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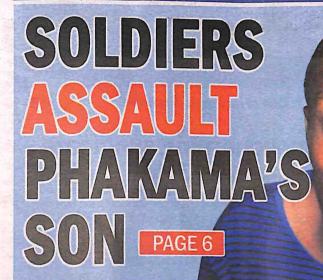
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MABHOYANE WARNS OF PROPERTY VULTURES

Swaziland Building Society opts to seal its lips after Supreme Court makes landmark ruling that reversed the sale of a farm under dubious circumstances until the attorney general had to defend private citizen Rodgers Mabhoyane du Pont of Dvokolwako

Stories by Ackel Zwane

Ithough Dvokolwako businessman Rodgers Bhoyane du Pont is elated that the Supreme Court has finally reversed the sale of his E530 000 farm by the Swaziland Building Society, he is however still suffering bouts of nightmares emanating from the day he was chucked out of the property and subsequently collapsed due to the stress.

He lifts his spirits to the heavens and sings praises to the judges whom he said were sent by Jesus Christ to restore the rule of law in Swaziland.

"Those judges worked with Jesus, even though I do not know them personally but I am certain they had some enlightenment from the start. This is what we expect of judges, to deliver justice. In this country we once had the experience of people who were hanged for having killed one Solinye but when Solinye resurfaced we lost all confidence in the courts, this ruling restores the image of the courts. I am happy that even His Majesty the King and God have heard my cries.' In December last year, 50 police officers accompanied Deputy Sheriff Melusi Qwabe, who did not even possess a court order to evict Mabhoyane from his property on the strength that the Swaziland Building Society had sold it to one Robert Nkambule, who was not even known to Mabhoyane.

Mabhoyane says he had E00.00 outstanding with the bank but instead had



MY POINT IS: Dvokolwako businessman Rodgers Bhoyane du Pont stressing a point during an interview. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo)

entered into an agreement that he would pay back his loan through rentals deposited in favour of his account with the bank.

These rentals came from the shopping complex and filling station. The filling station contributed E / 500, the supermarket E3 000, the shop E2 000 and the bettle store E3 000 on a monthly basis.

Property

At the time the group of police came to evict him from his property, including the family home, to dump him at the Black Mbuluzi Bridge leading to Dvokolwako business centre, he says he had no outstanding moneys with the bank.

"I still wonder what wrong I did to the bank. They had also evicted some of my tenants and disrupted a E400 000 loan agreement with my Chinese

tenants who were running the filling station. I had also tal in these Chinese friends to the bank to start the process of providing the loan but look what the bank did to me." Mabhoyane says his mistake was also to invite the bank to his property to show them the new complex he was developing for purposes of opening a branch there given the population around Dvokolwako, the business centres in Mliba. Croydon and Dvokolwako, the Mbuluzi Infantry Barracks at Jabulani, the Mliba Police Statica and the many schools in the area that would make use of the bank. He says they even promised to return in order to do a proper feasibility study. At that time, his wife had taken over to control the finances and steady repayment of the loan he had acquired from the bank to complete his complex.



STILL HE STANDS: Shops belonging to 'Mahhovane'

LAWYERS FEAST ON HIS BLEEDING WOUNDS

s if to add salt to injury, a number of lawyers came for Mabhoyane to charge him exorbitant fees even though they could not help him in anyway.

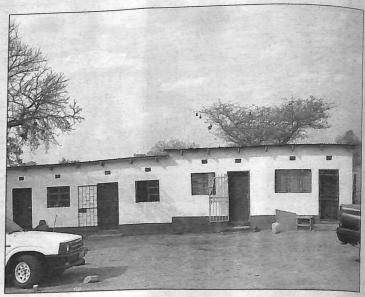
One of the lawyers collected E66 000 from him while another took E40 000 and the rest were taking on average E3 000 each time he

approached them. They seemingly communicated to one another about easy money from Mabhoyane.

Clear

"It was not until the attorney general had to action my case that it became clear that all along there was something blocking the case from proceeding. I still do not believe this

is true, that there could be a solution to such rot. At long last the rule of law has returned, we pray that there are many more judges working with Jesus, let justice take its course and if I be guilty so be it." The Law Society of Swaziland did not respond to our queries sent through the office of their president.



PROPERTY: One of du Pont's properties.

Dirty scheming syndicate

abhoyane suspects that the Swaziland Building Society had formed unholy alliances with the wife of a certain lawyer to grab his property.

For the past four years, he has been fighting to recover his property from the jaws of the stubborn syndicate, he says.

Into the fray there also come one Robert Nkambule who is the purported buyer of the property. "I still cannot get over this, I find it hard to recover from the financial, emotional and physical losses.

"I won't say what to do next save to thank God and the King that I am back to life again. I am now thankful that the King can see that I have done nothing wrong, I will express my gratitude to him. The Swaziland Building Society completely destroyed me, I have never seen this happening to any citizen in my entire life."

Improve

Her says he had so much trust in the bank that he even gave them the title deed to his property for safekeeping, all he wanted was the cash to improve his property not knowing he had entrusted his titles to 'thieves'. As a young man, his father had mentored him to trust the bank and keep his valuables there but little did he know what would befell him.

"I had hoped I would run to the bank in the future for them to evaluate this property and give out money with a smile but it would appear they gave me the money with the sole intention of taking my property, it was my property they were after, to do so they had to destroy my business dreams."

He says even the purchaser did not want to hear anything because he had in his possession the title deed given to him by the bank.

Mabhoyane says he does not have any personal differences with anyone at the bank that he could think of all he can deduce is they were simply stealing his farm and properties seeing the business prospects of the property.

The entire farm is installed with an efficient water system supplied by several boreholes sunk within the property.

"They had even gone to the extent of evicting some of my tenants in order to later lay claim that there was no longer any money generated to service my loan. I asked them what was happening after they stopped me from collecting the rentals myself and depositing it with them and they told me they had their own lawyers who would guarantee steady collections but instead of going after the tenants they turned their lawyers on me."

To this date, Mabhoyane says there is one stubborn tenant who has persistently refused to pay since 2012.

Commission

Mabhoyane alleges that the syndicate uses bank managers to scout for properties on sale and these then derive a commission by divulging information about non-performing or targeted properties. When they get to the target they bring in the deputy sheriff to tighten the strangulation and in his case it was Qwabe who roped in 50 unsuspecting police officers.

"I was ordered to take what I could and forced into a car carrying a pot and my bed. When I attempted to state my case I was forced into the car and told the law required that I be dumped on the roadside away from my property. I later collapsed due to shock and was admitted to hospital. Each time I think of this, I feel like dropping dead. Now people look at me as a stinking church mouse who cannot afford even E5 because my property was attached from me. I was in so much pain I nearly took my own life. At the moment I feel like leaving Croydon to refresh and chill far away for a while."



VICTORY. Rodgers Bhoyana Du Pont's family, daughter Jesse and wife Irene after the judgment was handed down. (Pic: Linda Jele)



I SURVIVED: Du pont gestures during the interview.

Many to benefit after Mabhoyane ruling

number of people who had their properties attached by financial institutions with the assistance of bank managers will now be assisted following the favourable ruling in the Mabhoyane case by the Supreme Court.

One such is a white woman farm owner around the same area and a medical practitioner in Manzini who had his house taken from him even after paying for 90 percent of the loan simply because he allegedly defaulted once. The bank sold it to another third person. It is alleged that in this case the bank personnel were colluding with some elements within the justice system to frustrate all efforts for successful defence against the taking away of the properties.

Investigations

Our investigations can reveal that some lawyers are able to obtain the court stamp with which they intimidate defendants whose cases hardly ever reach the courts because of some manipulations through registry. The unscrupulous lawyers create networks to play around with the afflicted person who is generally dubbed 'imvubu', the hippo, which means he is an endless source of money. The Swaziland Building Society even said it would rather we don't mention its name that it was unable to comment. This is after we attempted to find out how they would recover moneys, if any owed by Mabhoyane and to how the bank would handle other cases similar to that of Mabhoyane in light of the court ruling.

EZULWINI CEO WANTS TOWN BOARD DISBANDED

COVER STORY

By Bodwa Mbingo

zulwini Town Board Chief **Executive Officer** Vus'mutiwendvodza Matsebula has written to Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phiwayinkosi Mabuza, urging him to disband or dissolve the town board.

Sources close to the matter have revealed that Matsebula alleges serious breakdown in relationship which have resulted in unbearable working conditions and made their situation untenable, hence his request. The minister received the letter over three weeks ago and the CEO stated categorically clear that the board should be disbanded immediately. The board is chaired by Pam Golding Director Busie Bhembe, who was re-elected back into the hot seat about two months ago. The Observer on Saturday can report that the bone of contention in the whole matter is that the CEO and the majority of the councillors' working relationship collapsed over several incidents that touch upon good governance. It has been gathered that even during meetings it is rare for the two parties to see eye-to-eye, something that is seen to put damper on the admirable rapid development of the town. The minister, when reached, confirmed to this publication that indeed he received a letter on that regard from the Ezulwini Town Board CEO.

He, however, did not want to dwell much on its contents, but disclosed that he has a bone to chew with the board and the CEO.

"It is true I did receive such a letter although there is not much I can say about it. I have since called both parties to a meeting where we can iron out their differences. However, there has been delay on the meeting due to the recent Sibaya that took a week," clarified the minister.

This publication has it in good authority that another factor that has delayed the meeting is the fact that the minister is awaiting the return of the Director of Urban Government Tito Simelane so that he can obtain advice from him pertaining to the matter.

It has been gathered that the director is currently out of the country.

When Matsebula was reached for clarity on the matter, he said he had no comment.

Town Board Chairperson Bhembe was also not available for comments as her mobile phone was not available on the network for the better part of yesterday.

It should, however, be noted that if Matsebula succeeds with his move to oust the board, it would be ground breaking as it has never happened in local urban government that a CEO fires a whole



board. In 2008, High Court Judge Stanley Maphalala dismissed a similar action by the then Minister of Housing and Urban Development Mabili Dlamini who had dismissed or fired the Sikhatsi Dlamini-led Mbabane Municipal

Council. In his judgment, Justice Maphalala amongst other things stated the following: "This case revolves around Section 107 (4) (b) of the Urban Government Act and Section 33 of the Constitution of Swaziland. It is therefore important to outline these enactments for a better understanding of the issue before the court. Section 107 (4) of the Urban Government Act provides as follows: "The minister may, pending the report of the commission, or if a Council fails to comply with the terms of an order made by him under Subsection (3) (a), in addition to any other powers conferred upon him under this Act - suspend the exercise by the Council of any of the powers conferred upon it by this Act or any other law for such period as he may think fit; or dissolve the Council and, in his discretion, appoint or direct the election of new councillors; and during such period, or, as the case may be, pending the appointment or election of new councilors, confer upon any person or persons the right to exercise any powers so suspended or the powers of the Council so dissolved.

Section 33 of the Constitution of Swaziland states the following: " (1) A person appearing before any administrative authority has a right to be heard and to be treated justly and fairly in accordance with the requirements imposed by law including the requirements of fundamental justice or fairness and has a right to apply to a court of law in respect of any decision taken against that person with which that person is aggrieved. (2) A person appearing before any administrative authority has a right to be given reasons in writing for the decision of that authority."

" As we have seen in the arguments of the parties that the Applicants contend that the operations of Section 107 (4) should be viewed within the context of

Section 33 of the Constitution. That because Section 107 (4) is inconsistent with the Constitution it ought to be struck down. The Respondents on the other hand contend that Section 107 (4) does not require that the minister hears the other side. In this regard the court was referred to the South African case of Huisman vs Minister of local government, housing and works (supra) to the proposition that there will be instances where an administrator reaches a decision even without the presence of the individual affected, at certain instances written submissions are enough.

Stipulated

This is particularly so where the manner of presentation is not stipulated nor is there a suggestion that Applicant should be present. Furthermore, the court was referred

to the case of Radio Pretoria vs Chairman Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (supra) to the trite law principle that the law does not demand an oral hearing at all times. The exigencies of each situation determine the forum or context of the audi to be preferred. I am in respectful agreement with this statement of the law that indeed the exigencies of each situation determine the form or context of the audi to be preferred. "In the present case the deposed councillors were legally elected by the people of Mbabane through the ballot in that they represented the simple folk of Mbabane Municipal area. Therefore it was important for the honourable minister to have given then a fair hearing and even hear each one of them individually and not be satisfied in hearing two of them for not more than ten (10) minutes. I do not think that in the circumstances of the case it was prudent to treat them as a corporate entity regard to be had to their origin. It was essential that they were heard individually to explain their difficulties in implementing the Commission of Enquiry Report. The logistics of putting that into operation are not difficult. I say so because if that was done this dispute would not have arisen. In this regard I agree with the legal principle that the failure to grant a hearing is so serious that a court will intervene where a decision was taken without affording a hearing."



...Hambakahle 'Seven'

Stories by Lungelo Nkambule

They say a send off is a perfect reference of the life lived. The late Lwandile 'Seven' Mngadi was a legend in the making.

This was evident during his memorial service which was held at the Matsapha Evangelical Church yesterday.

The church hall was filled to the brim, some mourners even had to stand outside for the duration of the service.

'Seven,' as he was affectionately known amongst his peers, was MTN's Brand and Promotions Manager Fisiwe Vilane and former Central Bank of Swaziland Corporate Communications Manager Sibusiso Mngadi's son.

He died last week Thursday when the kombi he was travelling in overturned on their way to school along the notorious Siphofaneni-Hhelehhele road.

Speakers at the service all applauded the way 'Seven' chose to live his life.

"You could have sworn he knew he had a few years on earth the way he lived his life to the fullest," remarked his childhood friends.

Speaking on behalf of his friends, Wenzo Masina said 'Seven' was not just a friend to them but a brother as well.

'We were his family of choice and he loved



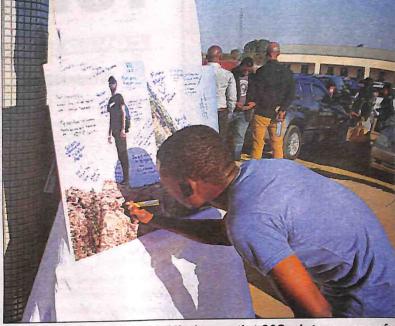
HUGE LOSS: Seven's father former Central Bank of Swaziland Corporate Communications Manager Sibusiso Mngadi delivering his speech.

all of us," he said.

He further said there was so much they had learnt from his life and he had left them with so many beautiful memories.

"We were not ready to lose you but you leave us with many beautiful memories," he said.

One of the Programme Directors Pastor



IN LOVING MEMORY: Hip hop artist 80Script was one of the many artists who attended. Here he is seen signing on Seven's portrait which was at the entrance

Thethe who had only known 'Seven' for a week, said he felt he had known him for long. "He came to our church camp in the company of his mother. When I fast met him, I thought he wouldn't last but I was in for a surprise," he narrated.

He said it the first time 'Seven' attended their camp but from day one he was up and

about, asking questions and fully participating in activities.

"I had written him off the moment he arrived, but I was surprised, he was inquisitive and interested. By the end of the week, he was MC," he said.

He continued to say this spoke to the kind of personality 'Seven' was.

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All queries regarding the collection of the tender, please contact The Secretary of the Tender Board on 2404 2486 or email sifiso.zubuko@swazirail.co.sz.

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An official bank deposit slip must be presented when collecting the Tender document A compulsory clarification/briefing meeting will be held on Wednesday, 24° August 2016 at 09:30 hours, at Swaziland Railway Head Office, Main Boardroom in Mbabane.

The Tender document must be presented in order to gain entry to the compulsory briefing session as the briefing attendance certificate must be signed at the end of the session.

The Tender shall close punctually at 15h30 on 05th September 2016 in the tender box located at the main entrance of the Swaziland Railway Head Office in Mbabane. The documents should be submitted in a plain sealed envelope clearly marked "Tender No.1/2017 – Supply of Ambulance" and must not bear any name or mark, which would identify the Tenderer. The closing of the RFP will be preceded by an opening ceremony of the tender documents at Swaziland Railway Head Office Main Boardroom.



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(All is forgiven, I have no regrets." These were the words of Lwandile Mngadi's mother at his memorial service.

Fisiwe Vilane, MTN Brand and Promotions Manager, delivering her message at her son's service, said she was grateful to God that she had had a wonderful son, who fully lived his

She said she had no regrets of the ways things had happened and she forgave the driver of the kombi that had killed her son.

"I have no regrets, if my son was supposed

to be alive today he would be. I forgive the driver of the kombi and the owner," she said. She said she had lived a very fullfilling life

with her son, who wasn't just her son but had become her best friend. "He showed me what unconditional love is

and I am grateful. I will never love anyone the way I loved him and no one will ever take his place in my life."

She further said there was a lot that her son had taught her as a mother and person.

"I learnt so much from him," she said.



IN SONG: Women of Praise's Nothando Hlophe singing at the service.



GOOD FRIEND WE LOST: Lwandile's friends took time to pose for our lenses.



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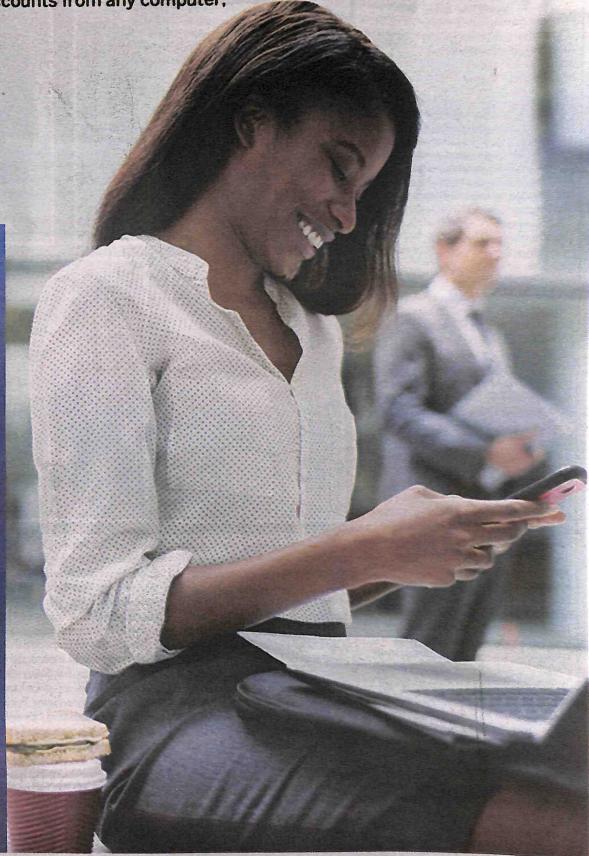
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He's told: Since you'll cash in on your father's estate, you decide to steal my girlfriend

SOLDIERS ASSAULT PHAKAMA'S SON

...he's attacked and beaten by two men alleged to be members of the Umbutfo Swaziland Defense Force based at Phocweni Army Barracks leaving him for dead over a woman

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

Tith his father's estate having been contested in court and Judge Mumcy Dlamini having ruled that all of 'Phakama's children should benefit from the estate, such a birth right has come back to haunt one of the late businessman's sons.

While the attack was basically over a woman, but his assailants constantly made it succinctly clear while beating him to a pulp that the fact that his 'rich' father had passed away and he stood to benefit from his estate then he thought he was clever than them and decided to mess with them by stealing the woman in question.

He was beaten; strangled, dragged through the ground and had his belongings taken away from him before he was rescued by passersby who then called the police and he was transported to hospital.

As a result his eye sight is currently blur and several of his front teeth are loose and could end up being removed by dentists.

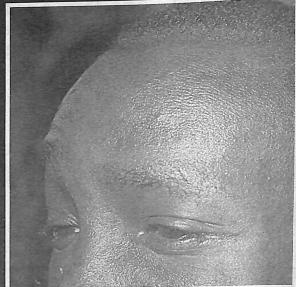
Transport

That is the story of Sanele Dlamini, a son to the late public transport operator Richard Themba Dlamini of Phakama Bus Service, who has lived to tell the tale.

He was attacked last Sunday by two men alleged to be members of the Umbutfo Swaziland Defense Force (USDF). The bone of contention was a woman identified as Welile, whom one of his assailants claimed is also his girlfriend. The stand to say alleged has been taken because no arrest has been made yet and although the names of the culprits are known to this publication, they will not be published for ethical reasons. It can however be revealed that the two are based at Phocweni Army Barracks.

Narrating his ordeal to the Observer on Saturday from his parental home at Mcaphozini in Lobamba, Sanele disclosed that he was lured by two young men from his home who came to call him in the pretext that he was being called by his girlfriend Welile. Obviously in pain from some of the wounds that are still showing, he said the two made two attempts to get him, in the morning, but were only successful when they found him at home in the evening.







friend Welile wanted to see me as it

had a chat. I did not suspect anything

and went away with the two. I went

reached Embo I decided not to go in,

mobile phone number to call me so

was getting dark and then suddenly

I noticed that the woman who was

speaking on the other and was not

Welile. This is when I decided to

walk back home. But before I had

came and one shouted to alert the

walked hardly 100 metres two men

other one that I was their target," he

recalled. He added that is when he felt

a heavy blow on his right eye and fell

my phone rang and when I answered

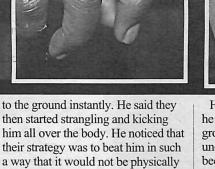
that she would come to me. By then it

with them willingly and when we

but told them to give Welile my

had been a long time since we last





Suspected
"That is when I suspected that these were soldiers until I heard one of them, with a familiar voice, stating that Welile is his and since I thought I would soon be benefitting from my late father's estate then I thought it wise to steal her from him. I realised then who my assailants were and indeed I know the one that was speaking during the ordeal is a soldier by profession. He has had problems with me dating Welile although I am definite that she is not his wife," added Sanele.

but he would have internal wounds.



He disclosed that during the assault he was also dragged through the ground and was kicked until he was unconscious. All this while he had been crying for help, but since it was already dark there were no immediate passersby, which gave his assailants more time to assault him further. Already covered in blood and helpless that is when he blurry saw some Good Samaritans coming to his rescue, but his assailants suddenly disappeared. That is when the police and paramedics were called to the scene and he was driven straight to the Mbabane Government Hospital where he was treated and discharged the following day.

He said he then went to the Lobamba Police Station to record a statement on what had befallen him the previous day.

Family hopeful law will take its course

anele's mother wants justice to prevail in getting to the bottom of everything that has happened to her son, Sanele.

Martha Dlamini (nee Makhanya), who was the late businessman's second wife, hoped that the law would take its course in all this. She said she was especially puzzled and worried that her son's assailants would lure him from home to go and beat him up

where they did.

We were all amazed by the tum
of events especially that my son
was called from home and then
beaten up. Justice should prevail
as I expect those that assaulted my
son to explain before the law why
they did what they did. Is it
because they are taking advantage
of our situation here at home," she
asked expecting no particular
answer.

Sanele's younger sister, Mbali Dlamini said she is failing to come to grips with how safe they are at their parental home when people can just come to the homestead and get his brother for him to be assaulted in the way he was.

"I am confident that since the police saw the state I was in they will get to the bottom of this. I can see by what they were saying that they were prepared to kill me and just leave me there. Even the paramedics when they found me they took me straight to the hospital due to the state I was in. My right eye was completely closed and I was covered in a lot of blood," Sanele added.

However, Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati when reached on the matter surprisingly said there are no records of the incident at the Lobamba Police Station. This is despite that it was put to her that the police did attend to the scene of the incident on the Sunday and a statement was also recorded at the station the following day.

On further verification, the victim insisted that he did record a statement at the police station and that he has a copy of the form he was given by the police to be filled by the doctor that attended and further returned it to the station in question. He said he returned it to the station when he recorded the statement.

Cop to cough E50 000

By Linda Jelo High Court

Carson Auto employee has won an order to be paid close to E50 000 by a drunk Manzini based police officer after damaging his BMW 320i.

Sifiso Malinga's BMW 320i had been parked at the Gum Tree in the morning of August 15, 2010 when Machawe Nxumalo, a police officer

who was based at the Manzini Police Station, spun his Opel Astra in the parking lot and damaged other vehicles including Malinga's

This happened after Nxumalo had enjoyed alcoholic beverages and intended to leave the entertainment spot. However, his state of inebriation impelled him to do the unexpected.

Malinga sued him for the repairs of the motor vehicle to return it to

its pre-accident condition. Malinga was represented by lawyer Noel Mabuza in the matter and Nxumalo did not have a legal representative. The matter was heard by High Court Judge Titus Mlangeni.

In his defence, Nxumalo had told the court that he was drunk when he got into his motor vehicle's wheel. He admitted that he spun his motor vehicle, but when the accident happened, he was reversing to leave and it hit Malinga's BMW. He said he did not intend to do so.

Nxumalo had filed a counter claim of E110 000 against Malinga on the grounds that he was assaulted after the accident. However, it was dismissed on a technicality, in that it did not comply with the rules of the court.

The judge said Malinga had proven the value of the damages he claimed and he ordered Nxumalo to pay him E48 177 plus interest at the rate of nine percent calculated from the date of judgment until final payment. He also ordered Nxumalo to pay costs of suit on the ordinary scale,



WE ARE READY FOR SADC SUMMIT - MGWA

Stories by Ackel Zwane

waziland is ready to host the 36th Southern African Development Community Summit together with Umhlanga and the Swaziland International Trade Fair come rain or shine.

