You only know later how valuable those points may become in the bigger picture of things." *Sport24*

I want to play for Barcelona one day - Dembele

BERLIN - Borussia Dortmund wonderkid Ousmane Dembele has revealed his ambition to one day play for Barcelona.

Despite already starring for the German giants at just 19 years old, Dembele has admitted he sees Barcelona as his ultimate destination.

The skilful striker was monitored by a host of Europe's elite clubs in the summer before opting to link up with Manager Thomas Tuchel and sign for Dortmund in an undisclosed deal.

While Dembele has Barcelona on the mind, he admits he isn't ready for the jump to the Catalan giants just yet.

Speaking this week to Spanish outlet Mundo Deportivo about Barcelona, the hot prospect said: "Not now, because I want to grow and be a protagonist every Sunday."

"But one day I will play for Barcelona." Dembele's start to life in Germany has been impressive, having scored one and set up four in 10 appearances in all competitions this term so far.

The 19-year-old signed a deal with Thomas Tuchel's side until 2022 and is believed to have a hefty buy-out clause, should

a rival club attempt to poach the player within that time.

Dembele was the French Ligue 1 player of the year during the 2015/16 season with former club Rennes.

During that season in France, Dembele scored 12 goals while picking up five assists and creating a total of 42 chances.

After completing his move to Dortmund, Dembele later revealed he had received contact from Leicester City boss Claudio



ULTIMATE DESTINATION: Dembele (r) has instantly looked the part since joining the German giants in summer.

Ranieri about joining the newly crowned champions of England.

But the highly regarded youngster opted for Germany in a move which now appears could be a stepping stone for his ultimate

dream of Barcelona.

Dembele and Dortmund are next in action this week when they welcome Hertha Berlin to the Westfalenstadion on Friday. *Dailymail*



SKY IS THE LIMIT: Usain Bolt.

LOGS

STANDINGS

Compiled by Sanele Jele

MTN Premier League

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Mbabane Swallows	3	3	0	0	8	3	5	9
Manzini Sundowns	3	2	1	0	4	2	2	7
Manzini Wanderers	3	2	0	1	6	1	5	6
Royal Leopard	3	2	0	1	3	4	-1	6
Young Buffaloes	3	1	1	1	4	3	1	4
Red Lions	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4
Moneni Pirates	3	1	1	1	3	4	-1	4
Tambuti	3	1	0	2	1	3	-2	3
Green Mamba	3	0	2	1	1	2	-1	2
Mbabane Highlanders	3	0	2	1	2	3	-1	2
Sea Birds	3	0	1	2	2	7	-5	1
Midas City	3	0	1	2	1	3	-2	1

National First Division

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Malanti Chiefs	5	3	0	1	12	0	12	13
Matsapha United	5	4	0	1	9	1	8	13
Vovovo	5	3	1	1	8	3	5	10
Hlatikhulu Tycoons	5	3	2	0	8	3	5	9
Madlenya	5	2	1	2	4	4	0	8
City Warriors	5	2	2	1	6	7	-1	7
Amalanda	5	2	3	0	6	5	1	6
Hub Sundowns	5	1	2	2	5	4	1	5
Sikhalo	5	1	3	1	3	8	-5	4
Bad Boys	5	0	1	4	6	8	-2	4
Mbabane Citizen	5	1	4	0	5	10	-5	3
Ludzeludze Brothers	5	0	4	1	2	12	-10	1

EL Under-17 League log

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Manzini Wanderers	4	4	0	0	11	3	8	12
Red Lions	4	3	1	0	13	6	7	9
Mbabane Swallows	4	2	1	1	8	3	5	7
Young Buffaloes	3	2	0	1	6	3	3	7
Green Mamba	4	2	2	0	11	4	7	6
Royal Leopard	4	2	2	0	7	5	2	6
Mbabane Highlanders	3	1	1	1	4	2	2	5
Manzini Sundowns	4	1	2	1	3	4	-1	4
Sea Birds	4	1	2	1	4	9	-5	4
Tambuti	3	0	2	1	1	5	-4	1
Moneni Pirates	4	0	3	1	2	18	-16	1
Midas City	3	0	3	0	1	9	-8	0

Hhohho Regional Football Association

Mp Sikhumbuto Timpisini Regional League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
M.Swallows	5	4	1	0	11	5	6	13
Soccer Rose	5	4	0	1	8	4	4	12
Stone Breakers	5	3	1	1	8	2	6	10
Njakeni	4	3	0	1	7	3	4	9
H Pirates	5	2	2	1	8	7	1	8
Golden Arrows	5	1	4	0	9	6	3	7
Mv. Sundowns	4	2	1	1	5	6	-1	7
Red Lions	5	2	1	2	8	10	-2	7
M.Swallows	4	2	0	2	8	7	1	6
AK 47	5	2	0	3	8	9	-1	6
Mshweni	4	1	2	1	4	5	-1	5
Gunnars	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4
Star Wanderers	4	1	1	2	2	3	-1	4
Ngonini	5	1	0	4	5	8	-3	3
Zamalek	5	0	0	5	5	12	-7	0
Blue Birds	4	0	0	4	3	10	-7	0

B. Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Kudweleni	1	1	0	0	6	0	6	3
Combustion	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
Mv. All United	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
Ellengence	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
Sikheleni	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
Young Tigers	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Ludzibini	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Juventus	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
Y.Swallows	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
All Stars	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
Vusweni	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0
JB Arsenal	1	0	0	1	0	6	-6	0

Mp Sompisi Nfonjeni Football League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Trounge	6	5	1	0	14	2	12	16
Royal Madrid	6	4	2	0	10	5	5	14
United Aces	6	4	1	1	14	9	5	13
Express	6	4	1	1	13	9	4	13
Liverpool	6	4	1	1	11	9	2	13
Zibonele	7	3	2	2	16	9	7	11
Mbabatane	5	3	1	1	16	10	6	10
Barcelona F.C.	5	3	1	1	14	8	6	10
Uprises	6	2	2	2	11	7	4	8
Black Stone	4	1	1	2	7	12	-5	4
Hellenic	5	1	0	4	7	10	-3	3

Chelsea	5	1	0	4	7	14	-7	3
Seven Up	6	1	0	5	6	18	-12	3
Ntintinyane	5	0	1	4	5	11	-6	1
Teenagers	5	0	1	4	6	14	-8	1
H. Pirates	4	0	0	4	9	21	-12	0

Buy Cash Pigg's Peak Football League

Promotion

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Phophonyane	5	4	1	0	11	5	6	13
Piggs United	4	4	0	0	12	5	7	12
Citizens	5	3	2	0	9	5	4	11
Rise n Shine	5	3	2	0	8	4	4	11
Mpolonjeni	4	2	1	1	11	4	7	7
Supersports	4	2	1	1	10	5	5	7
K. Rovers	4	2	1	1	7	6	1	7
Mangwaneni	5	2	1	2	7	7	0	7
Bush Bucks	5	1	2	2	11	15	-4	5
Thuluzobona	5	1	1	3	6	5	1	4
Hotspurs	4	1	0	3	9	14	-5	3
M. United	4	0	2	2	4	6	-2	2
Peak Utd	5	0	1	4	7	14	-7	1
White Killers	4	0	1	3	3	16	-13	1

Shark Mhlangatane Regional Football League

Eastern Stream

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Swallows	6	5	1	0	9	2	7	16
M. United	6	4	1	1	9	8	1	13
Rovers	5	3	1	1	12	4	8	10
Liverpool	6	2	2	2	8	9	-1	8
Seven Stars	3	2	1	0	3	1	2	7
Makweya	4	2	1	1	6	6	0	7
Xi Men	5	1	3	1	2	2	0	6
Home Defenders	5	1	2	2	5	6	-1	5
M. Bombers	5	1	1	3	4	6	-2	4
T. Wizards	5	1	1	3	6	10	-4	4
New Castle	5	1	1	3	4	8	-4	4
Cosmos	5	0	3	2	4	6	-2	3
Tigers	5	0	2	3	2	5	-3	2

Western Stream

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Zinyane	5	5	0	0	14	3	11	15
Chelsea	5	3	1	1	9	6	3	10
Fast Movers	5	3	0	2	10	6	4	9
Hot Fighters	5	2	2	1	5	3	2	8
M. Professionals	5	2	2	1	3	4	-1	8
Weirama	5	2	1	2	12	9	3	7
Celtics	5	2	1	2	5	3	2	7
Arsenal	4	2	0	3	7	5	2	6
Lonhlanane	4	2	0	2	4	5	-1	6
1Manchester	4	1	2	1	3	3	0	5
City Stars	5	1	2	2	5	9	-4	5
Thuluzobona	4	0	3	1	3	6	-3	3
Mpofu Aces	5	1	0	4	4	9	-5	3
Democracy	5	1	0	4	5	12	-7	3

MP J Ndandwe Nzingeni Regional Football League

Eastern Stream

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
B. Rebels	3	2	0	1	7	4	3	6
M.Professionals	2	2	0	0	4	1	3	6
Young stars	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	4
K. Celtics	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	4
Young chiefs	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
M.Aces	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Super sport	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
Liverpool	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
White city	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweet banana	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2	0
Winners Park	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
Arsenal	2	0	0	2	0	6	-6	0

Western Stream

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
FC Academy	2	2	0	0	8	6	2	6
Dangerous Darkies	2	1	1	0	7	5	2	4
Red Sea	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Mzimnene Celtics	2	1	0	1	6	5	1	3
Mphondla Madrid	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
Happiness	2	1	0	1	5	8	-3	3
Gebhulas	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
KK Ajax	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
Super Aces	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Lozaza	2	0	1	1	3	4	-1	1
Blue Birds	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1

Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League

Southern Zone

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Tinyosi	5	4	1	0	13	3	10	13
Burning Spear	5	3	2	0	8	3	5	11

Vusweni Killers	5	2	1	2	5	9	-4	7
Wizards	4	1	3	0	8	4	4	6
PMT	5	1	3	1	6	5	1	6
Billy Ocean	4	2	0	2	6	5	1	6
Sibovini	4	1	2	1	2	2	0	5
Swazi Sun	4	1	2	1	7	8	-1	5
Gordon Stars	5	1	2	1	5	6	-1	5
Umbelebele	4	1	1	2	3	6	-3	4
Sibuyeni	5	0	3	2	3	8	-5	3
Mv. Invaders	4	0	0	4	3	10	-7	0