Foreign Affairs Minister Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze admitting that the country would be somehow overstretched with resources, he has assured that reservations for the Summit were made as early as last year to accommodate the anticipated 350 delegates.

The approved general theme of the summit is "Resource Mobilisation for Investment in Sustainable Energy Infrastructure for an Inclusive SADC Industrialisation for Prosperity'

The Executive Secretary will deliver

a keynote presentation focusing on "Resource mobilisation for the implementation of the SADC Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap: Options, Opportunities and Challenges" which will inform policy recommendations as part of the draft Summit Communique.

The minister speaking on a point of collective responsibility because the SADC Summit preparations falls under the economic planning ministry portfolio, said all the 14 other leaders will be attending the Umhlanga and the stadium is now ready for them.

Accomodation

Their accommodation and that of delegates and officials has already been secured and officials are expected to start arriving next week.

The venue for the Heads of State Summit is Lozitha palace while the meeting of delegates and ministers shall be in the Convention Centre in Ezulwini. "It's all systems go, all venues are in order.

He further highlighted that compa-

nies and parastatals that pledged

financing with others offering to host programmes and activities. dinners and the state banquet were also near complete with their preparations but could not say much because these were moneys donated from outside the government system that organises the events. It is for the first time since independence in 1968 that Swaziland will host 14 Heads of State at one Summit alongside the Umhlanga and the International Trade Fair together with another major event of bikers that will be taking place around the same time. Swaziland will therefore be a hive of activity beginning

Gamedze further announced that already the countries coming for the Summit had sent advance parties to look into their specifications for their security and other requirements and were now satisfied that all is well for August 22.

"Countries reserved rooms and paid for their delegates, they had booked earlier and in a nutshell everything is in line with what we anticipated."

He also announced that transport arrangements had been made with sedans, kombis and bakkies recalled from the various government ministries to ferry delegates. Utilities such as Swaziland Water Services Corporation and the Swaziland Electricity Companies were also part of the preparations.

In September last year SADC launched preparations for the 36th SADC Summit Heads of State and Government to be held this month in Swaziland. As part of the 36th Summit preparations launch, Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax paid courtesy calls on His Majesty King Mswati III and Deputy Chairperson of SADC, as well as to the Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini. The SADC Secretariat's team led by Dr. Tax, comprised of Bester Ncube and Dr. Charles Mubita held preparatory meetings with the Minister of Economic Planning Prince Hlangusemphi and his team, comprised of the Permanent Secretary Bertram Steward, and Director Chazile Magongo, among others. Dr. Tax informed the media that a number of meetings and activities would take place in Swaziland during the year of the country's tenure as Chair of SADC. She outlined that SADC was people centred and private sector driven. She encouraged the media to promote and publicise SADC by informing the citizens and enabling the private sector to partake in the SADC

> The SADC institution, headquartered in Gaborone, Botswana, is

accountable to the Summit of Heads of State or Government. The Summit meets at least once a year and may hold extraordinary meetings at the request of any memconsensus. Both the Summit and the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation (OPDSC) are led by a system of co-operation and coordination known as a troika.

This entails the outgoing, current and incoming chairs liaising with regard to the stewardship of the affairs of the bodies. Crises are dealt with by 'double troika' meetings between the members of the Summit and the OPDSC. The chairmanships are held for one year in rotation among member states.

The Summit comes when the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) estimated that at least USD109 million is required to provide support for seeds, fertilisers, tools, and other inputs and services, including livestock support, are provided to small-holder farmers, agro-pastoralists and pastoralists to cope with the devastating impact of an El Niño-induced drought in the region.

Situation

The precarious situation has been brought on by the worst drought the region has witnessed in 35 years, with widespread crop failures exacerbating chronic malnutrition. Vulnerable families in rural areas have been hit hardest by the ensuing increase in prices of maize and other staple foods. Furthermore, as the impact of El Niño continues to be felt in the region, FAO has projected that almost 40 million people could face food insecurity by the peak of the coming lean season, between January and March 2017, when the effects of the drought are expected to peak.

All countries in Southern Africa are affected and more than 640 000 drought-related livestock deaths have been reported in Botswana, Swaziland, South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe due to lack of pastures and water, as well as an outbreak of diseases. FAO urged investments that equip communities with the ability to produce drought-tolerant seed and fodder, along with climate-smart agriculture technologies like conservation agricul-

The aim is to enable rural families to build resilience and prepare for future shocks. Meanwhile, El Niño's counterphenomenon, La Niña, is likely to occur later this year and while it could bring good rains needed for agriculture, the agency noted that measures must be taken to mitigate the risk of floods which could destroy standing crops and threaten livestock. Such measures could include strengthening river banks and stockpiling of shortcycle crop varieties which can be planted after flooding subsides and still yield a decent crop. FAO is also collaborating with other UN agencies, humanitarian partners, regional authorities and national governments.

The agency's call for more funding comes on the heels of a SADC regional humanitarian appeal, launched in Gaborone on July 26 by the SADC Chairperson and President of Botswana, Seretse Khama Ian Khama. The SADC appeal put the overall price tag of helping all sectors of the region's economy recover from the 2016 El Niño at USD2.7 billion, of which USD2.4 billion is yet to be funded.



HERE WE GO: The arena for Umhlanga and the grand stands at Ludzidzini Royal Residence and the state of the art highway to HMK III International Airport at Mafutseni are all systems go. (Pics: Ackel Zwane)





Pigg's Peak Hotel fully booked

The only hotel in the northern Hhohho region, Pigg's Peak Hotel which is owned by government is already fully booked for the SADC, Umhlanga and SITF season. Public Relations Officer Pinkie Mahlalela says the hotel has top of the market buffet on offer for the guests but unfortunately there are no specials this time around. It has been established that South African Broadcasting

Corporation (SABC) has taken a larger share of the rooms together with the Swazi Embassy in Maputo over and above a conference that is being hosted by the hotel around the same time.

"However we promise our gusts the best of Swazi hospitality. They will have an experience of a lifetime, sampling the best cuisine on offer, they will be home away from home," added Mahlalela.

Water situation outlook bleak

Ithough there are no reports that there would be disruptions in water supply and other utilities for the duration of the Summit and the other national events, the ministry of natural resources and energy has issued an alert that the ongoing drought has reached unprecedented levels. Winnie Stewart, the principal secretary in a statement issued Thursday, citing that the Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) had notified the public of the escalation of the water restrictions in Mbabane from two days to four days, as part of the drought relief SWSC would provide and supply water through stationed water tanks at selected strategic locations.

"The ministry would like to assure the public that it is doing its best to ensure that water supply is maintained." She further announced that together with SWSC and the Swaziland Electricity Company plans to use the Luphohlo Dam were already

underway. But these could be beyond the Summit as "this project is anticipated to be completed within the next ten weeks if no unforeseen conditions arise.' Stewart said this would go a long way in mitigating the current water strain in Mbabane but would be managed closely with no impact on electricity generation. She further announced that the SWSC had already implanted the augmentation of the water supply project in Mbabane and was drawing about 2ml (mega litres) per day. This supply already provides water to the Mbabane CBD, hospitals, Mountain Inn and Bahai areas. She said efforts to increase this capacity werer ongoing with an expexted completion date of August, 2016. "In the long term government has already secured funds for professional services of the implementation of feasibility, designs for the Nondvo Dam, construction is expected to commence before December 2016.

ADMITS: Foreign Affairs Minister Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze.

August 13, 2016

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YOUTH EMPOWERMENT: The Youth Parliament listening to a presentation by Nedbank MD Fikile Nkosi. This was during the 2016 Youth Parliament at Esibayeni Lodge yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



Energy for the Future



PLANNED POWER OUTAGE NOTIFICATION

DAY:	DATE:	MANTAINANCE BY (DEPOT)	AFFECTED AREAS:	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	PERIOD:		
Monday	15 Aug	Hluti	Mbava	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. — 4:00p.m.		
Tuesday	16 Aug	Stonehenge	SEC Houses, Bahai, Mvubu Falls, Kopola Cottages, Edladleni Restaurant	Pole Replacement	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.		
	a contract	Siteki	Lubhuku	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m 3:00p.m.		
		Manzini	Bhekinkhosi and surrounding areas	Routine Maintenance	10:00a.m 4:00p.m.		
		Big Bend	Tambuti Estate	Closing Span	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.		
		Big Bend	Síphondo, Ngonini	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m 5:00p.m.		
respective a		Madlangempisi	Mbuluzi Barracks, SWSC Mbuluzi Pump, Lilanda Farmers	Transformer Relocation and Line Relocation	9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.		
		Pigg's Peak	Ntsantjeni	Routine Maintenance	9:30a.m. – 4:00p.m.		
Wednesday	17 Aug	Stonehenge	Fonteyn, Mdzangwini	Line Relocation	9:00a.m 3:00p.m.		
14 4 7 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		Madlangempisi	Baleni, Mcuba, Mcuba Primary School	Routine Maintenance and Pole Replacement	9:00a.m. – 4:30p.m.		
		Mhlume	Vuvulane Primary and High School, Vuvulane Clinic, VIF, Vuvulane Town Board, Vuvulane Shops -SEDCO, Vuvulane	Routine Maintenance	8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.		
		Pigg's Peak	Kufikeni, Nkomazi	Dual Line Stringing	10:00a.m 3:00p.m.		
		Sithobela	Mabheleni, Mtfombotsi, Partiy Sagula, Lamagengane	Closing Span	9:00a.m 4:30p.m.		
		Matsapha	Logoba - Ndzevane	Routine Maintenance	9:30a.m 4:30p.m.		
Thursday	18 Aug	Pigg's Peak	Gilnyatsi, Nginamadolo, Mbela High School, Mbeka Primary, Kwakheni, Maguga Power Station, Maguga Lodge	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.		
		Hluti	Phumelela	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m 4:00p.m.		
	el di sele La fratesi La sulta	Big Bend	Nsoko SaveMore, Nsoko SPTC, Nisela Farms, Cunterbury Estate, SD Citrus	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.		
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		Siteki	Dvokodvweni Ebhodweni	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m 3:00p.m.		
		Mhlume	Lomahasha Central Primary and High School, Lomahasha MTN, Matfuntini, Take a chance hammer	Transformer Structure Replacement	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.		
		Malkerns	Ngwempisana, Wonkhe Wonkhe, Emalangeni and surrounding areas	Routine Maintenance	8:30a.m. – 4:00p.m.		
		Malkerns	Velezizweni	Closing Span	9:00a.m 12:00p.m.		
Friday	19 Aug	Madlangempisi	Dvokolwako area, Dvokolwako Health Care Centre, Dvokolwako Primary School	Closing Span	9:00a.m 4:45p.m.		
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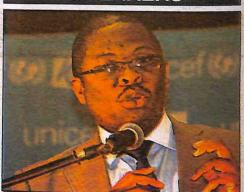


ROLE MODELS: SiSwati Inspector Celiwe Mohamed and Swaziland National Youth Council CEO Petros Dlamini.



MENTORS: UNICEF Country Director Rachel Odede in a conversation with Macmillan Swaziland MD Busisiwe Simelane.

SPEAKERS



SRA Commissioner General Dumsani Masilela.



US Maswazi Shongwe.



Pastor Zakhele Malaza.

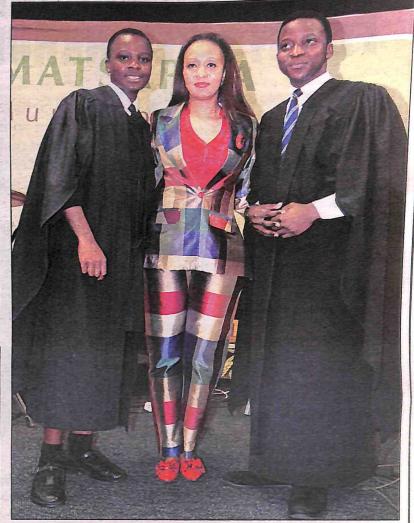
2016 YOUTH PARLIAMENT AT ESIBAYENI LODGE



HELPING FUTURE LEADERS: A section of the guests and panelists who attended the youth parliament.



TRAIN THEM YOUNG: Khulisumntfwana Coordinator and former minister Stellah Lukhele in a conversation with NERCHA Director Khanya Mabuza.



THE HOST: Matsapha Town Board CEO Gciniwe Fakudze flanked by the Deputy Speaker Nomsa Chidyamarambe and Speaker Samkeliso Dlamini during the Youth Parliament.



BIG THREE: Present among the special guests were UNICEF Country Director Rachel Odede, Education PS Pat Muir and Matsapha Town Board Mayor Nkanyeti Ngwenya.



FOR THE YOUTH: Nedbank MD and Bankers Association Chairperson Fikile Nkosi making her presentation.

Service interruption

Modernization of network from Ngwenya, through to Mbabane, Ezulwini and Lozitha, has been completed covering about 69 sites, 25 of which are LTE sites.

We would like to advise our customers that from 11 – 19 August 2016, modernization of the network moves into Matsapha, Malkerns, Nokwane, Manzini Central Business District – (including surrounding areas), Mafutseni, Sikhuphe and Siteki. This would result in service interruptions which are expected not to go beyond 19 August 2016.

Customers are at liberty to check if they are part of the modernized network or not, by pressing *123#. If they are in the modernized network, their number will reflect on the screen.

Additionally, Call Await Service has been activated for customers in the modernized sites. If you need to check if it is active for your number, dial

- *#43# to query your Call Wait status
- *43#to activate Call Wait
- #43# to de-activate Call Wait

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MINISTER MAGOBETANE'S SICKNESS FRUSTRATES INKHUNDLA'S OPERATIONS

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

iling Minister of Public Service Patrick Magobetane Mamba, who doubles as Member of Parliament (MP) for Sithobela Inkhundla, has brought a lot of despair to the people of his constituency.

The minister has been away from duty for about eight months now as he fell sick last December.

In the eyes of Sithobela Indvuna Yenkhundla (Constituency Headman) Vusi Mkhaliphi progress has stalled in a number of projects in the constituency ever since their MP fell sick late last year. Speaking about the minister's current condition, Mkhaliphi lamented that while his physical fitness looks promising, but there are other problems that force him to be under continuous medical treatment.

He disclosed that as the person working directly under him as Indvuna Yenkhudla at Sithobela, he faces problems when he has to take documents to him to sign as their incumbent MP because his signatures have changed over the months and his eye sight is also failing him most of the time.

"I went to check on him last week and while he is recovering, but he is not entirely getting well. He has become forgetful these days as when I approach him about certain projects in our constituency he does bring in input, but when it is time for action you find that he has forgotten everything we talked about. His eye sight is also not entirely okay because when he

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has to write something or sign, you notice that such is no more on a straight line. He also has to wear eye glasses, something he never used to do before he fell sick. Another thing that remains a problem is his speech, which is still not perfect," detailed Mkhaliphi.

Halted

The indvuna yenkhundla lamented that most of their projects in the area have been halted following their MP's sickness.

He said such was due to the fact that in most sectors it was only the MPs that have the privilege to be listened to and attended.

"He has all along been able to knock at the right doors and had the muscle to seek assistance for this constituency. For instance, on issues of hunger around the area we are finding it hard to obtain any assistance during this period. The MP was in the forefront in scouting assistance and people on the ART (Anti-Retroviral Treatment) benefitted a lot from food handouts as they were able to then take their treatment. However, at this moment we are facing a big problem and people will die if things do not change," added Mkhaliphi.

Forced

He added that the people of Sithobela were forced to seek certain services elsewhere as what their MP was trying to bring closer to them has still not come. He said, for instance, people have to go elsewhere to get passports and Identity Documents (IDs) yet before their MP fell sick he was in the process of bringing such services closer to them.

He said another development Mamba was working on was the establishment of government revenue offices in the area and the project has been delayed.

"There is also the issue of the construction of staff houses at the Sithobela Health Centre, which has stalled as the MP is currently not around to ensure that the project is implemented.

Commute

Staff members at the health centre are forced to commute daily to and from work as they live in places such as Siphofaneni and Manzini, to mention a few. What usually happens is that by 3pm you find there is minimal assistance one can obtain from the centre as the nurses are usually gone by then," he stated.

It was also revealed that the people of Sithobela miss their MP, especially since he used to offer them every kind of assistance during funerals and now that he is not around they are having a hard time.

Mkhaliphi, however, sounded hopeful that Mamba would recover fully and return to work as he is duly missed.

'Give us another MP, preferably Gundwane'

he people of Sithobela have made a fervent plea to government to give them another MP they can work with in their constituency in the prolonged absence of their incumbent legistator so that some developmental projects can continue as planned.

Their choice has been their neighbouring MP Gundwane Gamedze of Siphofaneni Inkhundla. Sithobela Indvuna Yenkhundla Vusi Mkhaliphi during an interview this week highlighted that they have already made means to have another MP performing the duties of the ailing Patrick Magobetane Mamba.

He said that would be just like it is happening at cabinet where Minister Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza is also performing Mamba's duties in the ministry of public service yet he is also the Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs. Mkhaliphi revealed that they once approached Gamedze about this and he agreed to assist as their neighbour, but their efforts were stopped at regional level.

Projects

"In most cases and projects, I come across a stumbling block as indvuna yenkhundla because only the MP is expected to set the ball rolling. I am often turned back and told it is only the MP allowed to perform certain tasks and when I tell them he is currently indisposed, I'm told there is no assistance I can obtain.

It is upon that premise that we made means to have another MP keeping the fires burning because we are currently being left behind where it concerns development," he stated.

I'LL WORK ON MATTER -MINISTER 'SMALL JOE'

inister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini stated that while he has not personally been brought up to speed on the issue of the Sithobela community lagging behind on development, he would work on the matter.

The minister said it was government policy that no community should lag behind where it concerns development and there should be no delays in whatever project being undertaken in any particular area.

Reason

He sees no reason why any community should not contact his ministry directly if they face any problems in their projects and services. "It should not necessarily be true that some government departments require MPs to ask for services because in any inkhundla there is a development committee led by the indvuna yenkhundla.

The head of the community should be able to go anywhere to ask for any service as long as it is from government.

True

"I will personally check if such is true and if the community of Sithobela is having problems because their MP is currently ill," said the minister.

Dlamini further stated that issues should be reported to the regional administrator (RA), an office under his ministry that must be of assistance.

Bumpy Siphofaneni - Hlatsi road a death trap

visit by Minister of Public Works and Transport Lindiwe Dlamini and her entourage to Sithobela and surrounding areas to assess the situation of their main road brought some hope that finally their road would be upgraded.

The minister promised that plans were underway for her ministry to tar the Siphofaneni - Hlatsi road, which was sweet melody to these people. However, all that has remained a mere dream as this road has not been upgraded. To make matters worse, it has not been repayed for a while making it not conducive to drivers as it damages their cars. A team from this newspaper also took a drive through this road that has been a thorn in the flesh for residents who even raised it at the recently ended Sibaya. What was found



ACT: Minister of Public Works and Transport Lindiwe Dlamini.

was an appalling condition that characterises the road.

Drive

On its other parts it is just not easy to drive through with a mere sedan car and most often bakkies are used on the road.

Indvuna Yenkhundla Vusi Mkhaliphi confirmed that they thought the road would soon be upgraded after the minister's visit to inspect it.

"We even asked the minister that the road be re-gravelled in the meantime they were getting ready to tar it. She said it would prove quite costly to re-gravel the road only to then tar it in the not so distant future. We are still waiting until now and maybe if our MP was around something would have been done by now," he said.

Mkhaliphi said they cannot even pave part of the road because the answer they get to their requests for graders to come to their area is that only MPs are in a position to be given such government machinery by virtue of their positions.

HOT WINGS ADDED TO KFC FROZEN WORKERS

 Management allegedly withdraws E3 000 incentive to each branch following last month's Dvuladvula bumper pay performance in reaction to media reports about two workers locked inside a cold room at the Manzini bus rank outlet in a fit of vindictiveness by two begrudged managers

 Management says nothing has changed, workers will receive their own Dvuladvula promised by Managing Director, a Mr Pimenta on the 28th when they get their pay

Stories by Ackel Zwane

mployees of Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) outlets threaten to vent their anger on customers following their employer's unilateral decision to withdraw E3000 from each branch that was to be shared by the employees as an incentive following their performance in last month's civil service Dvuladvula bumper

They allege that this was communicated to all the branches at the height of the flowing daily collections but the offer abruptly withdrawn after a media exposé of how two employees, including an asthmatic, were locked inside a freezer for 20 minutes by one of the Manzini bus rank branch managers.

Staffers said the two employees were unaware that they could open the freezer from inside and therefore had to endure the entire 20 minutes while their boss was alleged to be contented with 'teaching them a lesson'. Several days later two of the managers, one Samkeliso Dlamini and Zanele Serera were suspended from work allegedly to allow for internal investigations; however the date of the hearing could not be ascertained.

Other employees unaffected by the stalemate at the Manzini bus rank outlet also want what was promised



HOT WINGS: Manzini KFC outlet.

them as the rest of those from The Gables, President Centre in Manzini, Matsapha Shopping Complex, Mbabane Swazi Plaza, Nhlangano Zama Zama Complex and Pigg's Peak Evelyn Baring Street.

Guts

"We worked our guts out without breaks in order to meet the influx of customers who were coming in droves. We were being pampered

throughout by our managers to soldier on and promised good things after the storm

Deliver

- However when it was the turn for management to deliver we were told the E3000 offer had been withdrawn, much to our dismay because we neither locked anyone in the freezer nor did we ask for the E3000 in the first place, it was our managers who communicated this to us

WE'VE NOT RENEGED, WE'LL PAY MONTH END - HR

uman Resource Manager Leonard Bennett expressed shock that the employees had now resolved to approach the media instead of engaging internal structure to raise their grievances.

However he reiterated that management had not reneged on its promise after the managing director, a Pimenta, had generously offered to pay the E3000 in each branch in appreciation for the contribution made by members of staff during the hectic season of the bumper pay.

Structure

"Employees at KFC have an internal grievance structure; it is therefore surprising that they came to you to present issues. The MD was very happy and has not changed from his decision

to show appreciation to the employees. They know that pay day is on the 28th. I'm very surprised that they did not even approach me as human resource manager but opted for external structures. Had they come to us they would have known what was happening on this issue; I can assure you that nothing has changed.'

Return

He further requested that, if they return, they must be advised to engage internal structures and procedures to maintain the spirit of trust in industrial relations.

KFC's Emmanuel Du Pont said he was unaware of these claims but emphasised that he was equally not mandated to speak to the media but promised to enquire when sought for comment yesterday afternoon.

Freezer matter with DPP

olice are awaiting an instruction from the directorate of public prosecutions on the next action in the case of keeping workers in a freezer at KFC

Acting Chief Police

Information and Communications Officer, Phindile Vilakati said police had been conducting an inquiry but after concluding that they then sought advice with the DPP for further action.

that we shall enjoy among ourselves in all the branches," said a group of employees who approached our news desk.

Attention

The two employees, Nondumiso and Sanelisiwe were reported to have gone for medical attention after they were saved by colleagues, ice laden, from the freezer.

It all began when one of the managers allegedly tricked

them into entering the cold room to retrieve a box of patties and quickly locked them inside the strong room. They allegedly were not even allowed to put on freezer jack-

After the chilling incident one of the 'frozen' employees is said to have requested to be transferred to another branch after working relations deteriorated to an all time low.

NEWS EXTRA

MAN GETS FOUR YEARS IN PRISON FOR SETTING DOG ON FIRE

ARIETTA - A Georgia man has been sentenced to four years in prison for setting his family's dog house on fire in suburban Atlanta while the dog was inside.

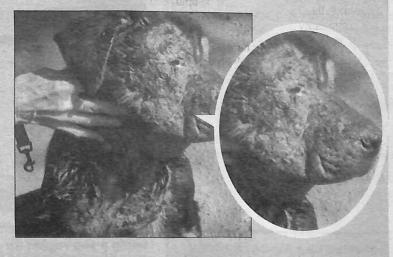
WSB-TV reports a Cobb County jury convicted 23year-old Caleb Lanier of felony animal cruelty and another charge for intentionally burning the female pit bull dog. He was sentenced on Thursday.

Prosecutors said Lanier used

a torch to attack his brother's dog before sealing it in a dog house and setting it on fire in May 2015. Veterinarian -Regan Burford, who first treated the animal, testified in court about the abuse and torture the dog endured. Nursed

the dog and nursed it to recov-

Burford eventually adopted ery. Prosecutors wanted Lanier jailed for eight years, but the judge cut that in half, sending him to prison for four years. AP



PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL CONSENT

I Sabelo M Nhose E/A Bee M Bottle Store, the owner (s) of the property in question herby make a Public Notice in terms of Clause 1.5 of the 2013 Manzini Town Planning Scheme that I wish to apply SPECIAL CONSENT to establish (description of development) a bottle store on plot number 6, Tenburgen& Martin Street, Manzini.

Any one having objection to this application may lodge their objection ,in writing ,with the Municipal Council Manzini at P.O.BOX 418,Manzini M200,SWAZILAND not later than 04-11 August 2016, that is 21 days from the last publication of the notice namely on (date) 01-September 2016.

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...Following Attorney General Majahenkhaba Dlamini's assurance at Sibaya that land in hands of concessionaires was to have been returned to the King in trust for the Swazis in 1973 and that 200 such farms are earmarked to be returned to the King.

August 13, 2016

By Ackel Zwane

esidents in Hluhi and surrounding areas are excited over prospects of the return of concession land occupied by mainly white settler farmers who were supposed to have returned it to the state in 1973.

As a result, residents are bracing themselves for the speedy declaration of Hluti as a town in preparation for the application of plots and issues of titles for properties, an exercise that has been stalled by ownership of the concession land lying at the hands of the concessionaires or their beneficiaries.

Bahle Sibandze, a Hluti businessman who has been vocal in affairs relating to the transformation of this human settlement into urban status, says already the hamlet is a hub for services to communities from as far away as Lavumisa, Nsalitshe, Mkhwakhweni, Hosea,

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Ndunayithini, Bhejisa and other areas.

They all come to the hamlet for cases because of the availability of the state-of-theart Magistrate's Court, a clinic, schools, veterinary services and the registrar of births, deaths and marriages.

Hluti's main target is a white farmer by the name of 'Mzece' who has had running battles with residents by blocking the right of way for their livestock to graze and also further barring residents from gathering firewood or passing through the farm to other areas because he had always believed that the land belonged to him.

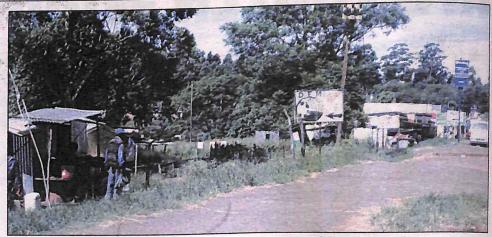
Now that the attorney general has pronounced about the status of the farms, the residents simply call for the speeding up of the transfer of titles to the King so they can proceed with their application to have the town declared a municipality by the ministry of housing and urban development.

Factories

Sibandze said already the minister had been to the area and had promised to start consultations with the office of the attorney general with a view of ascertaining the true status of the land and the processes necessary to declare it under the Urban Act.

The Land Management Board is also to play a key in these processes, said Sibandze.

They want in particular 'Mzece' Farm to be reserved for industrial development with a view to inviting factories to set up shop in the



WAITING TO URBANISE: A partial view of Hluti, a hamlet in Shiselweni region, that nurses hopes of being declared a town after the attorney general told Sibaya all concession will return to Swazis.

area in order to service the large community of about 1 000 strong travelling on a daily basis to Nhlangano for work in the factories and returning at the end of each day to Hluti at high transport and food costs.

To circumvent this, the factories may relocate or expand to 'Mzece' Farm. This will in turn attract the setting up of major retail outlets such as Spar, Shoprite, Boxer and Pick 'n Pay given the size of the population there.

"We want the land to be freed from the minority farmers, especially because the AG has given us clear explanation at Sibaya about the status of this land. We had all along been waiting for the chiefs to take control of these lands but they have been slow on this probably because of certain technicalities, now that we know the land belongs to Swazis, we are ready to take it on."

Sibandze, who also sits at the council of local businesspeople, said the area had a number of pensioners who wanted to invest their acquired assets by buying land and holding titles on which to develop but could not do so because of the unclear status of Hluti.

The news will come also as a relief after cattle owners had their animals impounded by farm owners who drove them all the way to Nhlangano where they were required to pay hefty fines yet they, the people, had the final say on the use of the land only that the state had not made the necessary pronouncements.

"We are very excited because already we are a sub-region with all the services readily available such as revenue collection, immigration and veterinary services."

However, currently there are issues with the veterinary services office after a break-in and computers stolen while the officer providing

oversight is unable to explain and residents are seething with anger as they are now forced to travel to Nhlangano for services.

According to a World Bank report, compared to other middle-income countries, Swaziland has a relatively low level of urbanisation but in recent years this has been growing rapidly, partly due to a drought in 1992 and economic decline leading to some rural to urban migration of people in search of work.

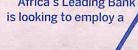
Opening the Hluti Police Station and houses for Magistrate's Court personnel in September 2010, His Majesty King Maswati III reiterated that bringing essential services closer to the people helped accelerate improvement of the quality of life for communities.

He said for a country to develop, the social welfare of its people was very important. He said the opening of the police station was a sign of government's commitment to bringing essential services closer to the people.

The King said it was his greatest desire that services were brought closer to the people because it was the only way the nation could develop into a first world country.

"These facilities will bring much needed services close to the community and in turn accelerate the overall improvement of the quality of life in our communities. People from Hluti will no longer have to travel long distances to access government services."

The King also said government had a challenge to build houses for the police as well as the court personnel. He said magistrates dealt with sensitive cases and sometimes dangerous ones, so they do not have to drive long distances when they are going back home because they might be prone to danger.



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ALL SET FOR MONDAY'S KIKWE SADG PUBLIC LECTU

By Ackel Zwane

uests at the former Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete's public lecture organised by the University of Swaziland, SADC Secretariat and government on upscaling regional economic integration and development are expected latest 2pm on Monday.

Ten minutes later the introductory remarks will be delivered by Director of Ceremonies Mbuso

Dlamini, who is the Secretary to Cabinet.

Vice-Chancellor Cisco Magagula will welcome the guests before remarks by Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini who will then invite the guest speaker, SADC Executive Secretary Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax.

Former President of the Republic of Tanzania Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete will then make his lecture presentation with interventions by public sector representative Gideon Dlamini, who is also the Minister of

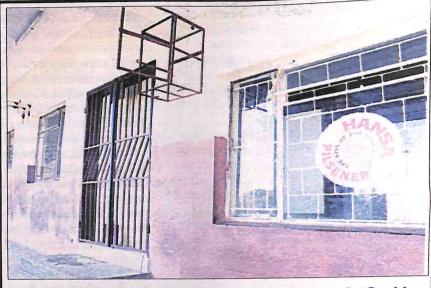
Commerce, private sector representative Dr. Mike Matsebula, the retired chief executive of Swaziland Sugar association and Academia representative Dr. A.K Domson-Lindsay, a lecturer. Discussions will be facilitated by Dr. Angelo Mondlane, the Director Policy and Planning at SADC Secretariat while Minister of Economic Planning Prince Hlangusemphi will pass the vote of thanks before the director of ceremonies invites guests for a group photograph shortly before 5pm. The lecture seeks to engender

on the subject matter by, amongst others, the public sector, the private sector, nongovernmental organ isations, international organisations, members of the diplomatic corps, civil society, the academia, workers and employee association, students, the media and any other interested individuals. According to

Acting Vice- Chancellor Professor Mgidi Dlamini, the lecture will provide an opportunity to engage the public in regional integration and development issues.



GUEST: Former Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete.



SURRENDERS: Pastor Thokozani Lukhele's church, God is [un]Able threw in the towel to stiff competition for followers from the watering hole they were sharing premises with, the popular The Pot Bottle Store in Ngwane Park, adding to a list of churches that have abandoned doing business near drinking houses in mainly Manzini. (Pic: Ackel Zwane).

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ILO admits, warders cannot be unionised

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini

he International Labour Organisation (ILO) has finally succumbed to the Swaziland Government standpoint that members of His Majesty's Correctional Services cannot be unionised.

Deputy Speaker Esther Dlamini told the House yesterday the Correctional Services Bill has finally been endorsed by ILO experts, accepting the constitutional requirements that members of the organisation could not be unionised. She said government's standpoint that members of the Correctional Services were an essential service was eventually accepted.

The Mbabane East MP was motivating a motion calling upon the House to pass the Bill in her capacity as Chairperson for the Justice and Constitutional Affairs Portfolio Committee under which the Department of Correctional Services falls. The deputy speaker said her committee conducted extensive consultations on the Bill, meeting various stakeholders including the workers' union federation TUCOSWA. She appealed to her colleagues to pass the Bill, arguing that she banked on the hope that members have read it as it was easy to understand.

Following the endorsement by the ILO experts, the deputy speaker said they were overjoyed because such a thorny matter to them. The delegation, MP Dlamini said, looked into all the contentious Bills, including the police, public order and terrorism. She said all these were scrutinised and eventually given a go ahead. That endorsement, however, did not mean that parliament's legislative right had been taken away from the members. Dlamini said they still could make any changes they deemed appropriate.

MP Michael Masilela seconded the motion and stated they agreed with the stakeholders that a staff association would be the official representative of all the workers in the department. Masilela said this arrangement was the only viable under the circumstances because amending the national constitution was not an easy exercise.

Commissioner General's powers pruned

The Lobamba legislator told parliament another milestone achieved by the portfolio committee was to prune the powers given to the commissioner general by the Correctional Services Bill. MP Masilela said they could not allow the commissioner general to be a player and a referee at the same time and, therefore, duly limited his powers to administrative duties. Originally, the Bill gave the commissioner general power to employ and fire members of the security service. MP Masilela said those powers had since been given to a Correctional Services Commission to be established in terms of the new law upon enactment. The Bill states the responsibilities of the commission and how it would be constituted. The debate of the Bill was, however, withdrawn because Justice Minister Edgar Hillary came to parliament not prepared for the debate.

SENATORS SHOUT BAYETHE ON SIBAYA

By Mbono Mdluli

enators are to select their representatives who will go to the King to express gratitude on commissioning the recently concluded Sibaya.

They yesterday took turns in shouting Bayethe! to His Majesty King Mswati III for summoning the nation to Sibaya. The motion to have this done was moved by Senator Prince Kusa.

The prince was of the view that it was the right time for them as senators to express a word of thanks to the King for allowing the Swazi nation to convene at the cattle byre in Ludzidzini. This was to allow the nation to express itself on how the country should be governed and developed.

Prince Fipha, after thanking the King, also hailed the nation for playing an important role in making sure that the Sibaya was successful. He thanked operators for providing means of transport to the nation to and from Ludzidzini on daily basis. "We also thank the



IN NUMBERS: Swazis came from all corners of the country for the Sibaya.

King for providing ample food during the event. Those that made sure we got the food are also applauded for a job well done," Prince Fipha said.

Senator Prince Kekela also thanked the King for commissioning the people's parliament. "This shows that it is difficult to work. One can see this by the situation where we have to deal with 20 conventions in a short

space of time. This tells us that the King had to go all by himself to make sure the conventions are dealt with yet there are people in cabinet employed to do that," Prince Kekela said.

Deputy Senate President Ngomuyayona Gamedze also said it was imperative of them as senators to thank the King for Sibaya. "Others may have done it but it is also necessary that we do it as senators. It has been good that the thorny issues were tackled way before the SADC Summit because the tourists and the dignitaries should not be exposed to our differences. They should find us united and ready to host them," Gamedze said.

He also mentioned that people in the country were hungry to talk and Sibaya should be an annual event.

"In any situation involv-

ing the exercise of dis-

Judges lecture magistrates on sentencing dagga convicts

By Linda Jele

hree High Court judges have schooled the country's magistrates on how to sentence dagga convicts from now onwards.

The High Court has prepared a guide which should be followed by magistrates when sentencing dagga dealers and they have suggested stiffer sentences, especially for commercial dealers.

This has come after 12 dagga merchants who wanted their sentences meted out by different magistrates reduced because they were too harsh. However, the court has dismissed their appeal and found that the country's magistrates are too lenient when sentencing dagga farmers or dealers.

Violence

The judges have said this has done very little to curb the crime.

The judgment was prepared by High Court Judge Titus Mlangeni, sitting with Judges Nkululeko Hlophe and Mumcy Dlamini. Mlangeni said the country was experiencing an upsurge in violence, especially against women and children and the country's courts had dealt mendwith many criminal cases of adagga possession involving the youth, women and the elderly. Dagga has been cited as the major cause for the spiralling rates of violence in the country. However, the judge says, the

country's courts have adopted and maintained a sympathetic attitude towards offenders despite the scourge. He said the Pharmacy Act of 1983, as amended, stipulates a maximum term of 15 years or a fine of E15 000 for convicts, but the country, 33 years, later usually issues prison sentences ranging between one and seven years. He has said the average fine stands between E1 000 and E10 000. On exceptional circumstances it is E15 000.

Mlangeni said the dagga traders revealed that the trade was rewarding and this was confirmed by the increased rate of activity around the herb.

"The farmers and dealers can afford to pay the fines and instantly go back to continue where they left off when they were arrested, this time perhaps more carefully in order to avoid another arrest. If we are to avoid the drug siege that is experienced in some latin American countries, the judiciary has to adopt a compulsive preference for jail term as opposed to fines," Mlangeni said.

He said even though the courts should still exercise discretion, but the inclination towards jail term offers the only glimmer of hope for the country. He noted that deterrence seems to have been minimal judging from the escalating rate of the crime yet

the conviction rate has increased.
In the appeal by the 12, a

by the 12, a family of six was found with different stashes of dagga in their respective rooms.

Fine

The Magistrate's Court imposed sentences ranging from two and three years or an option to pay E8 000 and E10 000, respectively. They complained that the sentences were too harsh yet some of them were young, aged less than 20.

A pair of the appellants was jointly sentenced to three years imprisonment without the option to pay a fine. The last four were sentenced to seven years and six months or pay E15 000 fine. Judge Mlangeni said the sentences meted out by the Magistrate's Court were within the range stipulated in the Pharmacy Act, therefore, cannot be tempered with.

cretion, it is difficult to determine a closed list of consideration. It is hoped that it will contribute to consistency and further fortify the efforts to rid our society of the rayages.

ety of the ravages occasioned by the abuse of dagga," Mlangeni said.

The guidelines for future sentencing

1. Proportionality and consistency. The statute prescribes 15 years imprisonment or E15 000 as maximum sentence. There must be co-relation between the two. It would be inconsistent to order a jail term of one year with the option to pay E10 000 fine.

2. Quantity is relevant to the extent of punishment. The larger the quantity, the higher the sentences

3. Firm preference for custodial sentences.

4. Suspended sentences to be discouraged.

5. Commercial dealers should be at the highest end of the scale of penalties.

6. In the event of an option of a fine, which in our view must be in exceptional circumstances, the amount of fine should incline in favour of general deterrence.

'Atilime Tiyetjeni!', says Hillary

Justice and Constitutional Affairs Minister Senator Edgar Hillary surprised members of the House of Assembly when he told them they could proceed with the

debate of the Correctional Services Bill at their own risk. Speaking in vernacular, Minister Hillary said: 'Atilime tiyetjeni', an expression that meant he won't be held responsible for the conse-

quences of that decision.

Urgency

That statement put the rest of the House into a dilemma, not knowing whether to proceed with the

Bill, despite it having been brought to parliament with a certificate of urgency.

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The motion to debate the Bill was eventually withdrawn.

MPS SAY WINNIE MADE THEM SCAPEGOATS AT SIBAYA

By Sabatha Diamini

embers of the House of Assembly are angry at cabinet's laxity in pushing government business and later shifting the blame on them.

The parliamentarians said they were concerned that at the recently concluded People's Parliament at the national cattle byre at Ludzidzini Royal Residence, they were made scapegoats for unfinished government business. The accusations, the MPs argued, were misdirected because cabinet ministers knew very well not a single Bill was stalled in the chamber by them.

Labour and Social Security
Minister Winnie Magagula was
singled out as one cabinet minister

...deny there was any Bill tabled before the House of Assembly as claimed by Labour Minister Winnie Magagula at Sibaya last week

who allegedly glorified herself at the people's congress, accusing parliament of having failed to fulfil its legislative role in respect of four Bills that were brought to the legislature with a certificate of urgency.

Bill

The Bills had to be amended urgently to meet International Labour Organisation (ILO) set benchmarks.

MP Thuli Dladla stood on a point of order to explain that the complaint raised against them at the People's Parliament was unfair because the Bills were still at committee stages, which is part of the legislative process. MP Dladla said after the portfolio committees had

done consultations on the Bills, they also had to touch base with ILO experts who had to make inputs as well, further delaying the process.

Minister Magagula was explaining to the Swazi nation at the Sibaya cattle byre the reasons behind the country's placement under a Special Paragraph by the ILO, which led to it losing its Africa Growth and Opportunity Act regulated markets in the United States of America.

The Bills that need to be amended to conform to the ILO conversions are the Suppression of Terrorism and Money Laundering, the Public Order, Police and Correctional Services.

Dladla said the accusation that the Bills were stalled in the chamber was neither here nor there, arguing that only two days ago did they receive information that the ILO experts had endorsed the proposed amendments.

Manzini North MP Jan Sithole also echoed the sentiments, arguing that parliament could not be held responsible for the delayed amendment of the Bills. He said they were unfairly blamed, warning his colleagues the nature of the Bills required that they scrutinise them carefully and, rather be late and correct than to rush and produce an unsatisfactory work.



BLAMED: Labour and Social Security Minister Winnie Magagula

Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini appealed to Speaker Themba Msibi to bring the cabinet ministers to order.

He said they were bitter that Minister Winnie spoke favourably about herself yet she did not even attend parliament business. He said the matter should be discussed strongly in the presence of the cabinet ministers.

Works minister's absence confuses senators

Stories by Mbono Mdluli

enators had a tough time dealing with the tabled Construction Regulations as Works Minister Lindiwe Dlamini was no show for clarifications needed.

This was yesterday during the sitting of the Senate.

The debate and confusion among the legislators started after the tabling of the Construction Industry Levy Regulations of 2015.

The regulations were supposed to be tabled by Minister Dlamini, who, however, was not present to table the regulations before the senators

Instead the regulations were tabled by Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze, on her behalf.

Regulations

Soon after the tabling of the regulations, Senator Prince Kusa stood up to question why the regulations were being tabled because such had been done before.

He went on to tell the senators they approved the regulations and gave the ministry the green light to go and work with their guidance.

He was of the view that the regulations should not have been tabled before them as that had been done before.

Prince Kusa is Chairperson of the Senate portfolio committee of the ministry of public works and transport.

It then emerged that after the regulations had been debated and

approved by the senators, they went to the House of Assembly.

The Members of Parliament (MPs) in the House of Assembly are said to have amended the regulations before they went to cabinet to be implemented. Minister Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze was the one who clarified that.

Statement

He went on to say the minister would then exercise courtesy to inform the senators about the amended regulations. "However, the minister will only do that on her own will. She is not forced by any circumstances to do so.

That will create a situation where there are two regulations coming out of parliament. These are the ones from the Senate and the amended ones from the House of Assembly," Gamedze said.

Deputy Senate President
Nomuyayona Gamedze was of
the view that the minister should
submit a ministerial statement.
The statement was the one that
would inform the senators of the
amendment done by the House of
Assembly.

He was against the suggestion of approving the regulations without the ministerial statement. senator Prince Kekela said the senators should not allow this confusion to affect them. He said they should stick to what they did because they approved the regulations.

They did not know of any other thing that happened thereafter. The senators finally agreed to wait for the ministerial statement from Dlamini.

.. Fume over 20 conventions before them

here are 20 international conventions and treaties (international instruments) that the senators and members of parliament have to deal with them.

They have to attend a workshop where they would be educated about these international instruments.

The workshop will start tomorrow. However, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Mgwagwa Gamedze did not specify the place where the workshop will take place.

Gamedze told the senators time had come for the country to ratify the conventions.

"This was even raised at Sibaya and it was said they should be ratified. As a ministry, we respect Sibaya because it is the people's parliament.

Therefore, if something is pronounced from that forum, we have to do it with haste," Gamedze said. Some of the international instruments tabled before the senators included the SADC Agreement Assistance on Tax Matters, Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty, Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (2001), and Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air (1999).

Change

When Gamedze finished tabling the international instruments, Senator Prince Fipha was the first to express his unhappiness in the manner in which the instruments were tabled. He this was something that was difficult to change. He wondered why cabinet could not table the bills in good time so they could be dealt with appropriately. He said now they would not have time to deal appropriately with the conventions and could find themselves selling out the country because they had to do everything with haste.

The prince's statement was sup-



RATIFY CONVENTIONS: Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Mgwagwa Gamedze.

ported by Senate President Gelane Zwane.

Zwane said this was not good. She said they had to find a way of stating to the authorities that such was not appropriate.

"This is more so because we do not have the adequate time to apply our minds when ratifying these conventions. We will find ourselves approving things that we should not have," Zwane said.

Laws

Senator Prince Kekela, who sounded upset by the matter, blasted cabinet for keeping the conventions for too long.

He called for a heavy punishment of the person who kept the conventions for such a long time. He said this was a way of putting blame on parliament because they would then be made to hastily ratify the conventions, even if they had clauses that were inconsistent with some of the country's laws.

Senator Mike Temple described such an act as being stupid. "There are conventions that were signed in 1999 here and 17 years later, you bring them to be tabled before this house. I see that as being stupid," Temple said.

Deputy Senate President

Ngomuyayona Gamedze tried to calm down the senators. He said it did not mean that the conventions were going to be ratified during the workshop. "This is an opportunity for us to learn about the conventions so that, we would pass them with understanding. We will have adequate time for this and will be educated by people who know better about the conventions," Garnedze said.

Minister Chief Mgwagwa also assured the senators that they would be educated during the workshop. "You will only enact the conventions here in Parliament, not in any other place. By the time you enact them, you will understand the conventions fully," said the minister.

He went on to say he also wanted the person who kept the conventions to be punished because it was clear he or she was letting the country down.

He said some of the conventions were done in 1999 when he was still a student at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA).

"You know that in my ministry, when there is a bill to be tabled in parliament, we waste no time in doing that. I also do not know what went wrong here," he said.

SCHOLARSHIP MESS: FILES LOST, INFO MISSING AT LABOU

By Ackel Zwane

The ministry of labour is in shambles with files of applicants for scholarships misplaced or crucial information removed and as a result scores of students might not meet deadlines for registration into the country's universities.

Some of those affected are returning students who had to repeat certain subjects and are returning for reinstatements of scholarships. They have been cramming the ministry for days on end with officers refusing them even a chance to search for the missing documents themselves in the event they might alert the media. Throughout the week they have been forming queues at the ministry only to receive shouts and expletives from impatient officials. This has also raised suspicions among students that some of the scholarships could be diverted to benefit relatives or connections of labour officials handling the appli-

This matter also surfaced at



MESSY BUSINESS: Staffers at the scholarship office in the ministry of labour refused applicants to look for missing information in these heaps of files yet they claimed to have been very busy. (Pics:Simon Shabangu)

Sibaya on Tuesday when one Zitsile Mavuso revealed how hard it was for a Swazi student to get a government scholarship to enter university if he/she does not have a E10 000 bribe.

Revealed

Zitsile of Ezulwini also revealed that if the applicant's parents did not know high profile people or failed to provide the said amount that learner would never get the

scholarship.

Submission

Zitsile's submission could have been a response to Mbabane businessman Walter Bennett's call who made the suggestion as early as September 2013 during a Ntabinezimpisi Primary presentation that the hot subject of scholarship should be taken to the people's parliament, Sibaya. Bennett at the time observed that most students completed their high school and became stranded because they could not get government scholarships for tertiary education. He said the only way the country could get out of this problem was to seek the King's intervention. Bennett pitted this issue with that of salary increments, which he said were given utmost priority while the scholarship issue was not even deliberated.

Success

"Education is very important to the success of every nation. If the people of the country are not educated, we are doomed as a country. It is very disheartening to see brilliant pupils roaming the streets because they could not get government scholarships." He said the scholarship board needed to be accountable to the people of Swaziland, noting that the board had an obligation to make the fees they recollected from past scholarship recipients public. He said this would help ascertain how much the country had in its reserves for scholarships and it would make it easier to see where most of the always dwindling budget of scholarships went to.

"They tell us they either cannot locate our files or the information is missing, with files literally empty yet they cannot search for the information because they are busy with other pressing business. When we offer to do the searching in the heaps of rotting files, they refuse," said the students.

They further lamented that most would lose their right to accommodation within campus and would be forced to look for alternative accommodation simply because of delays by the ministry of labour's side of the scholarship rollout process. A parent who called to vent out his frustration wondered how this matter was removed from the ministry of education to involve an incompetent ministry of labour that is unable to process applications and keep vital information all to the frustration of students. Attempts to get clarification from the affected office hit a snag after an official requested the identities of the afflicted students before he could venture to discuss the process involved in storing of files and processing of reinstatements. We could not provide the identities for fear of even worse forms of victimisation given that already the students had suffered enough this being in their second week of coming to the ministry and returning home without any assistance.



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The Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund [SMVAF] hereby invites locally registered window roller blinds contractors to indicate their interest in being selected to tender for the construction of the proposed office

Project Background Information

The scope of the works entails the **supply and installation of roller blinds** to the 5-storey building that includes inter alia offices from Levels 0 – 5, Wellness Centre, Restaurant, Canteen, Gyrnasium, Boardroom & Clinic. The development will provide about 8,900 square metres (Gross Building Area) of office space, accessed by two scenic lifts. The site is situated on Lot 3252, Mbhilibhi Street in Mbabane. The submitted Expressions of Interest will be evaluated and contractors who meet the pre-tender qualification criteria will be invited to tender for the roller blinds supply and installation contract.