Northern Zone

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Celtics	5	3	2	0	9	5	4	11
Nkonjaneni	5	2	3	0	8	6	2	9
N. Swallows	5	2	2	1	4	3	1	8
Black Swallows	3	2	1	0	5	1	4	7
Pachanga	5	2	1	2	5	4	1	7
Vultures	5	1	3	1	6	4	2	6
Manchester	5	1	3	1	8	8	0	6
Mvuma	5	1	3	1	4	4	0	6
Horo	4	2	0	2	5	7	-2	6
Ndeva Galaxy	4	1	2	1	7	7	0	5
Ms. Arsenal	5	0	2	3	6	9	-3	2
Ndialambi	5	0	0	5	5	15	-10	0

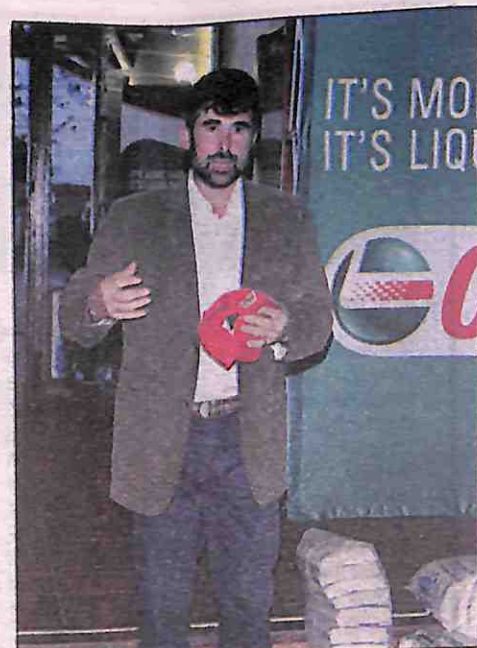
RSSC Charity Golf tournament



WELL DONE: Multi-purpose's Polycarp Dlamini shakes hands with RSSC MD Nick Jackson while his teammates look on after they were announced winners of the RSSC Charity Golf tournament held at Mananga Golf Club on Saturday. (Pics: Sanele Jele)



YOUNGEST OF THEM ALL: Speed Clean's Siviwe Maseko, aged 10, got an award from Jackson for being the youngest golfer.



MUCH APPRECIATED: August Enterprises Technical Director James Mardall thanked RSSC for partnering with them.



REWARDED: SPTC came number two after netting a score of 57.5, just half a point behind the eventual winners Multi-purpose.



HOSTS: RSSC also did their best on the day as they managed a third spot out of the 19 teams that participated in the full scramble of over 18 holes tournament.



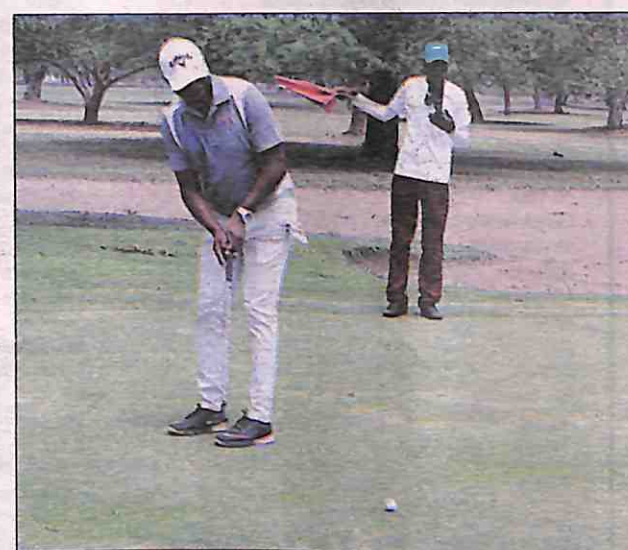
MAIN SPONSOR: August Enterprises also participated in the tournament. They got 12th spot in the tourney.



SPOT ON: Speed-Clean played well on the day as they managed a net score of 60.88, landing on the seventh spot.



WE ARE ONE: RSSC's staff; Lomini Dlamini, Sifiso Nyembe, Phindile Lukhele-Dlamini, Bernard Dlamini, Gcina Dlamini and Costa Dlamini posing for a group photo.



AIMING: SPTC's Valentine Maziya putting.



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FULL SWING: SEC's Goodness Dlamini reacts after taking a drive.

SMVAF INGWENYAMA CUP 2016



(Mvutshini Invaders v PMT)



GIVE WAY: Mvutshini Invaders' Ali Furic attempts to go past PMT's Mzwandile Mhlanga during the Ingwenyama Cup Southern Hhohho regional competition at the Prince of Wales on Sunday. Mvutshini won 5-4 after penalties. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



MAKE WAY: Invaders' Moses Dlamini controls the ball while PMT's Njabulo Magongo marks him.



CATCH ME IF YOU CAN: Samkeliso Shongwe and Bongani Zwane vying for the ball.



NOT THIS ONE: Invaders goalkeeper Khisimusi Hlophe making a brilliant save during the penalties shoot-out.



HEADER: Muzwakhe Bulunga and Moses Dlamini in a heading duel.