Required Information:

Interested parties are required to submit the following information:

- 1. Letter of accreditation from their Blinds Supplier
- 2. Documented experience of three (3) projects successfully completed during the last three (3) years
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- 4. Company profile with curriculum vitae of key personnel
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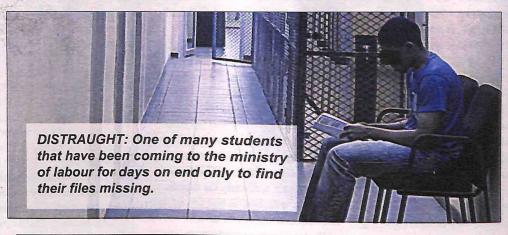
<u>Note:</u> A joint venture will be expected to provide full details of the joint venture arrangement and each member of the joint venture is to provide all information required.

Contractors who wish to be considered for selection as tenderers for the project are requested to submit the above requested information and hand deliver to the physical address below in a sealed envelope entitled, "Blinds Expression of Interest for Sincephetelo MVA Fund Head Office Development", NOT later than 3:00 pm on Friday, 19th August 2016. Late submissions shall not be considered.

The Chief Executive Officer, Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund, 2nd Floor, Sincephetelo MVA Fund Building, Gwamile Street, Mbabane,

Enquiries are to be directed to the office of the CEO, by electronic mail ONLY, E-mail: minenhle@mva.org.sz Disclaimer: SMVAF's decision is final and it is not obliged to give reasons for its decision to shortlist.

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CHAMPIONS: His Majesty King Mswati III lifting the trophy with Royal Leopard after being crowned the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup Champions 2016.

National commissioner congratulates Royal Leopard

ational Commissioner
Isaac Magagula has
expressed his joy at Royal
Leopard's winning the Swazi
Telecom Charity Cup in the presence of His Majesty the King on
Sunday against Manzini
Wanderers.

He congratulated the team on retaining the Charity Cup and further challenged *Ingwe Mabalabala* to continue winning more trophies. Magagula commended the fans

for their turn-up in supporting charity stating that the beauty of the football game was their presence to cheer up the players. He also applauded the fans for their good behaviour and further urged them to always display such conduct in all soccer matches.

On another note, members of the Royal Swaziland Police Service led by the Acting National Commissioner of Police William Dlamini took part in the Sibebe Survivor challenge 2016.

Team

The team also included the Deputy National Commissioner of Police Anthony Vilakati, Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police Sibongile Simelane, Senior Superintendent S'mangele Motsa and Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati, amongst others.

POLICE RE-AFFIRM PLEDGE IN FIGHT AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

he police service has reaffirmed its pledge to the public that gender-based violence cases, including crimes of passion, will be given the priority and urgency.

The campaign dubbed "Inyandzaleyo Shiselo Asibambisaneni Silwe Nebucala" was a combined effort by all the stations under the Shiselweni region. It started off with a march from the Nhlangano bus rank, and was joined by Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku and other dignitaries from the region.

The national commissioner of police was represented by Senior Deputy Commissioner Mumcy Dlamini, who spoke strongly against the ever rising cases of passion killings in the country.

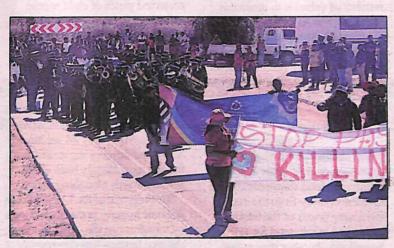
In her address, she re-assured the people of Shiselweni that the police service was committed and would ensure that violent crimes are dealt with accordingly.

She said to show the service's commitment in the fight against violent crimes, all the country's police stations have Domestic Violence and Child Protection Units with trained investigative practitioners. This is where spouses or lovers could come to report incidents of violence and abuse. The senior deputy national commissioner assured those present that their cases would be professionally handled and investigated.

The DCS Unit also provides counselling services where necessary.

Determination

Dlamini said to show the organisation's determination in uprooting this crime from society, the police service was working in collaboration with a cross section of stakeholders. Over the past



ONE VOICE: The marchers getting ready for the march at Nhlangano bus rank during the 'Inyandzaleyo Shiselo, Asibambisaneni Silwe Nebucala' campaign.

weeks, the police service has been staging campaigns in the different towns and cities including Mbabane, Malkerns and Mankayane focusing mainly on gender based violence, especially the passion killings.

Campaign

During the campaign, there were several speakers who all condemned the spate of killings that have ripped through the country in the past months.

Speaking at the same event, Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku spoke strongly against the killings.

He said Swazis should learn to respect each other and be able to forgive. He said his office was also working with the police in a bid to educate traditional authorities under the region about gender based violence and how it can be dealt with.

On the day, different plays which were aimed educating the people about the same subject were displayed. Other speakers making their remarks during the event included the business community of Shiselweni and the NATICC director. The campaign Ambassador Sukati, whose daughter Nobantu was killed a few months ago, said it was worrisome that passion killings continued despite the effort that the police were putting in. She said despite the prevailing situation, they would continue to speak strongly against it with the hope that one day Swazis would adhere to their teachings and listen to the many pleas.

Highlighted

Dlamini also highlighted that since the beginning of the year, at least 18 cases of passion kills have been reported. "Evidently, these statistics are sobering and a grave cause for concern. They amplify our message that as a society we must stand up against all forms of gender based violence and abuse as they have adverse implications for the wellbeing of society both from a social and crime ills-perspective," she said.

She also expressed the police service appreciation to other stakeholders like non-governmental



RE-ASSURING: Senior Deputy National Commissioner Mumcy Diamini addressing the gathering.



INITIATIVE: Shiselweni Region Regional Administrator Themba Masuku also joined in the march.

organisations such as NATICC and SWAAGA. She said these NGOs complemented the police by providing counselling services to the public including victims of violence and abuse. Traditional authorities were also commended for the role they played in conflict resolution and bringing peace between families and lovers.

She further appealed to the public to cooperate with the police by

promptly reporting cases of gender based violence and abuse, especially that which occurs within the family unit. Dlamini also highlighted that murders continued to be counted amongst stubborn crimes rampant in the society. Swazis were urged to respect the sanctity of human life as no one had a right to take someone else's life irrespective of the circumstances.



BUSHY: This is part of the 30 hectares land that was partly cleared to give way to the planting of maize for the Umchwele Farmers Association. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo)

UMCHWELE FARMERS LOSE E1M DUE TO CHIEFS LAND WRANGLE

By Bodwa Mbingo

he adage that when two elephants fight the grass suffers, holds true for the people of Maphilingo past Siphofaneni in the Lubombo region.

A land wrangle between two chiefs has resulted in a stalled project for the planting of maize, resulting in 108 families being affected by it. A dispute over the ownership of 30 hectares of land between Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze of Madlenya and Chief Maphilingo Shongwe of Maphilingo, resulted in the project being stopped abruptly last year. The 108 beneficiary families have had to wait for over a year now as their project has still not kick-started at least on the area covering 30 hectares. The project is under the Swaziland Agricultural **Development Enterprise** (SWADE)'s Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project (LUSIP) I and is said to have been initiated by the Maphilingo chief-

Given calculations derived from SWADE's expectations of yields of eight to 10 tonnes to come per hectare, the affected beneficiaries of the project could lose over E1

This is as a result of project under SWADE to plant maize on 30 hectares being stopped as two chiefs fight over land ownership

million from the stalled project. This is after it was revealed that government, on behalf of the farmers under LUSIP 1, negotiated successfully with the National Maize Corporation (NMC) to commit to a preferential price when purchasing maize from the farmers. NMC will therefore buy the maize at a preferential E3 550 per ton. This therefore means that when calculated over the maximum 10 tonnes yield per hectare, the affected beneficiaries stand to lose E1 065 000 from the 30 hectares that remains untouched.

Benefit

Members of the Umchwele Farmers Association that benefit the 108 families are still dumbfounded after tractors that were already on site for land clearance were stopped dead on their tracks from continuing with the projects. The members were told to wait until the matter is finalised by the office of the regional administrator

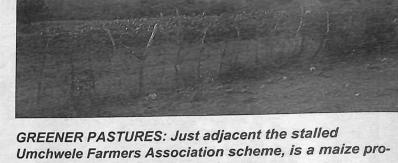
The stalling of the project has put

strain on government's aim, which, for starters, is to attain 140 000 metric tons of maize a year for the country to be food secured. Government is currently using a number of vehicles to attain this including SWADE who recently re-channelled its efforts and suspended new sugarcane planting in favour of planting maize. This was in reaction to the effects of the prevailing drought that is imposed by the El-Nino phenomenon in the country and region.

Reason

The stalling of the planting of sugarcane on new areas is in a bid to enhance food sustainability and save the country from the everincreasing prices of the imported maize as a staple food for Swaziland. Another reason that SWADE put forth is that maize consumes less water, and it will also feed into the national drought relief programme for food security.

The current situation is such that the country is in dire need to meet the white dry maize requirement of



ject that belongs to another scheme.

140 000 metric tonnes per annum. Currently the country is producing approximately over 81 000 metric tonnes per annum, which is 58% of the country's total requirement. This then translates to a shortfall of 59 000 metric tonnes, which is imported either from the region or international markets. A study conducted by SWADE revealed that to produce this amount of maize under irrigation, would require approximately 7 375 hectares with projected yields of eight metric tonnes per hectare. Already, yields of up to eight tonnes per hectare have been achieved before under irrigation in the project development area (PDA).

Schemes

Out of 91 agricultural schemes that are registered with SWADE under LUSIP I, only 44 are already active and farming sugarcane, but the rest have already been channelled towards ploughing maize

The objective of the LUSIP I is to alleviate poverty in the project area by transforming the existing subsistence farmers into commercial ones of irrigated lands producing cash crops (principally sugarcane). LUSIP I has about 2 600 beneficiary households, which translates to about 20 000 people.

Government, while negotiating a preferential price with NMC on

behalf of these farmers, further pledged to support the farmers producing the maize with funding on a soft loan basis (interest free) for fencing where required as well as inputs and mechanisation services. Water would also be made available where possible for private entities that would embark on the maize production project.

Scolded

Meanwhile, the Ludzidzini Council once scolded chiefs for not knowing their chiefdoms' boundaries. The late Council member Mathanzima Dlamini said it was saddening to learn that some chiefs do not know their boundaries yet they were entrusted with leading people. "Land disputes will never end if we continue like this. Chiefs should know all their boundaries once they are installed to look after land on behalf of the king. What is happening now is that chiefs are now and again fighting over land they do not know," he exclaimed during the Council's visit to Siphofaneni where they sought to settle a wrangle over land amongst a number of chiefs last year. Dlamini sounded a further warning to other young chiefs to ask carefully their elders where their boundaries end to avoid being in dispute with neighbours over similar issues.

SRA COMPENSATED MANANGA PROPERTY OWNERS WITH E3.1M

By Sabatha Diamini

whopping E3.1 million was paid to a single resident of Mananga who was affected by the extension of the Mananga Border Gate, contrary to claims that they were not compensated.

Finance Portfolio Committee Chairman Marwick Khumalo yesterday revealed in the House of Assembly that the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) compensated the affected residents, with the above mentioned figure being the highest paid compensation amount. The Lobamba Lomdzala legislator said the least paid amount was E9 000 and was paid in compensation for a structure whose block-work was almost at ground

Khumalo was responding to concerns from various members of parliament that SRA was the last organisation to fail to compensate people who were involved in smallscale businesses. Lugongolweni MP Joseph Souza said some of these people complained to him that compensation was insignificant to them. One of the affected, Souza said, told him he got a lousy E6 000.

Denied

MP Khumalo denied the SRA paid that kind of compensation. He said, however, if there were still pending concerns, the Finance Minister Martin Dlamini and the **SRA** Commissioner General Dumsani Masilela would attend to them since they shall be visiting the

chief's kraal. He said to their knowledge, all compensations were concluded in June. The compensations were made in respect of the structures affected by the development, not for the land because SRA and the finance committee believed the affected people did not own the land. Khumalo said the local authority had warned the residents that the land was allocated to SRA and at some point in time it would be taken away from them. The arguments transpired during the debate of a Public Service Pensions Fund Loan Guarantee (Swaziland Revenue Authority Headquarters and Mananga Border Construction

Project) Bill 2016. The Bill was eventually passed without amendments although some MPs had argued that conditions be included that would compel SRA to look into the concerns of the affected residents before being

for E7 million for future develop-

ments.

approved. The loan sought would be used to extend the Mananga Border Gate and also build a headquarters for the SRA at Ezulwini. A piece of land has already been purchased for the project at E14 million. Another piece nearby has been purchased



COMPENSATION ISSUES: Finance Portfolio Committee Chairman Marwick Khumalo.

BUSINESS ON SATURDAY



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he success of the financial inclusion agenda depends on the commitment and the formulation of partnerships between the public sector, the financial regulators and the private sector in general and the financial sector in par-

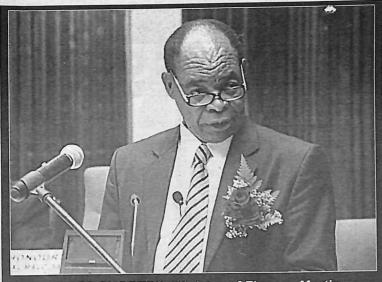
This was said by Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini who was speaking at the National Financial Inclusion 2016-2020 workshop hosted by the Micro Finance Unit held at the Mountain Inn yesterday morning.

"Partnerships between the public sector and the private sector such as the mobile network operators can lead this country towards greater financial inclusion.

The ministry of finance is committed to the implementation of the financial inclusion agenda and I implore all other stakeholders to join the ministry to make mass financial inclusion possible for all segments of the population," he

Dlamini explained that financial inclusion is one of the new portfolios assigned to the ministry of

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THE KEY TO SUCCESS: Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini.

finance given its role in the financial sector of the country.

"As a consequence of Legal Notice 189 of 2015, which was signed by His Majesty King Mswati III on November 2, 2016. The ministry is now looking at improving financial inclusion in the country," he said.

The minister pointed out that the

implementation of the financial inclusion agenda brings new and innovative ways in which the public sector can work with the private financial institutions and mobile network operators to deliver affordable and quality products and services to the poor.

The minister made the example of how currently ordinary Swazis can

now pay for utilities at such convenience due to some of the innovative financial products available

"Financial inclusion can be defined as the access of quality financial services and products provided at affordable prices; in a convenient manner and with dignity to all clients," he said.

Dlamini pointed out that financial inclusion to all segments of society can play a pivotal role in combating poverty and can make a significant contribution to the economic growth of he country.

"The acceleration of the movement of currency from one person to another can and will significantly impact the demand for financial services in the economy hence achieve economic growth for the country.

Microeconomic theory dictates that high velocity of money in an economy can stimulates growth with that economy," Dlamini emphasised.

Adding, Dlamini said a number of provisions in the country's National Development Strategy (NDS) are

relevant from the financial inclusion point of view.

"For instance the need to satisfy the demand for credit for indigenous entrepreneurs and the advanced efficiency in state owned financial institutions are overlapping initiatives of both the financial inclusion agenda and the NDS," he

Dlamini explained that the objective of the workshop was to preset and discuss the financial inclusion framework that will help the country to ensure access to quality and affordable financial services and products that are suited to the needs of the various sectors of Swaziland

"The Southern African Development Community (SADC) has recently developed its own financial inclusion strategy for the region and member countries will be expected to be in line with this strategy.

Therefore it is good that we also have begun the debate about financial inclusion.

The issue of financial inclusion has gone viral and therefore cannot be easily ignored," he said.

Although ahead SD still has ground to cover

espite being ahead of most other countries in the region Swaziland still has a long way to go in terms of financial inclusion. Speaking at the National Financial Inclusion 2016-2020 workshop hosted by the Micro Finance Unit held the Mountain Inn yesterday morning, Central Bank of Swaziland Governor Majozi Sithole said, more needs to be done to develop services and products that will suit the needs of the unbanked in this country.

Innovation

Given his position as chief regulator of the banking financial institutions of Swaziland the governor said, "We, as regulators, need to create an enabling environment for the private financial sector to be innovative and create new products that will attract the unbanked.

We need to change the course of people's lives through financial education and access to finance to the point of poverty alleviation and economic sustainability. he said.

Sithole said regulators, advance financial inclusion, need to

ensure that regulations are not costly and cumbersome and that they are



LONG WAY TO GO: Central Bank of Swaziland Governor Majozi Sithole.

cognisant of the underlying risks associated with those specific products.

"CBS will work with

relevant stakeholders

like the Ministry of

Education and other

holders to educate

products and services"

"It is also our intention that we do not overly regulate by creating rules which will be an over burden to the development of new financial market stakefinancial products and therefore stifle innovation," he consumers on financial

The governor said the CBS will continue to invest in educating the

public to be able to understand the new products offered especially their opportunities and risks before allowing them into the formal financial market, "International best practices standards will be used as benchmarks against local products to ensure the safety of all financial products and services on the market," he said.

Sithole in closing emphasised the role of financial literacy in financial inclusion and the measures the central bank will be embarking on.

"The CBS will work with relevant stakeholders like the Ministry of Education and other financial market stakeholders to educate consumers on financial products and services, this will increase financial literacy and go a long way in reaching the goal of 75 percent of the adult population having two or more financial products," he said.

MFU, FinMark Trust to conduct national survey on MSMEs

By Linda Dlamini

ricro Finance Unit (MFU) in conjunction with the FinMark Trust will begin conducting a national survey of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise sector of the country.

According to a statement released by the MFU, "The survey will assess the performance of the sector particularly the nature and scope of the MSME in Swaziland, the contribution to gross domestic product, employment and exports as well as identify key drivers and the constraining factors." It further states that the purpose of this survey is to provide relevant information to support the development of the sector and access to finance.

"This will inform the monitoring and evaluation framework of the country's financial inclusion agenda," the statement said. It also states that the lack of information on the performance of the sector is a constraining factor to the lack of financial institutions that should extend services and the policy makers to improve the environment. The statement adds that key findings of the survey will help the country establish the business coverage of the MSMEs, the segmentation and market concentration, share contribution to GDP, employment and exports and the financial coverage. "Financial services help foster an economic growth through the promoting the development of supportive infrastructure and systems that would ease to credit for a well prepared MSME sector to contribute to economic growth, employment creation and exports.

Also improved access to finance is regarded as progrowth and also means to reduce income and inequality and poverty," reads the statement as part.

The statement said a steering committee comprising of the MFU, the SME unit under the Ministry of Commerce Industry and Trade, the Central Bank of Swaziland and the Central Statistics Office (CSO) was established to guide the conduct of the survey.

With regards to the methodology of the study the statement said the MSME FinScope Swaziland 2016 will interview a sample of 2 00 house households with a business total of 405 enumerating areas across the country, of which 309 will be in the rural communities.

"The survey shall be conducted from this month until October 2016, enumerators with identity documents signed by the MFU will be visiting the selected households for the interviews," the MFU said.



n a quest to promote the rights of offenders by keeping them in humane custodial conditions, the Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase has issued an order directing inmates with smoking habits to be housed in cells separate from inmates who do not smoke.

His Majesty's Correctional Services remains distressed by the noxious habit of smoking by offenders within the centres. However, the department is reluctant to let this practice triumph over its mandate of providing the best possible health care services to offenders to protect them from being infected by diseases whilst in our custody.

The basis of such reasoning emanates from the fact that the institution explicitly comprehends the serious dangers of smoking not only to the smoker but also the non-smoker who shares the same atmosphere.

Ntshangase noted the United Nations Basic Principles for the Treatment of offenders (two) which indicate that inmates like all citizens are entitled to the highest attainable standard of health care services. This emphasises that offenders should have access to health services available in the country without discrimination on the grounds of their legal situation. "In other words, the fact that people are in prison does not mean they have any reduced right to fair treatment.

When a state deprives people of their liberty, it takes on a responsibility to look after their health and general wellbeing," he stated.

Supported by the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of offenders, Ntshangase saw it fit to have a proper categorisation of smoking and non-smoking offenders. He said this was also a collaborative agenda by the African Correctional Services Association (ACSA) to have smoking eliminated within the setup.

Tobacco

The Prison Act, 1964 which is the current operational legal instrument also makes reference to such. Section 37(1) speaks of the restriction of alcohol and tobacco within the facility. Similarly to alcohol which is banned in correctional facilities, smoking can also be outlawed completely. Correctional institutions remain with the mandate to have dormitories occupied by inmates carefully selected as being suitable to associate with one another under the same conditions.

Ntshangase explained that the rehabilitation process of offenders incorporated the elimination of certain habits which are not allowed within correctional settings. He said one of these habits include smoking. However, considering that smoking is by nature addictive, Ntshangase said they were currently advocating for the alleviation of such a habit gradually even though the ultimate goal is to completely eliminate smoking within correctional centres.

The notion to have smoking banished within correctional centres is not one that mushrooms within the atmosphere as the international community is also advocating for such. Ntshangase

HMCS INTOLERANT OF SMOKING HABIT



AGREE: Some of the inmates from Mbabane Correctional Centre concur with the elimination of smoking within prison facilities.

explained that most Correctional institutions he had visited long overcame this challenge, especially because it became evident; most of the chronic diseases emanated from such habits as smoking. He added that this was not a practice obtainable within the corrections domain as smoking in public places remained prohibited worldwide. These are the very places that offenders will be reintegrated into upon release from custody.

Directive

Elaborating on the directive to have smoking banished, the commissioner general explained that such was in conformity with international, regional and national health standards as the country had signed numerous conventions in its effort to uplift the standard of health for its citizens. "While we conform to national health standards, we cannot be seen on the other hand to be contradicting ourselves by allowing such habits."

Ntshangase explained that they were cognisant of the fact that cigarettes do not just harm the people who smoke but also cause serious harm to those who are near the smoker and exposed to passive smoke. He further brought it into light that despite the dangers posed by smoking to one's health, it remained

a criminal offence to expose one to passive smoke. "Ungeke ushaye ishawulo emkhathini wabantu".

While for many years the use of cigarettes in prisons stayed unquestioned, the sun has dawned upon an educated community of offenders who have attested to the deadly dangers of smoking. These are offenders who have been addicted for 10 to 25 years but were brave enough to quit smoking.

An interview with some of the offenders, they could only confirm that education and opportunity were the key instruments towards the elimination of smoking. Some of the offenders interviewed explained that when they arrived in the facility, they were accommodated with other smokers and stayed in such cells for years.

As time progressed, they were exposed to health education but this alone was not enough until they personally made the decision.

This decision was comprehended by their isolation from smoking offenders and accommodated in their own cells where smoking was prohibited. Even though this decision was not easy at first, they explained that they do not regret taking such a stance.

The biggest challenge is when one

DIRECTIVE: Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase calls for the categorisation of smoking and non-smoking offenders.

HAT springs out as a matter of interest in recent days is the grave concern by a number of offenders who believe that the use of tobacco should be eradicated within the Correctional setup.

OFFENDERS SPEAK...

● When I was admitted, I was kept in one of the smoking blocks until 2014 when I informed my superiors that I wanted to quit smoking and requested to be housed in the nonsmoking blocks. I had tried to stop smoking while living with the smokers but because of the availability of the cigarettes, it was difficult. There is currently a big difference in my life now such that if someone smokes from outside our cell, the smoke smells like a poisonous gas.

• We are quite clear now on the dangers of smoking and it is our wish that smoking should be eliminated in all the dormitories. There is a duty for our nurses to spread the gospel further because a majority of my colleagues have the desire to stop smoking but fear the consequences. It is even a sad story when you think of the crimes we are exposed to in the bid to get dagga or cigarettes in the outside world. One of the crimes that brought me here is linked to the subject in question because when you do not have money, robbery becomes the only option. We believe more educational sessions could help bring a clear picture on the dangers of smoking.

Seeing is believing! For me it was a different sination. Having smoked for 25 years, I came across a picture of a person with lung cancer due to smoking. I was shocked and that's when I decided to quit smoking. Though it was not easy but I managed to do it gradually as I reduced the number of cigarettes I had each day. I even went to the extent of locking myself inside my house so that I could not mingle with my friends.

has to deal with the withdrawal symptoms, something they described needed commitment. The offenders further narrated that having stopped smoking, there was now a great difference in their lives even health wise. "We wish our health facilitators could continue spreading the gospel even to the other dormitories so that in the end smoking becomes a tale within prison," said one offender who had been addicted for 15 years.

On the other hand, Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase says smoking is strictly not allowed for

officers who are on duty. Ntshangase says all officers have the obligation to lead by example as they have inmates and nation who look upon them for guidance. He explained that like teachers, officers were expected to live an exemplary life before the offenders undergoing rehabilitation. "Kuze i-officer elibhekeke lishaye I pilongi ligcoke i-uniform".

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WITH: Alec Lushaba **Observer on Satuday**

Editor



n Wednesday Ingwenyama closed the People's Parliament (Sibaya) after a gruelling six days of honest submissions.

When he opened it, the King commanded the Nation to speak out, so that by the time we hold the SADC Summit (in three weeks time from now), we have dealt with some thorny issues (emanyeva).

It is not for me to comment on the National Secretary Nhlanhla Dlamini's overall summary report of the proceedings.

The reality is that we were all at Sibaya, physically or following proceedings through the national broadcaster (radio and television). We heard for ourselves what the people said.

In fact, even without a report of the previous Sibaya, people recalled what was said in 2013 and expressed their disappointment at the lack of progress.

My purpose today is to also ventilate what I heard the nation saying at Sibaya and further propose a way forward.

But before doing so; let me state this point, which is at the heart of our Kingdom and one which has seen us survive even colonial interventions which wanted to do away with the institution of the Monarch

The reason the institution of the Monarch has survived all attacks, both internally and externally has been TRUST.

His Majesty the King when explaining Monarchical Democracy, told the United Nations 68th General Assembly in 2013 that it is the marriage between the Monarchy and the ballot box.

The ballot box is the will of the people. People provide advice and counsel to the King that ensures transparency and accountability. This fundamental relationship is built and stands on nothing else but TRUST.

Swazis and the King have institutions that ensure that this relationship is maintained; one of them is Sibaya.

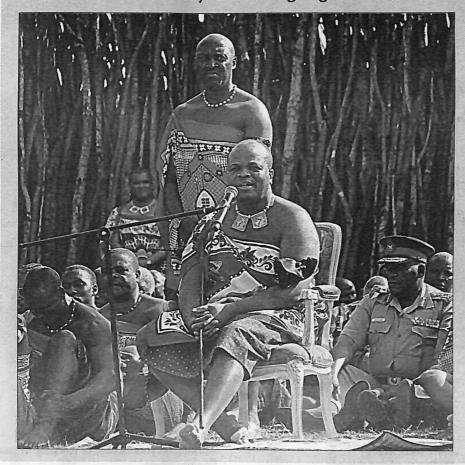
Sibaya is one of the platforms where people of all ages are presented with an opportunity to state their concerns or feedback without fear of reprisal, in order for the Monarch to respond honestly to the challenges or issues.

Coming out of this Sibaya, it is clear that one of the institutions, upon which the Monarch is based, chiefs, is weak.

The constitution defines chiefs as the footstools (tinsika) of Ingwenyama and that

GOING FORWA AFTER SIBA

...sometimes the best way forward is going back to the basics



Ingwenyama rules through chiefs.

Speaker after speaker lamented this point, by giving an account of their own individual situations.

Neglected

If it was not that they have been without a chief for years and felt neglected, there were issues of chieftaincy disputes, or chiefs who are corrupt or who don't respect or listen to the very people they lead on behalf of the King.

These are challenges which the King would need to address urgently, in order to take charge of the many situations that make people feel vulnerable under the institution of the Monarch. One speaker proposed that the King should bring chiefs and bantfwabenkhosi closer as advisors. They believe that, like in years gone by, chiefs and bantfwabenkhosi provided council to Ingwenyama without fear of losing their positions.

Some Swazis feel that the current advisory

councils are not competent because to them this is a job and at times they evade telling the truth for fear of losing their jobs.

One of the things currently undermining the institution of the Monarchy is not the King's inability to provide for his people, it is the very people closest to him, numerous speakers said. Public officers were accused of demonstrating disdain for the people they are supposed to

Mistakes

In yester years anyone entrusted with a well public office would try to represent the King by trying to avoid committing mistakes whilst holding that office.

Not anymore, the people cried. Today those in public office see themselves as more important than the people they are supposed to serve. They are inaccessible and further become obstacles for people to access their King. That's what dominated Sibaya

Clearly, the King has a duty to remind all those in public office that it is not about them, but the people. They are appointed to serve the people and not to be served.

From the concerns of the elderly grants, to many developmental issues raised at Sibaya, it was clear that those in office have forgotten their duties and mandate.

The question is, what do we need to do? At times, in order to move forward, we need to go back to the basics. Before we even consider the grand issues of multi-party democracy, it is clear that we need to ensure that our local governing structures are in order.

Clearly, in communities without chiefs, we need to install them as a matter of urgency and further resolve the chieftaincy disputes.

We need to have chiefs and bantfwabenkhosi very close to the King. His Majesty the Ingwenyama cannot do everything by himself.

With regards to the western government (hulumende wemabhuluko), this government needs to know that it works for the King and the people. The mistake they make every day is thinking that they work for the King alone. They do everything to appease the King, even when it means lying about the realities on the

Their actions are currently divisive to the nation and they need to be reminded and focus. But they will not be able to deliver on this when the advisory councils are far from providing oversight on the general performance of government.

Power

Hulumende wemabhuluko needs to be reminded that it works under a system that is underpinned on decentralisation and devolution of power. It is anti-tinkhundla to centralise power, as doing so undermines our traditional structures

Swazi lore dictates that Inkhosi yinkhosi ngebantfu (the King is the king by the people). Without the people we have no King. That's why in our Swazi lore, the King is more secured where with the people than by him-

Coming out of this Sibaya I suggest that we go back to the basics we need to ensure that our traditional structures are strengthened, that being the chiefs and their communities.

Government must deliver for the people, not just individuals. Chiefs will be much stronger if our Tinkhundla centres are empowered and given the resources to respond to people's needs. It is a shame that our people can complain of inaccessible roads and bridges.

If we do so, we will prevent many of these submissions Umngani TV Mthethwa considered to be inhlata (immature) to occur in future. Lastly, one hopes that Emabandla heard the Nation speak. It is incumbent upon them to ensure that they also don't fail the King. The same should be said of the Prime Minister, we hope he has taken the Nation's concerns on board

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Dealing with Diabetes



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any people don't know that having diabetes means that you have a greater chance of having heart problems, such as heart attacks or strokes.

According to Diabetes UK, these four steps help people with diabetes understand, monitor, and manage their diabetes to help them stay healthy.

Step 1: learn about diabetes

What is diabetes?

There are three main types of diabetes:

.Type 1 diabetes - Your body does not make insulin. This is a problem because you need insulin to take the sugar (glucose) from the foods you eat and turn it into energy for your body. You need to take insulin every day to live.

.Type 2 diabetes – Your body does not make or use insulin well. You may need to take pills or insulin to help control your diabetes. Type 2 is the most common type of diabetes.

.Gestational (jest-TAY-shun-al) diabetes - Some women get this kind of diabetes when they are pregnant. Most of the time, it goes away after the baby is born. But even if it goes away, these women and their children have a greater chance of getting diabetes later in life.

You are the most important member of your health care team.

You are the one who manages your diabetes day by day. Talk to your doctor about how you can best care for your diabetes to stay healthy. Some others who can help are:

- .Dentist
- Diabetes doctor
- .Diabetes educator
- .Dietitian
- .Eye doctor
- Foot doctor .Friends and family
- .Mental health counselor
- Nurse practitioner
- .Pharmacist
- .Social worker

How to learn more about diabetes

Take classes to learn more about living with diabetes. To find a class, check with your health care team, hospital, or area health clinic. You can also search online.

Join a support group — in-person or online — to get peer support with managing Chame mu mes and a your diabetes.

Take diabetes seriously

You may have heard people say they have "a touch of diabetes" or that their "sugar is a little high." These words suggest that diabetes is not a serious disease. That is not correct. Diabetes is serious, but you can learn to manage it.

People with diabetes need to make healthy food choices, stay at a healthy weight, move more every day, and take their medicine even when they feel good.

Why take care of your diabetes?

Taking care of yourself and your diabetes can help you feel good today and in the future. When your blood sugar (glucose) is close to normal, you are likely to:

FOUR STEPS TO NAGEYOUR JAB ETES FOR LIFE

Taking care of your diabetes means taking care of your heart



.Have more energy

.Be less tired and thirsty

.Need to pass urine less often

.Heal better

.Have fewer skin or bladder infections

You will also have less chance of having health problems caused by diabetes such as:

.Heart attack or stroke

.Eye problems that can lead to trouble seeing or going blind

.Pain, tingling, or numbness in your hands and feet, also called nerve damage

.Kidney problems that can cause your kidneys to stop working

.Teeth and gum problems

Step 2: Know your diabetes ABCs

Talk to your health care team about how to manage your A1C, Blood pressure, and Cholesterol. This can help lower your chances of having a heart attack, stroke, or other diabetes problems.

Step 3: Learn how to live with diabetes

It is common to feel overwhelmed, sad, or angry when you are living with diabetes. You may know the steps you should take to stay healthy, but have trouble sticking with your plan over time. This section has tips on how to cope with your diabetes, eat well, and be active.

Cope with your diabetes

Stress can raise your blood sugar. Learn ways to lower your stress. Try deep breathing, gardening, taking a walk, meditating,

working on your hobby, or listening to your favorite music.

Ask for help if you feel down. A mental health counselor, support group, member of the clergy, friend, or family member who will listen to your concerns may help you feel better.

Eat well

.Make a diabetes meal plan with help from your health care team.

 Choose foods that are lower in calories, saturated fat, trans fat, sugar, and salt.

.Eat foods with more fiber, such as whole grain cereals, breads, crackers, rice, or pasta.

.Choose foods such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, bread and cereals, and low-fat or skim milk and cheese.

Drink water instead of juice and regular

.When eating a meal, fill half of your plate with fruits and vegetables, one quarter with a lean protein, such as beans, or chicken or turkey without the skin, and one quarter with a whole grain, such as brown rice or whole wheat pasta.

Be active

.Set a goal to be more active most days of the week. Start slow by taking 10 minute walks, three times a day.

.Twice a week, work to increase your muscle strength. Use stretch bands, do yoga, heavy gardening (digging and planting with tools), or try push-ups.

.Stay at or get to a healthy weight by using your meal plan and moving more.

Know what to do every day

.Take your medicines for diabetes and any other health problems even when you feel good. Ask your doctor if you need aspirin to prevent a heart attack or stroke. Tell your doctor if you cannot afford your medicines or if you have any side effects.

.Check your feet every day for cuts, blisters, red spots, and swelling. Call your health care team right away about any sores that do not go away.

.Brush your teeth and floss every day to keep your mouth, teeth, and gums healthy.

.Stop smoking.

.Keep track of your blood sugar. You may want to check it one or more times a day. Use the card at the back of this booklet to keep a record of your blood sugar numbers. Be sure to talk about it with your health care

 Check your blood pressure if your doctor advises and keep a record of it.

Talk to your health care team

 Ask your doctor if you have any questions about your diabetes.

Report any changes in your health.

Step 4: Get routine care to stay healthy

See your health care team at least twice a year to find and treat any problems early.

At each visit, be sure you have a:

.Blood pressure check

.Foot check

.Weight check

Review of your self-care plan

.Once each year, be sure you have a:

.Cholesterol test

.Complete foot exam

Dental exam to check teeth and gums

.Dilated eye exam to check for eye problems

.Flu shot

.Urine and a blood test to check for kidney problems

At least once in your lifetime, get a:

.Pneumonia (nu-mo-nya) shot

.Hepatitis B (HEP-uh-TY-tiss) shot

Things to Remember:

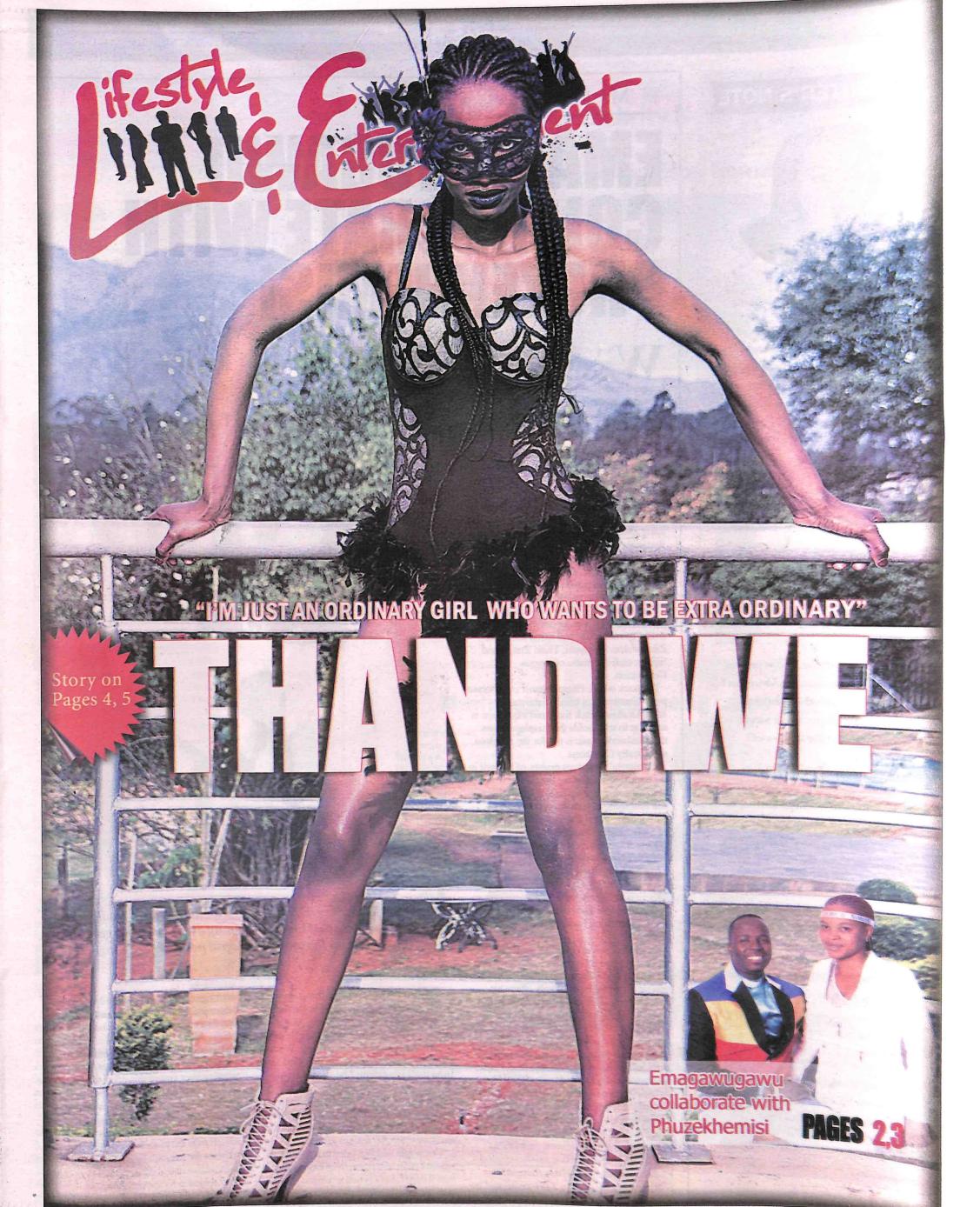
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WRITER'S NOTE



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The week that had most people sniffing because of the cold is almost over. I am hoping this was the good-bye flu from winter because we are sooo anticipating spring and summer. Yes, the season where we get to see abs, belly rings, crop tops, hot pants, fashion disasters; I just can't wait.

This is the last quiet weekend before we venture into the one of the prime times in the country, we are anticipating the Trade Fair, Umhlanga, Bikers Rally and numerous shows that will be all over the country ushering us to Spring.

Talking of spring, I hope you, my reader have taken the advice that I have been preaching about on shedding off the winter weight because it's time to show-off!

Thandiwe, a model from Top Model Swaziland just keeps on keeping on. I incorporated her so we get a gist of how she makes it in the modeling world and where she is from. Catch the interview on Page 4.

We also have a detailed article on Gawuzela's collaboration with abo Maskandi; what a pleasant wonder.

On 'We Are Women' column we will be helping single mothers on how to balance romance and rearing the offspring.

My advice for this weekend is keep it easy, treat the flue, get your beauty sleep because from next weekend it's on until January, LOL.

Enjoy this read guys and take care!!!

Maskandi meets gospel as:

MAGAMUGAMU COLLABORATE WITH PHUZEKHEMISI

ho would have thought? Well they say originality implies being bold enough to go beyond accepted norms and that's what seemingly characterises the attitude and aptitude of popular Zion gospel music artist Mduduzi Nezinceku Zamagawugawu, aptly called 'Gawuzela'.

He just isn't satisfied and settled in sticking with the norm but is a daring character having so much faith it could move the mountains as it were.

'Gawuzela' does not take no for an answer and would push himself to the utmost in pursuing what he thinks is a noble undertaking. Remember his 'Makhwelwane Simbona Ngetento' programme on Swazi TV? Eh! It was the work of an innovative brain at work. Now he has dropped a new album titled Thuma Mina Baba – Reloaded Volume 3.

The powerful 12-track album contains collaborations with popular SA maskandi music artist Phuzekhemisi, real name Johnston Zibakwakhe Mnyandu, Thina Zungu and Siphumelele Mbambo of Joyous Celebration.

The track where Phuzekhemisi collaborates with 'Gawuzela' is titled Makhrestu Masithandane (track four) and a question is asked as to who holds the misplaced view that maskandi music is not for the religious, specifically Christians

'Gawuzela' also sings praises of himself in the track whilst allowing the adored Phuzekhemisi to also share his with listeners and followers, as he always does. Also joining in the fray is the equally talented Siphumelele Mbambo.

Other collaborative tracks are; Yilwa Nabalwa Nami with Siphumelele and Vuka Ukhanye with Thina.

Evident

There is definitely nothing that can stop an idea whose time has come as evident in this latest undertaking by the gifted Zion music artist.

'Gawuzela' never ceases to amaze from his ingenuity when it comes to compositions in his tracks to the strong stage presence, you've got to salute this lively character.

He is surely a force to be reckoned with Over the years, he's packed gospel music lovers with his six to six shows where local and SA groups grace the stage to usher in the New Year in style. It has resulted to strong partnerships with companies such as Dups Insurance and renowned men of God like Apostle Justice Dlamini and Reverend David Chaliyumba.

Now he feels he's conquered local shores hence decided to collaborate with Phuzekhemisi in this historic partnership which sees gospel meeting maskandi music. I ask again; who would have thought? Sharing about his album, 'Gawuzela' said he



• "Regarding mixing gospel with maskandi or traditional music was another tactic of winning over fans of this genre (of music) as they too form an integral part in God's Kingdom"

"The theme being advanced is that the group is ready for the SADC region and beyond with our music hence the title send me wherever ('thuma mina baba'). We are prepared as messengers wherever God sends us to fulfil His calling," he says.

Unity He adds that they are elated the album came out this month with the SADC Summit in sight as they emphasise on unity amongst musicians and Africans in general.

"One might add that prior to releasing an album I get a revelation from God hence you'll note I don't produce albums year on year but mostly after a three-year break. I

was eestatic to have reached this stage with would groom and grill myself thoroughly before unleashing a new product to the market. In a nutshell, I give it my best shot.

Tactic

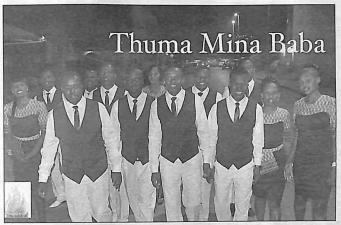
"Regarding mixing gospel with maskandi or traditional music was another tactic of winning over fans of this genre (of music) as they too form an integral part in God's Kingdom. There's a misconception that Christianity is about gospel music yet other genres comprise of Christians as I found out myself over the years".

This is the message he's now spreading and was astounded when he met Phuzekhemisi for the collaboration.

"If you want quality, learn from the best







BITS AND PIECES

- 'Gawuzela' launched his church; God's Grace Miracle Point International at Phuzumoya last year where he was ordained as a Pastor
- Is a teacher by profession
- Has seven albums released to date with the debut being 'Ndikhokhele'
- Other albums released thus far are; 'Simbona Ngothando', 'MaKrestu', 'Inqobile Ingwenyama', 'Jesus is Mine' and 'Iyakwehla Imvula'.
- Group collaborated over the years with the likes of Donny Ngwenyama,
 Malibongwe Qwabe, Glory of the Last
 Day's Faith Khanyile and Khayalethu
 Masuku
- •Graced a number of corporate events such as SPTC's road shows and SEA •Uses instrumental accompaniment in
- their songs as opposed acapella
 Has been popular with hosting sold out gospel cross-over shows over the years.

hence I tracked down
Phuzekhemisi in KwaZulu
Natal and proposed the collaboration. I found a sober person
who's not only a non-smoker
but also doesn't indulge in
intoxicating drinks (alcohol);
he's a devoted Christian. I must
say I was pleasantly surprised
by the discovery," Simelane
says, adding Phuzekhemisi's
more than 30 years experience
would rub off on him going
forward in the music industry.

Embrace

He argues that gospel artists, in particular, should grow and embrace contemporaries from the other genres to win over the diverse souls out there, some of whom adore *maskandi* and *mbhacanga*, amongst other types of music.

Regarding Siphumelele, he says it was about time they collaborated as she too sings Zion music just like Emagawugawu. Turning to Thina Zungu, he describes his music as touching and telling hence needed to be

roped-in for this jam-packed release.

"The international stage is beckoning, that's our message," reiterates 'Gawuzela'. A launch is on the cards for the album, though he hinted it might be around October.

Tunes

Track three *Kusezoba Mnandi* emphasises the fact
that the group is yet to dish out
more soothing tunes for its followers and music lovers at
large. It demonstrates
'Gawuzela' is not about to
retire or tire out soon.
The album was recorded at
Dem Dem Studios in
Matsapha.

Other tracks to look out for are; Uma UJehova, Ungahambi Nathi Asisuki la, Ngiyamthanda Kakhulu manje, Bayosala Bebuzana, Phaphamani Mhlaba and Ngangikuphi Na?

He rounds off the delivery with an instrumental piece.

(By Njabulo Dlamini)

SA Celebrity News

Love is in the air for Maps, Nomzamo

OHANNESBURG - William
Shakespeare once said, "If music be the food of love, play on." And Nomzamo Mbatha did not stop the music when she was asked to be one of the women invited by Power FM to host shows in celebration of Women's Month. Being the bubbly eloquent speaker, Nomzamo took the bull by the horns addressing matters pertaining to women in South Africa. At the end of an uplifting talk on women empowerment, Nomzamo was surprised when her boyfriend Masego 'Maps' Maponyane stunned her with a bouquet of flowers.



Nandi, Zakes Bantwini have a bun in the oven

OHANNESBURG - The couple who recently tied the knot in a secret wedding have become Mzansi's favourite couple with everyone including their fans congratulation Nandi and Zakes on their union.

Nandi came out to silence all rumours as she confirmed that she is officially Mrs Madida. She was announced as the new presenter for the second season of Coke Studio, confirmed that she and Zakes Bantwini are married by re-introducing herself as Nandi Madida. Zakes also took to social media to celebrate and ask for privacy when it comes to their marriage and pregnancy.

He wrote, "I'm working on, My marriage,

Our pregnancy, God has truly blessed me this year. More than three years ago of being in a relationship my wife and I decided to make our relationship private and not make a career out of our relationship."

He further wrote, "As excited as we have been about certain things, As Africans by culture we you wait until the right time to divulge such sensitive news as a pregnancy. But unfortunately we had been robbed of such privilege by being public figures. We decided to make the news official yesterday on our own terms than feeling pressure to succumb to speculation and rumours about our lives."



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Joyous

Muvhango's Susan on being called 'ugly'

OHANNESBURG - "Being told you're ugly is not nice," Maumela Mahuwa says. She is the famous Muvhango actress who plays the role of the Chief's wife, Susan. Maumela opened up to DRUM about her childhood struggles, being rejected and how she overcame the stigma of being called ugly after an influential man told her she was "a beautiful African child".

"When I agreed with them that I was ugly, I stopped loving myself... When you are told you are too dark, short, your nose is flat and your lips are too big, you start to believe you are really ugly. I saw nothing



beautiful in me," an emotional Maumela says. The 36-year-old actress who also had issues with her late mother says it took her 12 years to work through her self-esteem issues. **Drum**

Minnie thought she and Khune would get married

OHANNESBURG - Minnie Dlamini, poured her heart out during a tell-all interview with Anele Mdoda on Real Talk. The TV personality went all out on an interview about her life with Anele, she even touched on her highly publicised break up with Kaizer Chiefs skipper Itumeleng Khune.

Even though it's not the first time Minnie has gone public about her relationship with the soccer player, this interview was by far the most intimate.

Minnie spoke of her first date with the goalkeeper, how Khune got her numbers from a mutual friend and called her to ask her out

"He said I will fetch you from the airport, then we can have lunch and I will take you home. We had sushi and it became our favourite," Minnie said.

Anele asked about the publicity surrounding their breakup.

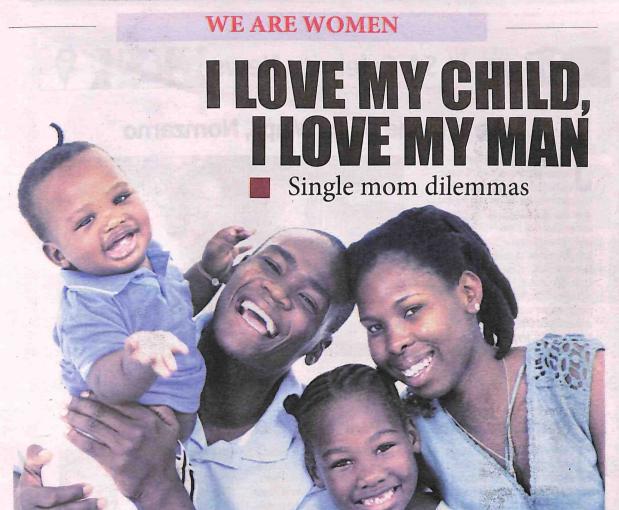
Responding to the question the TV personality explained that she didn't believe going public on social media had anything to do with her breakup. Saying various aspects caused their split.