FREE KICK SPECIALIST: Invaders' Maxwell 'Dunga' Zikalala celebrates his goal he scored from a free kick.



CAN'T PASS: Furic blocking Phinda Mabaso's way.



THROUGH: Invaders players celebrating after qualifying for the next stage.



CHALLENGE: Dunga' Zikalala being challenged by Ncamiso Simelane.



BATTLE: Furic and Ncamiso fighting for the ball.

football talk

all your latest world football news

● Paris St-Germain will try to sign Barcelona and Brazil forward Neymar, 24, in a deal worth up to 222m euros (£200m). **(Goal)**

● Manchester United's Dutch full-back Timothy Fosu-Mensah, 18, has agreed a new four-year contract at Old Trafford. **(ESPN)**

● Manchester City want to sign 13-year-old Celtic playmaker Karamoko Dembele, who has appeared for the Hoops' Under-20s side. **(Sun)**

● AC Milan are monitoring Michy Batshuayi's situation at Chelsea with the 23-year-old Belgium striker yet to start a league game for the Blues since his £33m summer transfer. **(Mirror)**

● Leicester forward Riyad Mahrez, 25, has confirmed Arsenal tried to sign him in the summer but the Algeria international says he has no regrets over staying at the King Power Stadium. **(Canal+ via ESPN)**

● Manchester United target Isco, the 24-year-old Spain midfielder, has hinted he may leave Real Madrid at the end of the season. **(Manchester Evening News)**

● Monaco's France full-back Djibril Sidibe, 24, has revealed he rejected a move to Arsenal. **(ESPN)**

● Barcelona forward Lionel Messi, 29, will return from a groin injury to face Deportivo La Coruna on Saturday and will be fit for next week's match against Manchester City in the Champions League. **(Mundo Deportivo via Reuters)**

● Arsenal defender Per Mertesacker has described Bastian Schweinsteiger's treatment by Jose Mourinho as "perverse" after the 32-year-old former Germany international was exiled from the Manchester United first team. **(Kicker via the Independent)**

● Liverpool midfielder Philippe Coutinho feels fellow Brazilian Gabriel Jesus, 19, will have no difficulty in adapting to life at Manchester City when the new signing arrives in January. **(Manchester Evening News)**

● Hull City caretaker Manager Mike Phelan could lose some of his backroom staff to former boss Steve Bruce who is close to joining Aston Villa. **(Hull Daily Mail)**

● Meanwhile, Premier League side Hull are ready to make forward Abel Hernandez, 26, the highest earner at the club in a bid to ward off January suitors. **(Mirror)**

● Barcelona have been scouting 20-year-old Las Palmas defender Mauricio Lemos. **(Marca in Spanish)**

● Former Celtic manager Ronny Deila, 41, has been linked with the Norway job alongside 43-year-old ex-Manchester United forward Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. **(Marca in Spanish)**



By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - THE Esibayeni Lodge Under-17 league will take a three-week break to allow the youngsters prepare for the finals exams.

This is according to a press release by the Premier League of Swaziland.

PLS COO Pat Vilakati said they saw it proper to suspend the league to allow the players concentrate on their academic commitments.

"On behalf of PLS Chairman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze and our sponsor Esibayeni Lodge, we would like to announce that the

league will take a break to allow all the players to focus on their school work. We say good luck to all the players as they will be sitting for their examination."

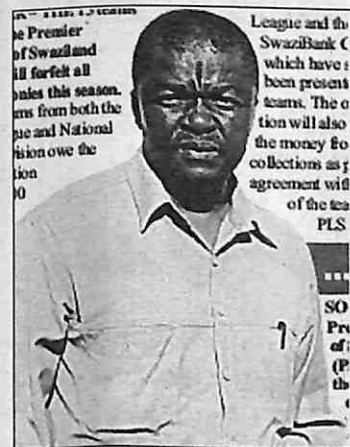
Meanwhile, Manzini Wanderers have already set the tone in the league after recording four wins in the same number of games.

Proves

This proves they really mean business in the second edition of the E200 000 sponsored league.

They are currently leading the chasing pack with 12 points.

Red Lions, who recorded an impressive 2-0 victory against Correctional Service side Green Mamba in the past weekend, are occupying the second spot.



CONFIRMED: PLS COO Pat Vilakati.

Mbabane Swallows beat Manzini Sundowns 1-0 and they

Weekend results:

Swallows	1	Sundowns	0
Leopard	0	Buffaloes	1
Red Lions	2	Green Mamba	0
Highlanders	2	Pirates	2
Midas City	1	Wanderers	3
Tambuli	1	Sea Birds	2

EL Under-17 League log

Team	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Manzini Wanderers	4	4	0	0	11	3	8	12
Red Lions	4	3	1	0	13	6	7	9
Mbabane Swallows	4	2	1	1	8	3	5	7
Young Buffaloes	3	2	0	1	6	3	3	7
Green Mamba	4	2	2	0	11	4	7	6
Royal Leopard	4	2	2	0	7	5	2	6
Mbabane Highlanders	3	1	1	1	4	2	2	5
Manzini Sundowns	4	1	2	1	3	4	-1	4
Sea Birds	4	1	2	1	4	9	-5	4
Tambuli	3	0	2	1	1	5	-4	1
Moneni Pirates	4	0	3	1	2	18	-16	1
Midas City	3	0	3	0	1	9	-8	0

occupy the third position.