"I was happy when it was good. It was the kind of relationship I didn't see ending. I did see myself marrying him," Minnie added

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Being a single mother is very hard and challenging on its own; having to deal with a broken heart, a man who impregnated you and fled the 'crime scene' add to the woes.

The financial aspects are even harder, babies do not come cheap. As a new single mother the ultimate goal is to keep your child healthy and happy and nothing else matters. But let us be honest, we slowly ease back into the society and feel the space of having to be loved by someone. After all, the baby is grown and you can afford to steal time away from it. We get back to the game with hopes of getting a 'better man' and yes some of them seem that way; women are also human, they eventually give in to their physical and emotional needs.

The single mother finally finds a man after years of resentment towards men and bitterness. Finding a new man can be challenging to the single mother in the following ways:

1. The allocation of time between the child and the man can be wrongly placed. At times, the man or the child will be deprived of time. Mothers who are fond of their children barely spend time with the man while the more flexible ones windup neglecting their children. It becomes a tough one believe me.

2. Also, low self-esteem of the mother can get in the way of the new relationship. She has been brutally hurt so trust doesn't come easy, in fact, the single mom can be very insecure.

3. The hardest one is when the new man does not accept the fact that she has a baby; men normally worry on the possibilities of the baby daddy's 'come back'. This aspect may ruin the relationship and it is a fact that the child is going nowhere; he or she will always be there. Single moms deserve to be happy like anyone else. Here are reasons why dating is also good for single moms according to

EmmaJohnson.com:

• You've got your kids. Now you can date for you. When I was dating in my twenties, I was looking for a husband with a healthy set of testicles with which to sire children. I have them now. Two awesome, healthy ones, in fact. I can check that off my life to-do list and look for a man for love or companionship or sex — or all three. The pressure is off.

• You are kinder to yourself...and that makes you a delight to be around. Divorce is a bummer. So many disappointments, self-blame, and broken hearts. To move on, you must forgive. Forgive yourself. Forgive your ex. Forgive the friends and in-laws who you felt deserted you. This kindness bleeds into your other relationships. Since my divorce I have found that I am so much less judgmental of myself. I am also far less critical of other people, including men. And guess what? They seem to like me more for it! Imagine that

• You're a stronger, happier version of yourself. Being a single mom means that you have been through at least two life-altering experiences. 1) You became a parent, who will blow your mind, heart and life in incredible ways, and 2) you've found yourself single after a serious long-term relationship. Whether the single part was by way of divorce, breakup, death or choice, it was a big deal, and that changed you. You survived that, and not only are you better for it – you're sexier for it.

• Oh right – you're sexier. Confidence, a full heart, and life experience all equals being a richer, fuller person. People are attracted to these qualities in a real, meaningful way. Especially the people you want to attract, aka awesome men. • You accept your body. You've carried and birthed and nursed a baby. You know what an amazing thing the female body is. Its imperfections? Who cares! Age and childbearing has allowed you to enjoy your body for all it has to offer. Including sex.

• Sex is better. When you feel comfortable with your body, let go of past hang-ups, and are less critical of your partner – that's when stuff gets good. Plus, there's no pressure re: baby making (see No. 1).

• You've become who you are. When I met my husband in my midtwenties, I was still struggling to make my way professionally. My longest friendships were still forming, and I was still figuring out what was most important to me. Now, I have reached many milestones in my career, relationships, and inner life. I know who am, and what I want. Which makes dating about 1 000 times easier.

• You are not that annoying, needy girlfriend. Women with kids have a whole lot of responsibilities. Our time is limited. How could we be clingy? When we do have time for boyfriends, we make the very most of it. Throw a fit because he didn't text for three days? Please! I have lunches to make and doctor appointments to schedule.

• You're less susceptible to wasting time on the wrong guy, because you have less time. Busy single moms have fewer lonely nights to fill, fewer dinners eaten alone. There is less temptation to piddle away hours with losers just because you're lonely. Time is precious, and efficient moms know that the best way to spend time with a man is truly enjoying a really, really great one.

(By Phumelele Mkhonta)





Cover story

he 24-year-old lass who holds a Diploma in Tourism Management from SCOT just keeps on wow-ing us with the way she keeps on shining in the modelling world and slays at it.

Just recently, Thandiwe Dlamini joined other young ladies from around Africa to compete for the ultimate title of 'TOP MODEL AFRICA'.

She might have not brought the crown home but she attained 'Top Spokes Model', Top 6 tallest and other daily titles.

"I'm just an ordinary girl from Lavumisa who wants to be extra ordinary. I am the first born daughter of Pastor Amos Dlamini who has for two consecutive years won the Physically Challenged Entrepreneur of the year award.

I'm second generation of entrepreneurs. I have two brothers and two sisters," she chuckles as she introduce herself.

We had a one-on-one with this beauty and this is how she tackled the questions we asked her.

How did you view modelling before you joined the industry?

I thought getting to wear the most beautiful, expensive, glamorous outfits, models actually get to keep the clothes.*giggles* I've discovered that shoots are not always as glamorous as the photos portray. There is often a lot more going on behind a photo shoot than the finished picture presents. The model may have to work on a really cold or hot day wearing completely the wrong type of clothes for the season, have had 100 outfit changes or had to pose in really uncomfortable positions to get the perfect shot.

When and how did you join modelling?

Just after finishing my Form 5 exams in 2008, modelling was one of my next moves. Luckily I saw an advert on the paper that Bongi Gray from Global Looks was hosting a Swazi Fashion Show and they were having auditions. I had gained so much weight that time though. I was size 34. I quickly took her number and contacted her. Few years later I read a article about Phiwa Tshangela which according to the paper was in Italy for modelling. I cut it. I went on Facebook to search her name and texted her. I was inspired. When she came back in 2012, Mbali Manana who's now a Top Models director hooked me up with her. She started an agency called Icon Models. She really groomed us. She helped me lose weight in a short space of time and taught me to walk on the runway. She then moved to Johannesburg to do bigger things. I then

worked with Face Models as a freelance model in 2013.

Modelling intrigued me as I was always picked on for being the skinny tall kid. I was bullied verbally. I remember I overheard some guy saying, "that kid needs to deworm though". So I thought what would make them regret it, to be sought after - to be good at something, to be in demand. I have to say since I started I feel more body confident...to me that's a good motivation. Anything that involves imagination is always something that excites me.

What history and highlights do you have in modelling?

I have been to the Swazi Fashion Show 2008. I've been a moving doll at Chery-N Launch, Gaguren Launch, Luyengo Campus Fashion Show, Imbali Foundation Launch and SA Be Safe Fashion Show.

One of the satisfying moments was when I saw a KFC billboard and it was me staring back — there's nothing like it. It was just a good feeling. I felt the same way when I was featured on Archive Magazine from Mpumalanga. I bought two copies of it. *laughs*

I've been a Sprite ambassador at a brand activation show. We were in a van giving away free sprite drinks around Manzini then later we had a convoy with motorbikes. It

was great. I've been a Sibebe Premium Lager brand ambassador.

I've groomed Miss Wings contestants and Miss deaf contestants with cat - walking. Recently I've been helping with recruiting models for SADC Fashion Show with Top models. I have also collaborated with Arts and Culture in recruiting Miss Cultural Heritage, Swaziland 2016/17. Other than that I'm going back to Zimbabwe for my contract and to study towards my Diploma in Image Development.

How did you join Top Model Africa and what were your thoughts when you got nominated?

I was invited by the Director to like the Top Model Africa page on Facebok. I did and there was a post about how we can apply. I sent them my photos and details. Later they got back to me saying I was selected. At first I thought it was one of those Internet scams for human trafficking. My parents adviced that I make the government aware of it. I went to Arts and Culture, luckily they had worked with the Directors during Miss Cultural Heritage World.

Please elaborate on your experince in Zimbabwe?

Zimbabwe was great. I got to see His



Excellency President Robert Mugabe's residence passing by. They have beautiful hotels. The people there are generally courteous. They treated us very well at the malls and other public areas.

I learned a lot as a model through some lessons we had and during the activities we were doing. I discovered my hidden talents. I also learnt a lot from other girls and their cultures.

Did winning Top Sopkes Model change anything?

I have a sense of achievement and a sense of fulfillment. I'm proud of Thandiwe Dlamini. Likewise, the excitements and memories I have encountered are beyond measurable on their worth widening my social horizon and understanding of people.

What are your future prospects?

I want to go overseas after completing my Diploma in Zimbabwe. I want to broaden my mind. I believe there are lots of places and cultures to be explored out there. Coming back I won't be seeing life as I see it now.

Your advice to youngsters who would like to join modelling?

Modelling is a business, and as a model, you are your own business! Like any business, it takes time, effort, commitment, and patience to become a successful model. Remember that success does not happen overnight.

People wonder how I hear about all these things I've participated on. Well, I would like to say that I thank God for my open mind for opportunities that I would have otherwise missed. I would also like to thank the Swaziland National Council of Arts Culture for their generous support by sponsoring me to compete in Top Model Africa and the good work they are doing to uplift the standard of arts and culture in the country by supporting artists.

(By Phumelele Mkhonta)







POETRY CORNER

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

...By Bayanda Mhlanga

SUCCESS

Thou is a flicker of light Amid the pitch-black haze Of poverty.

A scarlet flower bed to those Who slumber restlessly on a Piece of wood while reeds Cut into their ribs like a Pair of scissors.

The crackling church that
Transmute worthless peasants
To prominent tycoons
A fluorescent dress made of the finest
fabric.

Education is thy mother, the
Silver gate to your luxurious
Castle, you contrast with
Failure like deep and shallow
Hardowrk and determination are
Your playmates, you're blended with
Patience like a fusion bomb
You are inseperable soul mates
With devotion like Romeo and Juliet.

Thou is a glamorous vine
Which conceive scrumptious
Grapes for those who feel
Vacant like roofless immigrants
You strangle he thick throat of depression like a cold blooded assassin.

A melodious Madrigal that Quaff black streams of saging Sorrow dancing vigorously on The ambushed surface of Mother Africa.

Only few are infected with your Unconditional love like an infectious ill

Many ditch you like a fumbling schoolboy.

Few are pollinated with your warmth giving air, many are obsessed With thee like Mariah Carey, but few engage on you.

Though is the wrist of armless
Hills, you walk in beauty like
A dazzling host of daffodils.
Thou body is punctuated by howls of
laughter and shrieks of triumph.

DIARY OF A WORKING SINGLE MOTHER

Dear Diary

ut Hold It Excuse me Mister may I take this time to ask a few questions.

See I have been sitting and thinking.
I am sorry for wasting your precious time;
I understand you are busy changing our lives

Mr. President when you said food for all did you have us in mind?

Why do I ask? Well because we haven't yet received the food. This is the promise you made when you took power, I do not know maybe it is a long process.

But do you think a human being can survive that long without food?

But hold it! How long can you go without food?

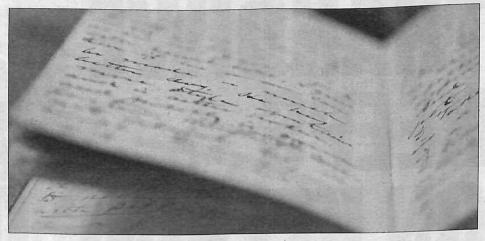
We have been drinking dirty water lately, I am wondering if you did notice or was it just us? I do not mean to disrespect but our lives have taken a turn for the worst.

Malnourishment came to stay with us the day you left for town.

Scared we kept our eyes on the hills hoping to see dust from your convoy but it has been 1 460 days now.

But Mama said you will be paying us a visit soon.

I wonder if you are going to find anyone home though, we have been slowly, one by one dying here.



I left numerous notes under the rock you stood on top of when you made the promises you never fulfilled, years ago. When are you planning on going to check us by the way?

I can still taste the bread with butter you bought us, like a king you talked and you got us into believing in you. Sadly I am the only one left of the group, most have perished.

Wondering

I am wondering though if you still have intentions of going back to the gold mine. You have been quiet ever since and we lost faith in you. The road is still dusty and this place is inaccessible but the road to your home is nice and clean. Did a miracle hap-

pen?

Please smile like you used to now, I am not shaken by the red look from your guards. How are you going to get dirty in that suit? We have been digging tombs more that gardens here and we have been crying more than we have laughed. I did not mean to be long but I have been wondering, is this the place you want to come back to when your term at office comes to an end.

All along I viewed you as our representative but they call you a politician now. I must say, it got me thinking. The people are tired Mr. President. If they had a voice they would be telling you where to get off. I am here now to ask you to deliver the promises you made; it has been four years already.

Youth on the move...

pcoming artist Phumlani Mbuli aka Mbuli National who switched from Hip Hop to Afro Soul in the year 2014 is growing in leaps and bounds.

The 24 year old young man who was in the process of creating a name and a brand for himself switched genres in order to appeal to a more mature audience and explore his versatility as an artist.

His work has gone as far as collaborations with Mvilas on a single entitled "Ngifuna Wena" which received 500 downloads, moreover the artist has also released singles like "Mistakes" and "Africa" which have received a warm reception from a number of people.

Mbuli who was in the business of spitting rhymes is now on the relaxed side of the music game and is already working hard towards making a name for himself in the genre.

Happy

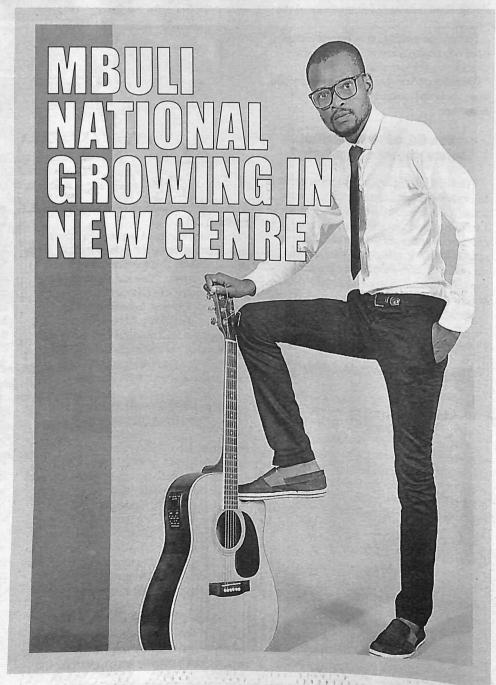
"I am happy to work with such a versatile artist who is doing so well in the new genre, in an attempt to appeal to a more mature audience, the artist has ventured on this music in order to tap into a new market and grow his talent" Artist Manager Nathi Dlamini said.

Mbuli's two singles Elevation and Far place have earned a good reception from audiences and have secured him a spot on the charts, from the two singles the artist is in the process of releasing a video.

The artist who graduated from the University of Swaziland Luyengo Campus in 2014 is on the rise and breaking barriers with his talent.

The artist's rise to the spotlight was during his university days where he played a lot of his music during school events. He further went on to participate on a number of events outside university which were a platform to showcase his talent.

(By Majaha Nkonyane)





Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions. Words may overlap but do not share letters.

Geology Word Search

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WIN WITH SWAZI OBSERVER AND LESERATO EVENTS

(Get the name correctly in the puzzle and stand a good chance at winning E100 worth of airtime, as well as a month long supply of Observer on Saturday copies, delivered to your door step. Have them dropped at Swazi Observer offices in Mbabane by Wednesday and be amongst the best candidates to win such prizes)

NAME:

CELL:



Baby Blues



...GROCERY SLOPPING, SHUTTLING THE 1410'S AROUND TO PLAYDATES WREN'S DOCTOR APPOINTMENT, PICKING UP THE KIDS...





Blondie







Hagar the Horrible





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Monday August, 15

abu makes a choice out of guilt. Ngwebedla seeks Samson's help. Lerato persuades Fezile to try a new physiotherapist. Mpiyakhe rethinks his future.

Tuesday August, 16

aphela is at the mercy of Beauty's anger. Jabu is distressed about Zama. Ngwebedla approaches Sihle with his plan. Fezile's first appointment with a new physiotherapist results in an awkward intimacy.

Wednesday August, 17

abu tries to find out what's really wrong with Zama. Sihle meets with Ngwebedla's 'Trustees'. Fezile struggles to come to terms with accepting help. Mabuyi fears she is losing S'bu. Meanwhile, Mpiyakhe is determined to make big changes.

Thursday August, 18

aphela gets drunk and does something stupid and dangerous. Judas pledges to his wife that he will get her the revenge she wants. S'bu comes to an important decision. Sihle puts Ngwebedla firmly in his place.

Friday August, 19

piyakhe forces Judas to humble himself, again. Jabu's attempt to contact Zama fails. S'bu cannot bring himself to tell Mabuyi the truth.



Monday August, 15

Susan comes clean about her visit to the *maine* and Azwindini has an unexpected reaction to it. Ndalamo humiliates himself when he tries to get close to Nthabeleng. Mulalo toys with the idea of leaving office and sends Teboho into panic.

Tuesday August, 16

zwindini gets his mojo back. Vho-Masindi sets the wheels in motion for a new, royal grandson. After Busi's surgery, James finds comfort in Nthabeleng's arms. Teboho gets reprimanded for being self-centred.

Wednesday August, 17

usi hits a dead-end with Azwindini. Nthabeleng is stung by James' brutal words. Is the end nigh for Susan?

Thursday August, 18

obody knows what's wrong with Susan. James has something important to tell Nthabeleng. Teboho tells Mulalo that maybe it's because of him that she can't get pregnant.

Friday August, 19

zwindini seeks answers from Mulimisi on what's making Susan ill and get the shock of his life. Busi embarks on mission to save lives. Teboho takes her frustration out on Fheli.

ISIDÍNGO

Monday August, 15

eorgie wants Obakeng to join the family business but Nina feels differently. Gabriel humiliates Matlala in front of his men. Charlie comes to the salon and it's awkward.

Tuesday August, 16

ddie confronts Nina about the graffiti on his wall. Gabriel disappoints Morongwa when he demotes her. Lerato wants to decide on the budget and the date of the weding.

Wednesday August, 17

amogelo decides to lie in Eddie's hearing to protect Obakeng. Morongwa's life is threatened underground. Lerato and Sechaba haggle over the budget of their wedding.

Thursday August, 18

he evidence for Eddie to get a fair trial is in the wrong hands. Nikiwe tells Skhumbuzo they should separate for the time being. Lerato demands her lobola money but her family has plans for it.

Friday August, 19

simmering racial tension comes to the boil in HD. Lerato is particularly irritable and takes shots at Kamogelo. Nikiwe feels guilty about lying to S'khu.



Monday August, 15

engeful Mazwi gets his own back. Jack enjoys seeing the suffering he's causing. Xolelwa agrees to let Patricia move in.

Tuesday August, 16

broken-hearted Tshidi gives up on life. Nolwazi eats humble pie and hates every minute of it. Sphe unknowingly prescribes medication to an ex-addict.

Wednesday August, 17

arabo is at her wits end with Thaphelo. Cosmo is drawn into a kidnapping plan. Getty resorts to drinking again when things get too much for her.

Thursday August, 18

azwi isn't about to let his ex get the better of him. Tau resorts to desperate measures to try and fix a problem. Smanga messes things up even more for Namhla.

Friday August, 19

shidi begs Jack to help her. Nolwazi threatens to expose the truth to the world. Lucy fumes when she overhears what Naledi has come to say.



Monday August, 15

anessa and Alexa reminisce about the good old days.
Mariaan does not approve of Alexa and Vanessa's
friendship

Tuesday August, 16

fillem has his eye on someone, will he be able to forget about his past with Felicity and move on? What is Mariaan hiding from her family? Wednesday August, 17

atrone puts her foot down. Aggie helps Rickus with his love life. Will Vince swallow his pride and accept Amorey's help.

Thursday August, 18

hris is in an emotional state. Vanessa tells her secret to Charmaine. Hilda has the wrong end of the stick.

Friday August, 19

ubaas is fed up with Hilda interferes with his work. Rickus tries to find out the truth behind the story, will he find out what really happened in the past?

GLASSIC EVENTS

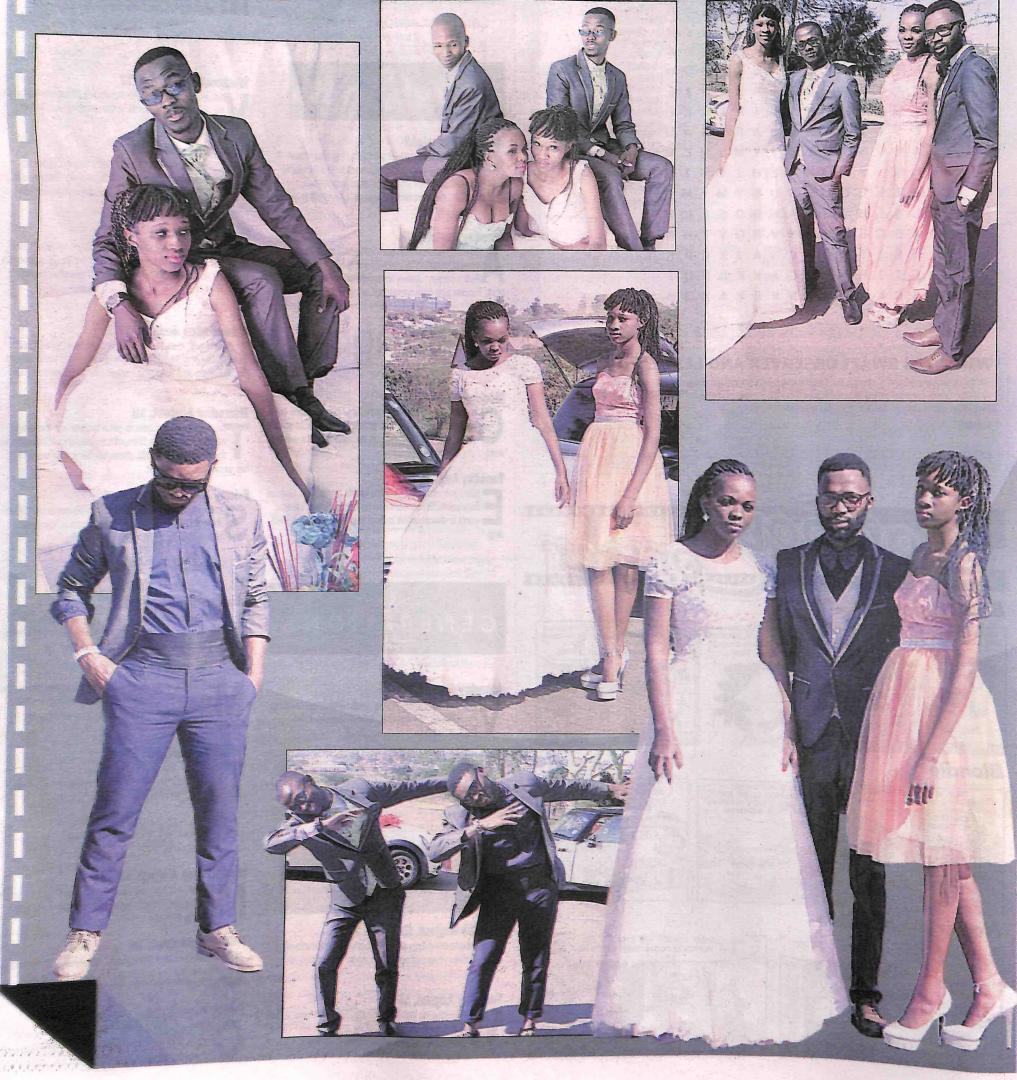
lassic Events specialises in stylish bridal wear, events decor for corporate functions, bridal, festivals, prom nights, etc.

Busisiwe Kunene the administrator started the business few years ago, she started it part time before she discovered the demand in the bridal styling and event management, then opened a shop that operates full time.

"I had passion in the business then I enrolled locally in sewing and did event management in SA. People in this industry are hard to help, what helps me,

I don't miss wedding expos where new designs are show cases and being creative I also design according to the theme. Through good reference we have already made a name for Classic Events by delivering excellent service to our clients. We do our wedding dresses collection in china, SA and sew some. We have packages/combos that also attract clients to save if they get all services under one roof like bridal wear, decor, catering, cakes, invites, programmes and many others," informed Kunene.

(By Phumelele Mkhonta)







a) What is SADC?

he Southern African Development Community is a political and economic institution that provides a framework for regional integration in the region.

b) How was SADC formed?

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) started as Frontline States whose objective was the political liberation of Southern Africa. SADC was preceded by the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC), which was formed in Lusaka, Zambia on April 01, 1980 with the adoption of the Lusaka Declaration (Southern Africa: Towards Economic Liberation).