Moneni Pirates recorded their first point when they settled for a 2-all draw against Mbabane Highlanders while Midas City are yet to record a point.

Njabulo Zwane sponsors tennis junior tourney

By Sanele Jele

TENNIS - SCOTLAND based Swazi tennis coach Njabulo Zwane, has sponsored the Lobamba Club Invitational Junior Tennis tourney slated for Olymp Africa Sports Centre on Saturday.

Swaziland National Tennis Association President Maxwell Jele, said this sponsorship came at the right time when they needed it.

He said this during a press briefing at Pots Construction. "Today we are happy to announce the support we got from former tennis player, Njabulo Zwane. This will surely improve the standard of tennis at junior level. The sponsorship comes in a form of tennis sport gear worth E20 000 to be won by



UNITY IS STRENGTH: Njabulo Zwane, Maxwell Jele and Bruce Gama.

the juniors. To him, this is a way of giving back to the association that groomed him to be where he is right now. We appreciate such a kind gesture from Zwane and hope it will inspire the junior tennis players that indeed one can earn a living through the sport," Jele said.

He said the tournament was open to all junior tennis players

countrywide.

"The tournament will be played for by the Under-10, 12 and 14 (both males and females). Registration is E10 per head and we encourage the youngsters to take part in this tourney.

We urge parents and teams to allow the players to take part in this tournament." He said they were optimistic this tournament

would be a success.

Making his remarks, Zwane said he was grateful to give back to the community through the sport of tennis.

"I was born and raised in Lobamba and I felt this was the right thing to do.

With the little investment I making today (yesterday), I believe it will go a long way in developing the youngsters into future tennis stars.

We also hope it will help them stay away from drugs and at the same time benefit them health-wise and staying fit.

I want to thank my colleagues back in Scotland in Edinburgh Ciaglochait Leisure Centre, especially Linda Gordon and Ian Walsh from Carpet Genius, who helped me in transporting the extra luggage," said Zwane.



CHAMPIONS: Vondo posing for a group photo after being awarded their championship medals.

VONDO ARE AMC7'S RUGBY CHAMPS

By Sanele Jele

RUGBY - VONDO'S Rugby Club again proved too strong for the opposition over the weekend when they claimed another 7's tournament victory.

The tournament was played in perfect condition for fast running

rugby and all four participating clubs were up and ready for the games. This third and final AMC 7's Rugby Tournament saw newcomers, the Cheetahs from Mbabane, take to the field.

This was to be the Cheetahs first outing at open age level and they proved they deserved their invitation to play in the tournament. But

it was to be Vondo's day winning all of their games to be the eventual October AMC 7's victors.

But also a surprise was witnessed as the Cheetahs took second spot and were crowned tournament runners-up.

SRU President Michael Collinson said: "Firstly, I would like to thank Auto Mobile Cars

from the SRU, the players, coaches and all the clubs for their support and commitment to rugby and the game of 7's.

Without the support of Auto Mobile Cars, we could not have held the three AMC7's tournaments." He said they witnessed a few surprises over the last three months with teams, who they thought would make it through all three tournaments falling out and of course the October AMC 7's seeing the Cheetahs take second spot.

"We are seeing the game of 7's improving on a weekly basis and to see the Cheetahs do so well it's obvious that a lot is happening coaching wise back at the individual clubs.

Finally, we would all like to congratulate the Vondo's players, coaches and admin staff for their victories over the last few 7's tournaments. "The Vondo's are now the team all the other clubs need to beat and we are sure the commitment we are seeing from the young players, we will see the individual clubs improve their 7's skills, play better and lift winners' trophies in the coming months."

On song Swallows welcome revamped 'Weslians' Saturday

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – IT will be a case of revenge and consistency when capital city glamour side Mbabane Swallows take on hub giants Manzini Wanderers at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday.

The 'Beautiful Birds' gave the 'Weslians' a 6-0 drubbing in their last league meeting last season.

Wanderers, however, did make amends in Swazi Telecom Charity Cup when they beat Swallows via penalty shootouts.

According to a fixture released yesterday by PLS Chief Operations Officer Pat Vilakati, the two giants

will be looking to continue with their winning ways in one of the biggest match of the week in the MTN Premier League.

Defending champions Royal Leopard will be looking to return to winning ways a following their 1-4 drubbing at the hands of Swallows when they welcome struggling rookies Tambuti at the Somhlolo

National Stadium on Sunday. Crowd pullers Mbabane Highlanders will be aiming to redeem their image at the expense of tricky Young Buffaloes, who are fresh from a resounding 4-2 victory over Red Lions at the Mavuso Sports Centre.