The formation of SADCC was the culmination of a long process of consultations by the leaders of the then only seven (7) majority ruled countries of Southern Africa, thus Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia, working together as Frontline States. In May 1979 consultations were held between Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Ministers responsible for Economic Development in Gaborone, Botswana. Subsequently a meeting was held in Arusha, Tanzania in July 1979, which led to the establishment of SADCC on April 01, 1980 in Lusaka, Zambia.

On August 17, 1992, at their Summit held in Windhoek, Namibia, the SADC Heads of State and Government signed the SADC Treaty and Declaration that effectively transformed the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC) into the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The objective also shifted to include economic integration, following the independence of the rest of the Southern African countries.

c) Who are SADC Member states?

SADC has a membership of 15 Member States, namely; Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

d) How does SADC implement its plans?

SADC operations are centralised at the SADC Secretariat in Gaborone, Botswana, since the 2001 restructuring process that has done away with the Member State – based Sector Coordinating Units (SCUs) that were coordinating the 21 Sectors of regional integration.

It provides operational facilitators support as the executive arm of the SADC organisational structure consists of Eight (8) directorates, namely, the Directorate of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation; the Directorate of Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment, Directorate of Infrastructure and Services; Directorate of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Directorate of Social and Human Development and Special Programmes; Directorate of Policy, Planning and Resource Mobilisation; Directorate of Budget and Finance; and Directorate of Human Resources and Administration.

There are also five (5) stand-alone units responsible for cross-cutting issues, namely, Internal Audit, Information and Communications Technologies, Gender and Development, Legal Affairs and Public

SADC FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Relations established by the Council of Ministers as provided for by Article 15 (4 & 5) of the SADC Treaty.

e) Who are the key SADC Executives?

The current Executive Secretary is Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax. Her Deputy Executive Secretary: Regional Integration is Dr. Thembinkosi Mhlongo while the Deputy Executive Secretary: Finance & Administration is Ms. Emilie Ayaza Mushobekwa

f) How many inhabitants live in the region?

The SADC region has a population of almost 258 million (257 726 000) that generates GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of 471 1 US\$ billion.

g) What is SADC's vision?

SADC's vision is that of a common future within a regional community that will ensure economic well-being, improvement of the standards of living and quality of life, freedom and social justice and peace and security for the people of Southern Africa. This shared vision is anchored on the common values and principles and the historical and cultural affinities that exist between the people of Southern Africa.

h) What is the SADC mission?

The SADC Mission is to promote sustainable and equitable economic growth and socio-economic development through efficient productive systems, deeper co-operation and integration, good governance, and durable peace and security, so that the region emerges as a competitive and effective player in international relations and the world economy.

i) How does SADC plan to tackle poverty?

The Regional Indicative Strategic
Development Plan (RISDP) and the Strategic
Indicative Plan for the Organ (SIPO) remain
the frameworks for SADC Regional integration that provide SADC Member States with a
consistent and comprehensive programme of
long-term economic and social policies, and at
the same time, it provides the SADC
Secretariat and other SADC Institutions
insights of SADC approved economic and
social policies and priorities.
The RISDP reaffirms the commitment of
SADC Member States to good political, eco-

nomic and corporate governance entrenched in a culture of democracy, full participation by civil society, transparency and respect for the rule of law.

j) What is the Summit?

The annual Summit of the heads of state is SADC's highest decision-making body. It adopts decisions regarding SADC; determined the organisational structure elects the rotating SADC chairperson each year and appoints the executive secretary. It makes these decisions by following the consensus principle. Leadership is overseen through Troika: the current chairperson is supported by their predecessor and successor. The Summit is convened annual — usually in August - but can also be summoned more frequently in urgent cases.

k) What is the Council of Ministers?

The Council of Ministers is the second highest level of authority and the highest functional level in SADC. It consists of one national minister from each member state. The Council of Ministers advises the Summit and always meets before the Summit takes place. The Council of Ministers oversees the work of SADC five directorates.

I) What is the SADC Treaty?

The SADC Treaty is the main framework for regional integration in the region. Adopted in Windhoek in 1992, its principles include democracy, human rights, peace and national sovereignty, its objectives focused on developmental goals, poverty reduction and collective self-reliance amongst others.

The Treaty was amended in 2001 at an extraordinary summit in Windhoek to include changes to the SADC structure and introduce the principle of a Troika leadership. The review also included the adoption of the Common Agenda and the Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP).

The SADC Treaty allows for sanctions against states which fail to implement the policies and decisions agreed by SADC, and also against states which apply policies undermining the decisions taken by SADC. Sanctions are determined by the Summit.

m) What is a protocol?

A protocol is a legal instrument of implementation of the SADC Treaty and provides a

framework for action. SADC has a range of sectoral protocols that provide implementation strategies – moving the region from mere cooperation to tangible regional integration with defined timeframes.

It requires a 75 percent consensus among member states present at a Summit to change or amend a protocol. Protocols enter into force upon ratification by two-thirds of the signatory states. Countries ratify a protocol through an act of Parliament.

n) What SADC institutions provide support for peace?

The Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation plays a vanguard role as part of the institutional mechanisms for promoting and maintaining peace and stability in the region and the SIPO provides the institutional framework for the daily implementation of the Organ's Objectives. The SIPO, alongside the SADC Mutual Defence Pact of 2004 guides the implementation of the Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation. The SIPO is divided into four main sectors of Political; Defence; State Security; and Public Security.

o) What are the main institutions of the SADC?

SADC comprises eight (8) institutions, namely, the Summit of Heads of State & Government, SADC Tribunal, Council of Ministers, Organ on Politics, Defence & Security Cooperation, Sectoral/Cluster Ministerial Committees, SADC Secretariat, Standing Committee of Officials, and SADC National Committees. With its chairpersonship held on a rotational basis, SADC applies the Troika system from Summit, the Organ, Council and the Ministerial Committee of the Organ (MCO) as well as the Officials level,

The SADC Troika System vests authority in the incumbent Chairperson, Incoming Chairperson who is the Deputy Chairperson at the time and the immediate Previous Chairperson to take quick decisions on behalf of SADC that would ordinarily be taken at policy meetings scheduled at intervals stipulated by the Articles 10, 11 and 13 of the Treaty.

This also applies to the Troika of the Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation and when combined, the two are referred to as the Double Troika.

ECONOMICS TODAY

WITH: George Choongwa



iven the current economic challenges facing Swaziland, the notion of stimulating greater entrepreneurial activity must become a prominent goal for the country, even as it fosters the vision 2022.

Curbing unemployment

The relevance of entrepreneurship to economic development cannot be over looked, if the country is to experience economic growth and development in the long run. However, one of the challenges that have been faced by this sector is that of limited information and knowledge. This makes entrepreneurship education and training opportunities vital elements, that play a key role in cultivating future entrepreneurs and in developing the abilities of existing entrepreneurs, to grow their business for greater levels of success. It must also be known that once the entrepreneurship education has been cultivated in the day to day affairs of the business, the entire cycle becomes self reliant and robust. According to the European Commission (2008), the aim of entrepreneurship education and training should be to 'develop entrepreneurial capacities and mindsets', that benefit economies by fostering creativity, innovation and self-employment. Swaziland can, to some great degree, curb the challenge of unemployment if it took this rout seriously.

The multiplier effect

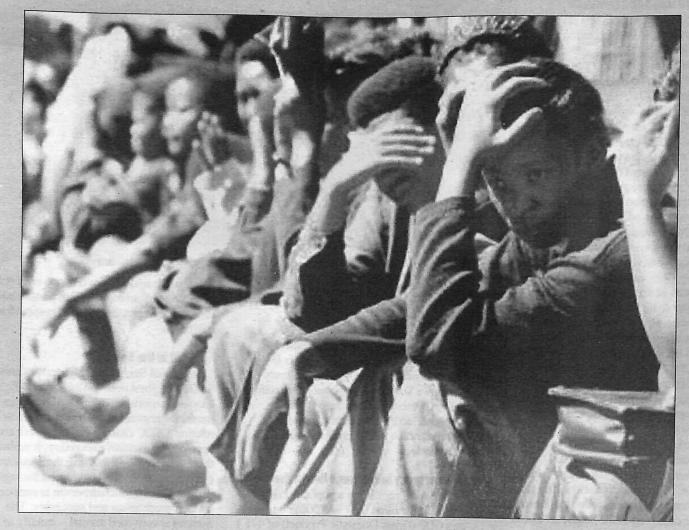
Indeed the role of SMEs in terms of growth, competitiveness, innovation, and employment is substantially embedded in the activity of the country and it is for this reason that Government must take the agenda for a better SME growth as item number one in the national development strategy. This concept of an entrepreneurial Swaziland will automatically promote the creation and development of innovative businesses and eventually led many both existing and prospective small businesses to strengthen their SME policies since academics, politicians, and policy makers increasingly will have to acknowledge the substantial contribution that entrepreneurship can make to an economy.

Strategic fit for the global platform

The other element worth to consider with regards to promoting entrepreneurship in Swaziland is the understanding that the issue for establishing effective entrepreneurship platforms has become a global agenda, governments across the world are increasingly recognising the positive impact that the creation of new businesses can have on employment levels, as well as the competitive advantages that small firms can bring to the marketplace. Moreover, while entrepreneurship provides benefits in terms of social and economic growth, it also offers benefits in terms of individual fulfillment as well. This in turn brings about the strengthening of the socioeconomic wellness of the entire nation.

Reducing social inequality

CURBING UNEMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL DISCORD THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Researchers like Hoy et al (1992) states that a wide variety of growth measures can be used as a measuring tool for SME development and in particular terms can be used considered as a yard stick to measure the different sectors of the business ranging from increased market share or enhanced venture capital funding, to growth in revenue, return on investment, or the number of customers of a firm.

With entrepreneurship now breaking through the barriers of class, age, gender, sexual orientation, and race, Swaziland can also use as an approach for inclusive society and this can in turn reduce the levels of inequality and social discord. However, because the relationship between entrepreneurship and economic growth is quite complex, many different approaches to encouraging entrepreneurship can be applied by a wide variety of agencies, within the enterprise policies that can be put in place. It is easy to believe that it is just a minimal group of enterprises germinating rapidly who provide the real increase in jobs and therefore it is these firms which policy-makers should be converging upon. However, it is also essential to understand that, identifying how small businesses can be transformed into growth-orientated firms and hence drive the entire economy, must be the focus and the motivation for the country.

Barriers to growth

However, despite the need to establish a

more stable and resilient economic platform through the SMEs, there still more challenges that needs to be addressed by the relevant stakeholders. The issue settles however, on understanding what it meant to have a growth orientated firm.

Determining growth in SMEs

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Within these studies, employment is generally the most accepted method of measuring growth. In other words, getting to know the extent to which the relatively small business grew, to the extent of establishing linkages and opportunities of creating jobs for people, is what can be considered as one of the means of getting an expanded busi-

ness. This occurs because the data is easily gathered, determined and categorised, and because this system is already frequently utilised to ordain firm size. Additionally, employment figures will be unaffected by inflationary adjustments and can be applied equally in cross-cultural studies, although difficulties may arise in determining how one measures part -time or seasonal employees. It is also worth noting that while a firm may increase its level of employment, it does not necessarily follow that it has expanded its market or financial success.

However, it is now broadly agreed that if a firm is to achieve sustained expansion, it must satisfy a number of requirements for growth - it must increase its sales, it must have access to additional resources, it must expand its management team, and it must extend its knowledge base.

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woman's outburst is very healthy when directed at her husband and that her pronounced anger, nagging and evidential sulking and sullen faces become a window, through which she can be guessed on what her next move is likely to entail.

You see, women, especially when they are married, become different creatures from the sweet, lovely and cute souls they were during dating. Once in your house and in your wife legally so to speak, they become much worse than nankha ase bus ranks who bully transport operators and their clientele alike. They will (women) say and do the worst things you would ever imagine. Men, all of them for that matter, notwithstanding the fact that they pose with a 'third leg' live with that, every day. Kute indvodza lete umfati lotsetsako. It may be the levels and frequency at which they do it that separates one apart from the other. Bona kodvwa bayatsetsa, at times, so much like the husband is a child. Again Scales would say that is in balance, often times than not akeva nawo emadvodza. Now an imbalance comes into record when your wife is exceptionally quiet, nonchalant and seems to be out of touch with whatever you do whether good or bad. She is most dangerous in that mode and mood and is capable of the worst. You can suffer as her lawful wedded male husband!

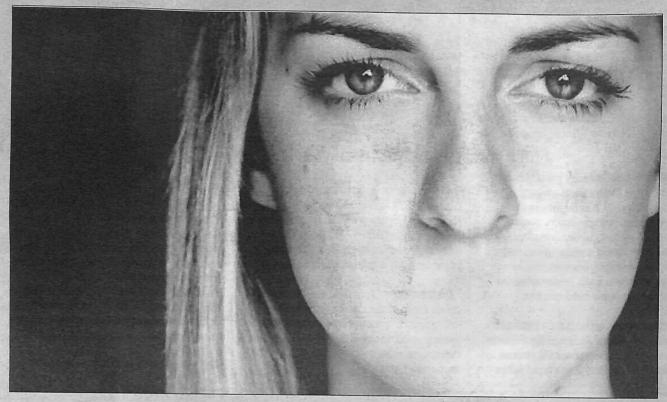
Whilst quiet, she may be collecting all the data that relates to your mischief and cheating on her in your marriage. This is not a sulking woman but a dutiful and respectful wife who does every thing in good time and even excels in some quarters, *uyamondla babe eseswini nangentasi kwaso sisu* and vents nor complains at all. She is most dangerous. This man, Philemon, a globe trotter of note due to her enviable job position in the government had long forgotten the sound of his wife's voice *atsetsa* and was deluded to think *konkhe kuhamba kahle*.

Convinced

LaMhlanga was convinced her husband was naughty and often flew out of the country with a girlfriend only to come back and play a good husband kantsi uyamphukuta la. This day he had travelled abroad and had left the said sitjununu behind. His wife had good time to visit lentfombatana; woman to woman and showed up at her flat just after work. Her face was so stony and yet her voice was so calm but icy that Ntontomile realised she could not messy with this lady after brief introductions had been carried out. When she left the flat a few hours after, she had all the evidence a wife who wants to divorce her husband could ever need. Tangible and concrete evidence! When Phil landed at the airport, she gave him the most assuring hug and lots of kisses. He suspected nothing. However, later that evening at the dinner table, she brought his meal together with all the evidence he was cheating on her with Ntontomile. Damning photos, messages, places he had been to with her and all. She filed for a divorce. He didn't object.

That woman, your wife, may be oblivious to your cheating ways because she cheating on you with another man. She may have complained before, confronted you and even fought one or two of your many girl-friends and gradually went quiet like she

A WOMAN, YOUR WIFE, IS MOST DANGEROUS WHEN SHE IS QUIET



Women have many ways of expressing and containing their anger and frustrations in marriage. Some would simple spend your money or their money extravagantly. Every afternoon, she would invade all the boutiques there are in town and shop for clothes until she drops.

finds what you do normal. You know men are a wonderful bunch of fools when they are cheating. Bayayengana, almost always. Not one would tell the other to, "Stop cheating, respect your wife, think about this or that". Instead they would spur their friend on, "Ungaphatfwa ngumfati boy,indvondza vele iyaganwa; ungamnaki utawejayela kutsi uyindvodza," and all sorts of trash. When you eventually discover that your wife akasatsetsi when you come back in the still of the night, you are most certain your friends' advice is working. How wrong can a man be! Uganile umfati wakho and is having the ball of her life. She is using your ever busy cheating schedule to her advantage.

Shocked

This gentleman who had given himself autonomous liberty as a husband to come home whenever he pleased, was shocked one day kungena namake egedeni on a Sunday evening. She was wearing the sexiest pants and a beautiful blouse that pronounced her body figure and curves very well. She had just been dropped by a car at the gate abuya eDurban beach for a nice outing. He never won the battle in the house about where his wife had been. Instead he realised that he was about to lose his wife and mended his ways. The next time around nguye lomake, who showed him nice places to visit and good hotels for accommodation leDurban. He never asked when and where she became an expert tour guide

yaseThekwini!

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Spirit

They may even cross borders to towns like Johannesburg or Nelspruit bayotsenga nje timphahla tekugcoka. Almost everyday as both of you are leaving for work umfati wakho would be wearing something new, a pair of shoes, a dress, a pair of jeans noma konkhe nje kwalelo nalelo langa kusha. She is hurt, battered in spirit and trying to search out that ungubani kantsi yena that she may be cheated and ignored by her husband like that. If you don't talk to her new wardrobe, you may be talking to or about a new man in her life. She goes to work in an office, where kunamanye amadoda who can see how beautiful she is, how well fitting that pair of jeans are and showing a fine and beautiful pair of legs. Wena awusakuboni loko because you are busy with bo Bengetile. It's so easy for a cheating man not to appreciate what he has, until it has been taken from him.

LaManyatsi, a teacher in an impoverished secondary school, suffered the worst heartache *kulelishobolo lendvodza yakhe* who worked for a big parastatal in town. Each time she visited bae in his town house,

she would find a girl or anything that would signify that betibulalana kulendlu, say the previous night. The man just did not have time for her and the two children they had together. First wavala kona lokutala nje and she never made a single noise about her frustrations. Instead she enrolled in a higher institution of learning and amassed post graduate degrees until she was academic doctor, kungati futsi kunganamsebenti kwesiyayaka sendvodza. Soon she got a job as a lecturer, put her children in good schools and picked up residence in an upmarket neighborhood, where you have to ring a bell and identify yourself before gaining admission into the yard.

The woman never even bothered to divorce him, she simple never allowed him anywhere near their children. She brought forth, as an excuse, all the atrocities she suffered from her Romeo husband, who had totally forgotten he had a wife teaching at Makhava Secondary and two beautiful children because abedla iwonderful time namantombazana esilungwini.

He was surprised because the woman, his wife, had never, once, complained –she was ever quiet. Pay utmost attention to your quiet wife and ignore her outbursts, they are natural and may be good indicators that usakuthanda!

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ogs love to go for car rides, but driving with dogs can be very dangerous to both you and your dog. Injuries may range from minor fractures to even death.

There are some common dangers and causes of injuries that can be prevented, so keep yourself and your dog safe.

Jumpers – Many dogs love to hang out windows and may do so safely for years, but then one day - even though their owners would have sworn they would never do that – they jump.

Air and eye injuries - A dog that hangs his head out of the car window can be injured by things that are flying in the air. Roads often contain debris, such as pieces of tar, stones, rubber and glass. A spinning tire can spit a piece of debris with the velocity to crack your windshield or damage your car's body, so imagine the impact on your dog's head or eyes.

Airbags – Dogs can be fatally injured by airbags. Air bags are designed for the average-sized adult, sitting about 20 inches from the dashboard. A dog's head is too

THE DANGER OF DRIVING WITH DOGS



low and may be much closer. The bags deploy at 320 kph in an accident, and the force could injure or kill a dog if it hits him before fully inflating. (Incidentally, the same rule applies to children. The proper place for both is the back seat.)

Distraction - Dogs distract drivers. The driver looks at the dog to see what he's doing and ... wham! Sitting on your lap or getting under the pedals, the dog can slow down your reaction time and ability to make quick turns.

No seat belt - Pets riding unrestrained in a vehicle may be cute and fun – until an accident happens. Dog seatbelts and car seats harnesses are especially made to keep dogs safe in the back seat. All dogs should be restrained in the back seat during car rides. Frightened or injured after a crash, a dog may become a threat to rescuers who would be better able to handle the dog if it was harnessed.

Microchip - Or at least an ID tag on the

dog collar so that a pet who gets free during a car ride or runs in far from the scene of an accident can be recovered.

Windows • Should be kept lowered so the dog can get air and enjoy the ride but cannot get his head completely out the window – thus preventing eye injuries and any risk of jumping or of a sideswipe by another car.

Keep your dog in the cab - Allowing a dog to ride in the back of pickup trucks is always a bad idea. He may jump or lose his balance from a jolt or sudden stop and end up on the road - in front of an oncoming car. Don't assume your dog is too smart to jump out! If he's tethered you risk dragging him if he falls out.

Projectiles - Unrestrained pets become forceful projectiles. If you crash at 45 kph your unrestrained 10-lb dog becomes a flying projectile exerting 300-pounds of force. At 80-kph, your dog will fly forward with 833-pounds of force. And at only 45-mph an 80-lb dog can hit passengers or the windshield with over a ton of force!

And never leave your dog or any animal unattended in the car, even in cool weather. The sun can turn your car into a suffocating furnace in minutes even with the windows left open a crack. Dogs are unable to sweat and suffer overheating and death very quickly.

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aboratories, used by clients, come in two basic varieties: calibration and testing laboratories.

A testing laboratory is used for numerous reasons, for example, to ensure products are safe or to meet regulatory requirements. Calibration laboratories are used to ensure that measurements, made by the manufacturer, are valid and traceable to national or international standards.

The first question any organisation delivering laboratory services, should ask themselves is: "Do I have a good laboratory?"

Such organisations have to continuously deliver high-quality products and/or services if they want to be successful in the market-place, over the long term. Most companies use quality management systems, as a method of assuring the consistency and conformity of products or services, to a defined set of standards or clients expectations.

ISO/IEC 17025- General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories is the single most important global quality standard for calibration and testing laboratories. It has two main clauses—Management and Technical Requirements. Management requirements are related to the operation and effectiveness of the quality management system within the laboratory and

COMPETENCE IN TESTING AND CALIBRATION LABORATORIES



this clause has similar requirements to ISO 9001. Technical requirements address the competence of staff, testing methodology, equipment and reporting of test and calibration results.

Laboratories, accredited to this standard, demonstrate that they are technically competent and able to produce precise and accurate test and/or calibration data. Working according to global standards is imperative for laboratories to ensure validity and global comparability of test and calibration results. One of the goals, of using this global standard, is to reduce the number of tests required in national and international trading; as the slogan says 'once tested-trusted everywhere'.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISO/IEC 17025 AND ISO 9001

ISO 9001 specifies requirements for a quality management system. There are similarities in both standards, but ISO/IEC 17025 is more specific in requirements for testing and cali-

bration laboratories. Essential processes, such as management review, internal audits andclient complaints, are common to both standards.

Laboratories which meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025, also operate in accordance with the requirements of ISO 9001 relevant to calibration and testing activities. This means that an organisation, which holds ISO 9001 certification, may use a laboratory accredited against ISO/IEC 17025 as a supplier of test data, without the need to carry out its own audit of the laboratory's quality system.

One may ask should laboratories be certified to ISO 9001 or accredited to ISO/IEC 17025. In general it is agreed that the appropriate accreditation for testing and calibration laboratories is to ISO/IEC 17025. Accreditation bodies that recognise the competence of testing and calibration laboratories use ISO/IEC 17025 as the basis for their accreditation.

Laboratories are frequently faced with challenges, such as the need to not only comply with both national regulations and standards, but also regional/international regulations and standards. Every client wants to have good quality results at minimum costsand have results within a reasonable time. Laboratories are tasked with having appropriate and effective cost-effective laboratory testing and calibration services, giving accurate results within a reasonable turnaround time. Management of information and client confidentiality, where applicable, also plays a very critical role in the overall quality of a laboratory.

Laboratory test results impact many areas of our daily lives such as; assurance of food safety, health care, environmental, agricultural and various production processes. Quality improvement has become a key national and international business strategy. Implementing ISO/IEC 17025 has benefits for laboratories, but the work and costs involved should be considered before proceeding. Benefits of implementing ISO/IEC 17025 are:

• Having access to more contracts for testing and/or calibration. Some public and private organisations only give contracts to accredited laboratories.

• Improved image, national and global reputation of the laboratory

• Improved effectiveness, information management, data quality of the laboratory

 Eliminates the need for retesting as results obtained from accredited laboratories will be considered accurate and reliable data

• Givesclients confidence in the laboratory and that the results can be relied upon as errors have been minimised

• Faster identification and resolution of issues regarding methods, personnel or equipment, meeting quality requirements of specialised clients, and overall increased laboratory business are all the result of implementing an effective quality system.

SWASA offers training on the standard of both organisations and individuals who wish to implement the standard. The standard is a published Swaziland National Standard and is available for sale. Furthermore, SWASA collaborates with the National Laboratory Association of Swaziland, of which, one of its aims is to help laboratories attain accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025.

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Papaya fruits another gift from Mexico to this world. This exotic fruit, also pknown as *pawpaw*, is packed with numerous health benefitting nutrients. It is highly favoured by fruit lovers for its nutritional, digestive, and medicinal properties; thought to have originated in the Central Americas.

The papaya plant is grown extensively all over the tropical regions under cultivated farms for its fruits as well as for latex, *papain*, an enzyme that has found wide applications in the food industry.

Nutrients in papaya

Vitamin C

A papaya is one of the fruits with the highest concentration of vitamin C per serving. 1 cup serving of fresh papaya contains 88.3 mg of vitamin, which is well over 100 percent of the amount you need each day. Vitamin C is a powerful antioxidant that helps to promote good health by producing collagen for healthy bones, teeth, gums and muscles.

Potassium

A 1 cup serving of papaya is also a healthy way to boost your daily intake of potassium. This serving size of fresh papaya supplies you with 264 mg of this essential mineral. eating sufficient amounts of potassium will help to keep your blood pressure normal by reducing the harmful effects of the sodium in your diet. You should aim to get about 4,700 mg of potassium from your diet each day to get these benefits. Potassium also promotes healthy muscles and supports a normal heart beat.