THE FULL FIXTURE:

Saturday			
Somhlolo National Stadium			
Red Lions	vs	Sea Birds	2pm
Mbabane Swallows	vs	Manzini Wanderers	4pm
Sunday			
Mavuso Sports Centre			
Moneni Pirates	vs	Midas City	1:30pm
Young Buffaloes	vs	Mbabane Highlanders	3:30pm
Somhlolo National Stadium			
Green Mamba	vs	Manzini Sundowns	1:30pm
Royal Leopard	vs	Tambuti FC	3:30pm
MTN National First Division			
Saturday			
Prince of Wales			
Mbabane Citizens	vs	Matsapha United	1:30pm
Malanti Chiefs	vs	Vovovo FC	3:30pm
Mayaluka Stadium			
Sikhalo Se Africa	vs	L Brothers	2pm
City Warriors	vs	Madlenya	4pm
King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium			
H. Tycoons	vs	Bad Boys	2pm
Amalanda	vs	Hub Sundowns	4pm

Ingwenyama Cup brings the vibe in Lubombo

Stories by Sports reporter

SOCCER – THE second edition of Ingwenyama Cup kicked off in style in the Lubombo region as throngs of people braved the chilly weather to be part of the opening games at Mayaluka Stadium.

Graced by the presence of sponsors MVA representative, Chairman of the Organising Committee Johannes 'Ace' Sibozo, the football passionate people of Lubombo were kept at the edges of their seats, courtesy of two entertaining games.

Former elite league side, Ubombo Flyers escaped an early exit in this lucrative tournament as they had to dig deeper to their reserves of courage to oust a rather resisting Barcelona FC, albeit via the dreaded penalty shoot-out. Both teams settled for

a goal-less draw in regulation time after a scintillating football action characterised by a host of missed chances in both goal posts.

As fate finally had it, Flyers advanced to the next stage of the tournament while Barcelona, who are struggling in the Swazi Trac Super League, had to curse their gods on their failure to cause one of the major upsets.

Resolute

Two-time Emakholo Knock-out runners-up, Rail United were also sent packing by a resolute Lubhuku Liverpool who scored two second half goals to silence the boisterous United supporters at the grandstands. In what can be termed as one of the major upset in the region's games, Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League table toppers, Tabankhulu Callies were booted out by a predominantly youthful Ngcina FC, who beat them 1-0

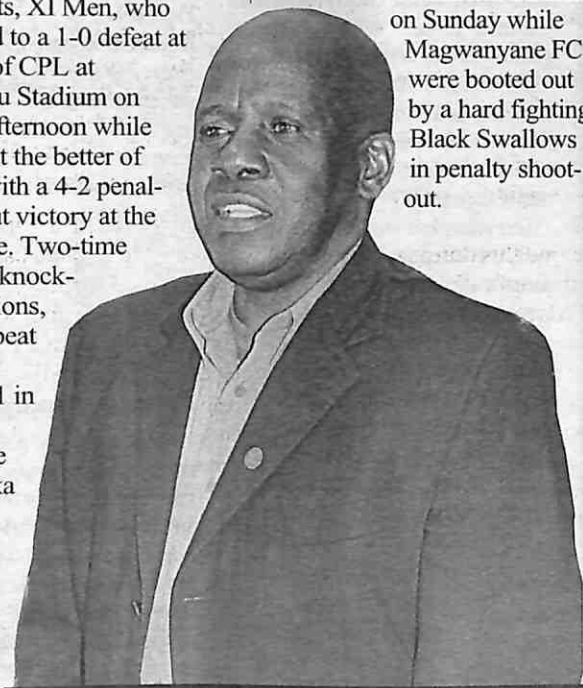
to book a place in the next stage.

It was the same story for fallen Siteki giants, XI Men, who succumbed to a 1-0 defeat at the hands of CPL at Tabankhulu Stadium on Saturday afternoon while Equator got the better of Juventus with a 4-2 penalty shoot-out victory at the same venue. Two-time Emakholo knock-out champions, Illovo FC beat Dangerous Darkies 4-1 in an ill-tempered game at Mayaluka on Friday night.

Malindza based side, Young Aces, who beat Richmond

Aces 2-0 in a league game two weeks ago, continued with their dominance over their fellow namesake as they beat them 1-0

at Tabankhulu Stadium on Sunday while Magwanyane FC were booted out by a hard fighting Black Swallows in penalty shoot-out.



VIBE: Chairman of the Organising Committee Johannes 'Ace' Sibozo.

Sibusiso scores first Ingwenyama Cup goal

SOCCER – THEY don't say 'dynamites comes in small packages' for nothing as Lubhuku Liverpool youngster, Sibusiso Msibi became the first scorer in the 2016 Ingwenyama Cup through a wonderful goal against Rail United on Thursday evening during the second game of the double header at Mayaluka.

It was mid-way through the second half when the eccentric player breaks the dead-lock to send the motley group of supporters into scenes of jubilation that could be mistaken into cup glory

celebrations. It was goals galore in the following matches and it was Illovo FC, who recorded highest score as they beat Dangerous Darkies 4-1 in regulation time followed by Lubhuku's 2-0 victory against Rail United while three matches were decided on penalties, with the another three ending in 1-0 score margin. The eight violence-free games proved to be what the doctor has ordered for the football thirsty people of Lubombo, who supported the games which were staged at Mayaluka and Tabankhulu Stadium.

Buckle-up, its game on for 8 remaining teams

SOCCER – THE beat goes on for the eight teams, who advanced to the next stage of the Ingwenyama Cup regional championships in Lubombo.

After fighting a good fight against their opponents in the opening matches of the annual tournament, Ubombo flyers, Lubhuku Liverpool, Illovo F.C, CPL, Equator, Young Aces, Black Swallows and Ngcina FC all look upon to the draw of the next matches which will prove to be more entertaining.

The draw date is yet to be

announced.

According to the tournament's break-down, the top two teams in the region are guaranteed a cheque of E10 000 and it goes without saying these teams are two games away in cashing in that amount plus other prizes should they advance further.

Football followers should brace themselves for tightly contested encounters as the battle for honors takes centre stage, and surely this is not for the feint-hearted as shocks and surprises cannot be ruled out.

Corban Build Hardware pumps in E150 000 for Mafutseni League

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – CORBAN Builders Hardware have pumped in E150 000 for Mafutseni League for the next three years.

The company's Sales and Marketing Manager Reggie Kunene said they were impressed with the standard of football in the area which is something that encouraged them to sponsor the league.

This was during the sponsorship launch at Mafutseni.

"We have been supporting local football over the years during the playing days of Minister of Sports David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala. We are confident the games will continue to be entertaining with less violent scenes and further produce future football stars for the country," he said.

Receiving the sponsor was the Constituency Member of Parliament Christopher Gamedze, who thanked the company for the kind gesture.

Struggling

"We are very much grateful to Corban Builders Hardware for helping in development of football in the area. We have been struggling to get sponsors but they (Corban) have committed themselves for three years. This is really commendable. We encourage teams to behave themselves throughout the duration of the sponsorship deal," he said.

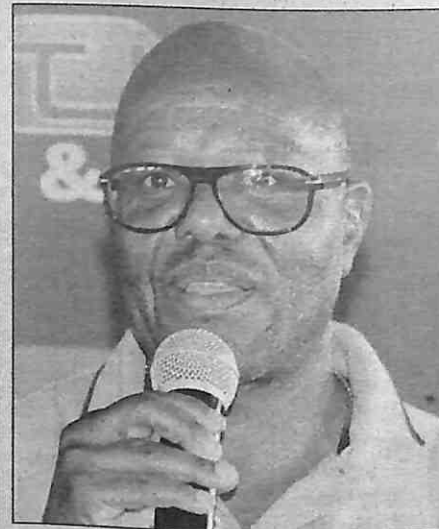
The package comes in three categories where the current season will be sponsored at a tune of E30 000 and it will increase to E40 000 next season while the last year package will stand at E50 000 including referee uniform.

The company also introduced a promotional campaign for the team where the supporters will use their teams' codes when purchasing any items at the hardware situated at the constituency.

The team with the highest number of supporters will be rewarded with a brand kit at the end of the current season.

Also present during the launch was the Minister of Sports 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala, National Football Association of Swaziland President Adam 'Bomber' Mtsetfwa and Manzini Regional Football Association Chairman Peter 'Samora' Simelane, among others.

They also thanked the sponsor and further condemned violence during games.



WAS THERE: National Football Association of Swaziland President Adam 'Bomber' Mtsetfwa.

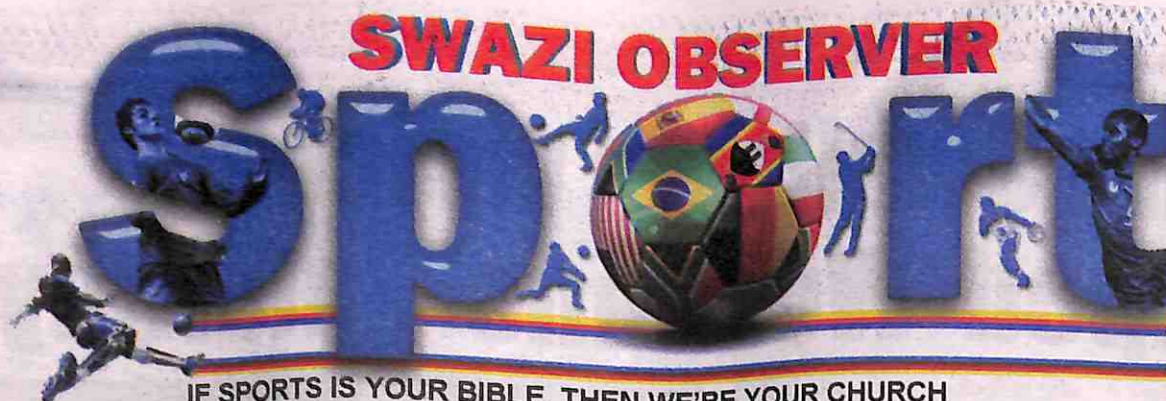
Results

MTN Premier League
Sea Birds 2 - 0 Green Mamba

International Friendly
South Africa 1 - 1 Ghana

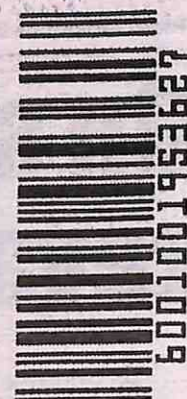
Fixtures

MTN Premier League
Mbabane Swallows v Moneni Pirates 18:30
Mbabane Highlanders v Tambuti FC 20:30



IF SPORTS IS YOUR BIBLE, THEN WE'RE YOUR CHURCH

Wednesday October 12, 2016



Terisayi new 'Bull' interim head coach

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - FOLLOWING the unexpected exit of their coach Meck Mwase on Monday morning, Mbabane Highlanders have since elevated their assistant coach to the hot seat.

This was disclosed by the team boss Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane during a press conference held yesterday afternoon where he stated they were still shocked about the departure of the Malawian mentor.

"We are here to inform our supporters and further give them update after the shocking departure of our head coach, who went missing on Monday. I must make it clear Mwase left the country without informing us."

He said they were also shocked by the coach's actions.

"Terisayi Changara, who has been our assistant coach, will now be in charge of the team. He will be assisted by Velaphi Zulu until further notice while we are still investigating Mwase's issue."

Simelane said Mwase did not tell them he was leaving the team hence they still regarded him as their coach.

"He has a renewable contract with the team and has never at one point come to us to complain about anything. We have an open door policy in the team to report grievances and discomforts, so we expected the coach to exercise that if anything," he said.

Simelane, however, did mention he received reports that Mwase was attacked by a group of their fans after their goalless draw against Midas City last weekend at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

"We have gathered the coach was confronted by a group of fans after the match over the weekend and we suspect he somehow felt intimidated by actions of the fans.

We are still gathering more information about the alleged incident. We are calling our supporters to refrain such unpleasant behaviour which has led to the players getting threats from the supporters."

He said this was not the way to go.

"We understand the team is currently not doing well but we are doing our best to change fortunes and every Highlanders person should remain calm and support the team," he said.

The 'Black Bull' started the new campaign on a low note after securing two draws and a loss in the three league games.

Highlanders will be looking to change their fortunes at the expense of rookies Tambuti FC tonight at Somhlolo National Stadium.

'SPUTLA' OUT, 'ACE' IN AT PIRATES

- Zwane failed to reach common ground with MD
- 'Ace' returns after leading the team to winning the 2015 SwaziBank Cup
- He started drilling the team yesterday

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - AFTER helping the team regain promotion to the Premier League, Moneni Pirates have since parted ways with their head coach Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane with only three games in the current season.

This comes after a closed door meeting held on Monday afternoon which was attended by senior officials, including the MD and the coach.

The team has since appointed well travelled and experienced mentor Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini until further notice.

Assignment

His first assignment will be tonight when the 'Buccaneers' take on Mbabane Swallows at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

It is said the former Manzini Sundowns mentor ('Sputla') unceremoniously left the 'Sea Robbers' following a meeting with the team's Managing Director December Mavimbela where is alleged to have demanded a contract from the boss.

"The MD told the coach to first

meet the first round target laid before him at the start of the current season. 'Sputla' wanted a new contract even before meeting the set target," a source said.

Sought for comment,

Pirates MD December Mavimbela confirmed the latest development, stating Zwane was no longer in charge of the black and white outfit.

"We have parted ways with the coach following a disagreement as he later informed one of our officials he was longer part of the team after my meeting with him.

Failed

I did raise my point to him and even pledged support on how we can improve as a team but it seems we have failed to reach a common ground. We have now appointed Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini until further notice. He will resume his new duties with immediate effect as we have a game against Swallows today," Mavimbela said.

The soft spoken administrator further called upon the team's supporters to give the new coach and the technical bench maximum support.

"We are working hard to transform the team and our supporters should not panic but instead continue rallying behind the team in order for the brand to reach greater heights,"

he said. Efforts to get Zwane's comment proved futile as his cellphone rang unanswered when tried several times yesterday over the matter.

The towering Dlamini is no stranger at Pirates after leading the team to their 2015 SwaziBank Cup where he was the Technical Director together with Zambian mentor Happy Simfukwe.



MY TURN: Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini has replaced Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane as Moneni Pirates Head Coach.

Wanderers isolate themselves from 'racist' comments

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - In a press statement released by the team's General Manager Patrick Gamedze, Manzini Wanderers have distanced themselves from the 'racist' comments made by their Marketing and Communications Officer Senzo Dlamini towards Manzini Sundowns.

Gamedze said they were a team that always advocated for peace and promoting the spirit of unity in

sports and against any forms of discrimination.

"On behalf of the Manzini Wanderers family, we kindly apologies to Manzini Sundowns directors, management, players, supporters, and the entire football stakeholders for these unbecoming sporting outburst. We will use our internal structures within the club to address this issue and to ensure this does not happen in future. We have always enjoyed a very good working relationship with all the clubs including Sundowns and we

have no intention of spoiling the relationship we have over the years," reads part of the statement.

Gamedze, through the statement, said the remarks were not an official position of the club but a mere utterance of the representative and they regret these remarks had been construed in a bad light and left a bad taste against the club.

Meanwhile, Marketing and Communications Officer Senzo Dlamini has come out to say he meant no harm with the statement but it was in jest and in the very

sporting fashion to promote the game and make it intriguing.

"The intention was not to provoke or insult Sundowns; I said those words in the spirit of promoting the beautiful game. I think my statement was blown out of proportion but I would like to humbly apologies to Sundowns for any damage the statement may have caused," he said.

Gamedze then rubbished the reports made by one of the publications about a dispute between Wanderers and Sea Birds over gate takings, saying they amicably agreed on a sharing scale as per the norm.