Beta-Carotene

Your body requires a certain amount of vitamin A for healthy skin, cells and bones. Your diet needs to include plenty of betacarotene because your body uses it to produce vitamin A. 1 cup serving of fresh papaya contains 397 mcg of beta-carotene. beta-carotene is a safer way to increase your vitamin A levels and eating papaya can aid you with that goal without the overdose dangers associated with taking vitamin A supplements.

Lycopene

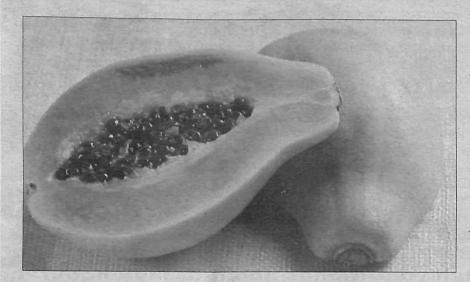
Most commonly associated with cooked tomatoes, lycopene is an antioxidant that may help reduce your risk of cancer, heart disease and macular degeneration. Papayas are an additional source of lycopene that can help you add this antioxidant to your daily diet. 1 cup serving of red-fleshed papaya contains 2,651 mcg of lycopene, but yellow-fleshed papayas contain 0 mcg. If you are trying to increase your lycopene intake, opt for red-fleshed papayas.

PAPAYA HEALTH BENEFITS

Papaya Prevents Heart Attacks and Strokes

The antioxidants in papaya prevent cholesterol from oxidizing. When cholesterol becomes oxidized it forms plaque in the blood vessel walls that can eventually build up and cause a heart attack or stroke. Also,

PAWPAW: THE EXOTIC FRUIT



fiber is known to lower cholesterol. The fiber in papaya converts a substance called homocysteine into harmless amino acids that the body can process, but without the breakdown, homocysteine can eventually damage blood vessel walls, causing strokes or heart attacks.

Papaya Treats Inflammation

Papain and chymopapain, protein-digestive enzymes found in papaya lowers inflammation and improve healing from burns. Papain breaks down the inactive proteins in the skin, removing dead tissue from burns. This benefits the body as it helps heal skin injuries, removes warts, treats ringworms and cold sores. Also vitamins C, E and beta carotenes are good at reducing inflammation and as such these nutrients are used to treat asthma, osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis among many other inflammatory ailments.

Papaya is Used as a Cleanser

Taking a quarter pint (150ml) of papaya juice, cucumber juice and green bean juice in alternating hours for 12 hours can be a benefit to your colon. These juices work as potent natural cleansers when combined.

Papaya is also rich in fiber, which travels through the body and binds itself to cancercausing toxins in the colon. The fiber in papaya flushes out the toxins in the colon and so one of the benefits of papaya is that it helps prevent colon cancer especially, due to its antioxidants and its fiber content.

Papaya is Used to Treat Digestive Disorders

Papaya is a great source of proteolytic enzymes that are very important in digesting food. The most important of these proteolytic enzymes found in papaya is papain. Papain breaks down proteins in food, allowing for better digestion. Eating papaya is also a benefit because papain taken orally treats less serious digestion disorders such as bloating and chronic indigestion.

Papaya Contains Antioxidants

One of the benefits of eating papaya is that it helps to prevent cancer. Papaya is a rich source of antioxidants that the body needs to fight against cancer-causing cells. Vitamin C, E and beta-carotenes are antioxidants that prevent all kinds of cancers. So adding a daily serving of papaya to your diet may

lessen your risk of developing cancer.

SELECTION AND STORAGE

Select fruits that are mostly yellow with a bit of green and let them fully ripen at home. When fully ripe, the skin is bright yellow. Unripe fruit will be an overall light yellowish-green, but not completely green. Ripe fruit should be firm yet yield to gently pressure, feel heavy for its size and have smooth skin with no blemishes. As long as not a result of bruises or cuts, a few black or moldy spots are perfectly okay and will not affect the flavor of the flesh. As with most fruits, use your nose. The ripe papaya should have a sweet aroma. Avoid fruits that are overly soft unless you intend to puree them and use immediately. Ripe papayas should be refrigerated to slow down the ripening process. Papayas will ripen within a few days at room temperature, and even faster if you put them in a paper bag. Once ripe, this fruit will quickly turn to mush if not properly stored. Place ripe, whole fruit in a plastic bag in the refrigerator, and it should last about a week

PREPARATION STEPS

Wash the papaya: The green skin of the papaya is not edible, but it's still important to wash the fruit to prevent contaminating the inside when you cut into it.

Lay the papaya on a flat surface: Use a cutting board or a countertop. Papayas are quite juicy and can make a bit of a mess, so you may want to have a dishtowel handy for cleanup.

Cut the papaya: Papayas are very soft inside, so handle it gently. Use the sharpest knife you have, to get a clean cut. Start by cutting off the top end of the papaya.

Slice the papaya in half lengthwise:

Make sure the flesh inside looks ripe and fresh. It should have a slightly funny smell.

Scoop out the seeds from both halves of the papaya: Use a spoon to remove the black seeds and the sticky membrane that coats them

Slice the papaya halves in half crosswise: Use a sawing motion to slice off the

skin. Repeat with all four quarters.

Slice the papaya into spears or chunks: Eat them fresh and unadorned, or use them to make one of the recipes below

HERE ARE SOME SERVING TIPS;

•Ripe papaya fruit is usually eaten raw as it is or with a twist of lemon drops and seasoned with salt and pepper.

. Fresh papaya cubes are a great addition to fruit salads.

•Papaya juice with ice cubes is a popular drink.

.Its cubes can be used in shakes, sorbets, salsa, etc.

.Ripe fruit also goes well with chicken and seafood savory dishes.

.Unripe green papaya can be used as a vegetable, either cooked, usually in stews, stirfry, curries, and soups. Papaya flowers stew is a popular recipe in many South-East Asian regions.

•Papain enzyme can be employed commercially to tenderize meat.

•Make papaya popsicles (ice pops) for summertime treats.

RECIPES

Papaya Smoothies

Ingredients

•One small papaya peeled, seeded and diced

.One banana, sliced

.1/2 cup sliced strawberries

•Pineapple wedges and or cherries for garnish.

Directions

•Combine the papaya, banana, strawberries and about 15 ice cubes in a blender and puree until smooth. Pour into 2-ounce shot glasses and garnish with pineapple and/or cherries.

Whole-wheat banana papaya bread with cinnamon

Makes 1 loaf (12-14 slices)

Seven ripe sweet bananas (the small ones) (or 4 large regular bananas)

•One cup papaya (cubes or small strips)

•One cup sugar

1.5 cups whole-wheat flour

One tablespoon melted butter

• 1.5 teaspoons baking soda

•One egg (beaten)

Two teaspoons cinnamon

Directions

Mash up bananas

Mix mashed bananas with sugar, flour, baking soda, and butter

•Stir egg in with papaya

Combine papaya and banana mixtures

• Pour into bread pan

Cook at 350o for 20 minutes

• Sprinkle cinnamon on top of bread

• Continue cooking at 3500 for 20-30 minutes until fork comes out clean

Safety profile

Papayas contain white milk like sap (latex) substance which can cause irritation to skin and provoke allergic reaction in some sensitized persons. Ripe papaya fruit can be safely used by pregnant women. Unripe, green papaya should be avoided in them since it contains high levels of **papain**, a proteolytic enzyme. Additionally, unripe-papaya, its seeds, latex, and leaves also contain **carpaine**, an alkaloid which could be dangerous when eaten in high doses. Unripe papaya, however, can be eaten safely as a cooked vegetable. (Medical disclaimer)

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Did you know that the Back to School Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) campaign is up and running now that schools are closed? Yes, this is your opportunity to get circumcised like you always wanted to if you are attending school and uncircumcised. Sensitization has been done in your school and I hope that you have registered to do the procedure If you have not, you still have an opportunity to do so with a VMMC clinic near you If you have registered, encourage your friends to also go for circumcision.

You may know the benefits but here they are just incase you forgot them: To keep your penis clean

To reduce the chances of transmission of HIV by 60% Reduce the chances of getting some sexually transmitted infections Reduces chances of developing cancer of the penis

Now that you know the benefits encourage others to make the right decision. Who would not want to be a part of this exciting campaign? Take a decision, be part of the initiative and come forward to do your part in protecting yourself.

> If you will be circumcised this August do make sure that you tell your friends about it and encourage them as well-

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FEATURE

etworked readiness is a key indicator of how countries are doing in the digital space.

The World Economic Forum's Networked Readiness Index 2016, measures how well an economy is using information and communications technologies to boost competitiveness and well-being.

The world is at the dawn of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, which represents a transition to a new set of systems, bringing together digital, biological and physical technologies in new and powerful combinations.

Networked readiness shows how ready each country is to reap the benefits of that transi-

How is it measured?

As you would expect from such a complex issue, the ranking is drawn up using a wide range of information.

Data is gathered from international agencies such as the International Telecommunication Union, UNESCO, other UN agencies and the World Bank.

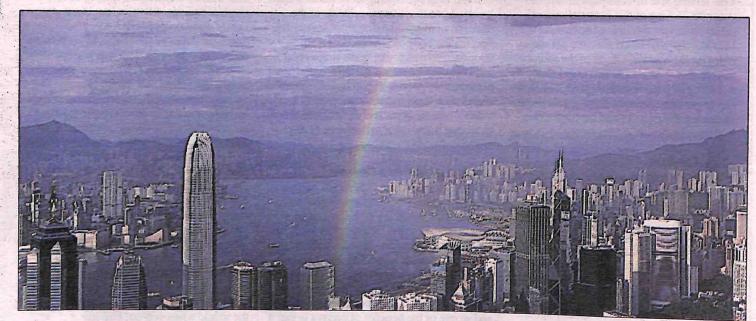
Further indicators come from the World Economic Forum's Executive Opinion Survey, which was completed by over 14,000 business executives in more than 140 countries.

Impacts and drivers

Networked readiness depends on whether a country possesses the drivers necessary for digital technologies to meet their potential, and on whether these technologies are actually having an impact on the economy and soci-

To get an accurate picture of all the drivers and the full effects, the study breaks down the

WHAT IS 'NETWORKED READINESS' AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?



information into different subsections.

The networked readiness framework

The drivers are grouped within three subindexes: the overall environment, readiness (which includes infrastructure, affordability and skills) and usage (which is made up of individuals, business and government).

Impact is measured in terms of both economic and social impact.

Key findings

The 2016 index has highlighted a number of key issues. The digital revolution is changing the nature of innovation, which is increasingly based on digital technologies and on the new business models it allows.

It is interesting to note that economic power does not necessarily reflect networked readiness - the top 10 Asian countries show that while Singapore leads the world, China is

Lanka. Companies are facing increasing pressure to innovate continuously. Seven countries stand out in terms of the economic impact of their corporate digitization: Finland, Switzerland, Sweden, Israel, Singapore, the Netherlands and the United States. It is noticeable that all seven are characterized by very high levels of business information-technology adoption. Businesses and governments are missing out on a rapidly growing digital population. Demand for digital products and services by a global consumer base is largely being met by a relatively small number of companies. Businesses need to act now and adopt digital technologies to capture their part of this growing market. A new economy is taking shape, requiring governance and regulation to keep pace. As the new digital economy becomes more established, the right framework conditions will be crucial to ensuring its sustainability.

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A new world

Digital technologies are unleashing new economic and social dynamics that will need to be managed if the digital transformation of industries and societies are to deliver longterm and broad-based gains.

This rapid change is being managed better by some countries than it is by others, with some surprising results. Iceland tops the ranking when it comes to the use of social networks. In this new global economy, a country's industrial might no longer plays a key factor. A resilient digital economy calls for new types of behaviour, leadership and governance. The Networked Readiness Index helps identify which policies are working and which are not, which countries are leading the way and which need to do more.

In this way it is helping the world understand and navigate a crucial but complex journey into a very different world.

Focus on Sa scene

MPs take on Public Protector candidate

PExecutive Director of the Southern African
Litigation Centre (SALC), Kaajal Ramjathan-Keogh, on Thursday night stuck to her guns as MPs interviewing her for the position of public protector challenged her organisation's litigation against the South African government compelling it to execute an International Criminal Court warrant of arrest on Sudanese president Omar al-Bashir.

...over role in al-Bashir saga

Several African National Congress MPs questioned where her organisation was getting its funding, with the ruling party's Amos Masondo going as far as asking whether she and the SALC was foreign-controlled.

"I'm surprised at this question and I take deep offence at this question Mr Masondo. My organisation is not foreign-controlled. We are an independent human rights organisation that is working toward the constitution of this country and the constitutions of all other countries we operate in," said Ramjathan-Keogh. She said her organisation had no political affiliations in South Africa or in the 10 Southern African countries it operated from. Africa News Agency



ON TASK: SALC's Kaajal Ramjathan-Keogh.

Bogus cops steal foster mom's grant money OHANNESBURG-A young woman

OHANNESBURG – A young woman is missing after she and an older woman with a toddler were kidnapped and robbed in Roodepoort on Wednesday.

Lindiwe Cindi, 56, told News24 the experience left her so traumatised that she had been unable to eat or sleep.

Three men claiming to be police officers approached Cindi and the young woman, whose identity was unknown, just after she had gone to a bank to withdraw money on Wednesday morning.

Cindi has been looking after five foster children at her home in the Snake Park informal settlement, in Soweto, since 2014.

Workers

Earlier in the day, Cindi and her two-year-old had been to see social workers in Kagiso about the birth certificate for one of her children. While she was there, a social worker told her the children's social grant money had been sent to her account.

She asked one of the social workers, who was on her way to Roodepoort, to drop her off at a local bank, as it was closer than Jabulani Mall in Soweto, where she usually withdrew her money.

She withdrew R5 300 and placed all but R300 of it in her bra and went with her toddler to buy nappies. On her way to catch a taxi, a young woman approached her and asked her to help her find a taxi to Dobsonville. *News24*.

How to form a coalition – tips for politicians

JOHANNESBURG - Want to know how to form a coalition? Keep reading.

1. Run for an election and make a list of all the councils where no party got over 50%. These are hung councils and you have a chance to govern here.

2. Before the elections, try to play as nice as you can, except if you're the EFF because you'll be able to decide who becomes king. Also, be nice to people on your way up because you might need them on your way down.

3. If you haven't reached out to other political parties before, try to share your snacks and Red Bulls with them while hanging around the elections results centre waiting for the outcome. Try some backslapping and jokes with potential partners when journalists or photographers are

4. After the results are out, do the maths. Refrain from ANC post-2016 elections maths which gave the party twice as many voters as it really had.

5. Once you've made a list of all the councils in which deals are possible for you, keep a poker face and muzzle others in your party from talking. Political negotiations should be secret or else the other side will descend to your level and beat you at

6. Find a room. A Johannesburg hotel will do.

7. Talk to everyone, but start out coy. Remember, your work as a politician is originally about principles. Clear ideological issues like expropriation, nationalisation, and corruption first and then decide which party member gets to be mayor, speaker, and head of council procurement.

8. If you can't agree on a coalition with anyone, remember, you can still vote with other parties you fancy on a case-by-case basis. It's like having an open relationship. This kind of arrangement will give you the power to emotionally blackmail the party of your choice anew every year for the next five years, or however long the council holds.

9. Don't make any sudden moves that will make other parties jumpy, alienate your voters, or divide the people in your own party. Always keep your fellow comrades/democrats/fighters updated on what's happening in the negotiations, and throw the media some scraps too. Things can too easily fall apart otherwise. - News24

Candidates grilled as Public Protector interviews run into early morning

APE TOWN – The late night, early yesterday morning interviews did little to faze the last candidates who were in the hot seat for the post of Public Protector.

The 14 candidates were stripped bare as their secrets, criminal records and personal behaviour were laid out for all to judge during the interview process, which went on for 20 hours. Nothing was too big or too small for the committee's notice, including cellphone theft accusations, drunken driving charges and questions about security clearance.

The second last candidate on the list, Advocate Muvhango Lukhaimane, who was interviewed just before 01:00, was put through the paces regarding a charge of common assault and dealing in liquor illegally. She told the committee that she was never on the scene where the alleged selling of liquor (without a licence) took place. The charge came from a corrupt officer, she told



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MPs. Like all candidates before her, she was questioned on her political affiliations by the EFF's Floyd Shivambu. "I was never a card carrying member of any political organisation. And I am not now. But that does not mean I am not politically aware," she responded. Candidates had to defend their past professional

decisions, their mistakes and not declaring some of the glaring findings by Corruption Watch

Tempers flared, candidates got flustered as MPs dug into every corner of their lives in search of the perfect candidate to replace Thuli Madonsela, whose term ends in October.

eNCA

Squatters resist relocation in Cullinan

SHWANE.- A municipal office and five vehicles were torched overnight by protesting residents in Cullinan who destroyed property belonging to the City of Tshwane.

Protests erupted in Refilwe Township near Pretoria against the municipality which had used metro police and Red Ants to relocate residents who had illegally settled on land, eNCA reported yesterday.

Roads leading into the township were barricaded with rocks and burning

debris

Cullinan police spokesman Constable Conny Moganedi said that in addition to the five burnt vehicles, another five vehicles were damaged. Protestors had pelted police cars with stones and petrol bombs. *Times Live*

Culpable homicide probe after truck ploughs into learner driver, examiner

Western Cape police say a case of culpable homicide is being investigated after a truck ploughed into a learner driver in Atlantis on Thursday, killing him and the licence examiner.

The truck drove over the entire front section of the learner driver's car on the cor-

ner of Charl Uys and Neil Hare roads at 10:30 on Thursday, News24 reported.

The truck driver sustained minor injuries.

Two men were found lying motionless inside the car, and were declared dead on the scene. Lieutenant Colonel Andre Traut told News24 yesterday that the circumstances

surrounding the accident are being treated as a culpable homicide case. "The driver, a 21-year-old male, was under the supervision of a licence examiner, aged 41, at the time of the accident," Traut said.

"Both died on the scene. The driver of the truck survived the accident."

Times Live

Eskom strike averted

JOHANNESBURG - A potentially damaging strike has been averted at Eskom.

Marathon wage negotiations have broken a deadlock between the power utility and three unions.

Solidarity and the National Union of Mineworkers have signed agreements with Eskom.

Workers will receive an increase of between 8.5 and 10 percent this year, and next year, they'll receive a pay rise of 8 percent.

Numsa hasn't yet signed the agreement, but has accepted the offer in principle. *eNCA*

SA woman held in Panama for drugs

OHANNESBURG - A 42-yearold South African woman has been arrested at the Tocumen International Airport in Panama with 5kg of cocaine worth more than R4.5-million, the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (Hawks) said yesterday.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Netshiunda of the Hawks said: "The woman was about to board a flight to Lisbon via Sao Jose and Madrid. "She was searched and the drugs were found concealed inside her back pack, some were sewn inside her jacket's hood".

The woman who was not named will appear in court soon. Africa News Agency

BRIEFS

Nigeria condemns US security report

LAGOS - Contrary to a recent negative report by the US, the Nigerian government said on Thursday that every state in the country is safe. Minister of Information and Culture Lai Mohammed, stated this when he received a delegation from the Association of Tourism Practitioners of Nigeria in Abuja. Mohammed said the advisory published by the US, which was awash in national dailies declaring 20 Nigerian states "unsafe and completely no go area", was not correct. eNCA

UN demands Ethiopia admit observers

GENEVA - The United Nations on Wednesday urged Ethiopia to allow international observers in to parts of the country hit by deadly weekend clashes between security forces and protesters. At least 49 people were killed at the weekend as the authorities cracked down on a wave of anti-government unrest in two key regions, central-western Oromia and Amhara in the north. A spokeswoman for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva told AFP that news coming from the two regions was "extremely alarming", saying there had been "no genuine attempt at ensuring accountability" since reports of abuses by security forces began emerging in December. AFP

'DR Congo to return rights researcher'

WASHINGTON - The United States urged the Democratic Republic of Congo on Wednesday to allow the return of a Human Rights Watch (HRW) researcher forced to leave the country.

The State
Department said it
was "very
concerned by the
government of the
Democratic
Republic of the
Congo's decision

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not to renew the visa" of Ida Sawyer, who has worked for the US-based rights group in DR Congo since 2008. "The forced departure of this researcher... is incompatible with efforts to support greater transparency, accountability and democracy in the DR Congo," State Department spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau said. *AFP*

'Obscene children's book seized'

KAMPALA - Ugandan officials raided a prestigious private school on Thursday to seize copies of British children's author Jacqueline Wilson's 'Love Lessons' on the orders of a minister who has led several crackdowns on "obscene" conduct. Minister for Ethics and Integrity Simon Lokodo said the book exposed children attending the exclusive Greenhill Academy to sex at too young an age. The school in the capital Kampala is popular with Uganda's elite and Western expatriates, and admits pupils between five and 12 years old. *AFP*

'Armed group blew up oil pipeline'

LAGOS - A newly emerged armed group has said it had made good on threats to Nigeria's vital oil industry by blowing up a major pipeline and warned that more attacks were to come. The Niger Delta Greenland Justice Mandate (NDGJM) said in a statement late Wednesday they had shown they were "men of (their) word" by destroying part of the Urhobo pipeline in Delta State on Tuesday. The creation of the group was announced scarcely two days earlier by its spokesman, self-proclaimed "General." *Timeslive*.

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ZIMBABWE PROTEST PASTOR TAKES HIS CRUSADE TO US

ARARE - A
Zimbabwean pastor
who became the figurehead of recent demonstrations
against President Robert
Mugabe's government said on
Thursday he was travelling to the
US to meet compatriots there and
consider his next move.

Evan Mawarire, founder of a protest campaign dubbed 'ThisFlag', was detained last month for allegedly trying to overthrow the state, but a court

dropped charges against him.

After his release he travelled to neighbouring South Africa, where he has been living and meeting with fellow Zimbabweans until leaving for the US.

"I am going to the USA. I am meeting some citizens over there...and to take time to think what will be my next move," Mawarire said in a video message posted on Facebook.

"Our power is in our unity, our power is in the fact that each

Zimbabwean has decided to rise up". The 39-year-old evangelical priest urged his compatriots to keep holding government to account and not rely on his leadership alone to pressure the government. He called on Zimbabweans to stand up against "poor governance, corruption, theft of money and mis-governance". Mawarire has steered clear of political affiliation and has avoided criticising Mugabe directly, repeatedly appealing for Zimbabweans to

protest peacefully. But Zimbabwe's veteran leader has publicly denounced the popular pastor.

Earlier this week, Mugabe accused his opponents, including Mawarire, of trying to topple him through protest, "like in the Arab countries".

The government has also accused western governments of being behind the recent wave of protests against Mugabe's government. *AFP*

Uganda cuts off

more than 5 500

'ghost' workers

ZAMPALA - Uganda removed

minister said on Thursday, as it fights

endemic corruption and fraud in the public

President Yoweri Museveni promised a

crackdown on corruption after being sworn

May, and the country has been the subject of

frequent criticism from foreign donors over

Minister for Public Service Muruli Mukasa told AFP: "We are submitting a list of sus-

into office for a fifth consecutive term in

pected fraudulent cases to police and the

inspector general of government for further

investigations and possible prosecution." Of

the country's 308 393 government employ-

ees, 5 586 were removed from the payroll, he said. Mukasa said biometric data would

be used to validate employees upon

Museveni's orders. AFP

allegations of rampant graft.

more than 5 500 suspected "ghost"

civil servants from the payroll, a



HAPPY AND HEALTHY: A baby cub in Shanghai (inset), China, has reached the one-month-old milestone. Continuing to grow, the yet-to-benamed cub is happy and healthy as she developed from a pink fluff ball to a cute baby panda. Adorable images of the cub show her spending some quality time with her 20-year-old mother, Guo Guo. The mother is seen cradling her little cub on her chest (pictured) as she smothers her with kisses. (AP)

ZANU-PF youths accused of torching ZIMPF members' homes

ARARE – The newly-formed Zimbabwe People First party (ZIMPF) has accused Zanu-PF supporters of torching the homes of its members in Mashonaland Central, NewsDay reported on Wednesday.

One of the victims, Passmore Simba, 31, claimed the alleged arsonists were known ZANU-PF supporters in the area and had threatened them. ZIMPF spokesperson, Jealousy Mawarire, said Simba was targeted due to his political affiliation, and to instill fear among opposition supporters, ahead of party leader Joice Mujuru's maiden rally in Bindura next month. Majuru was once a ZANU-PF member and vice president of the party.

"We have seen an increase in the number of our supporters who are being attacked by

ZANU-PF people. But as ZIMPF, we want to make it clear and known to ZANU-PF and its thugs that the people of Zimbabwe are more resolute and determined to see this

regime out of power. No amount of intimidation will work," Mawarire was quoted saying. This comes just months after the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), led by Morgan Tsvangirai, claimed that four houses of its

supporters were torched in Zhombe, Midlands province. MDC loyalists had refused to

attend a ZANU-PF "one-million man" march held in honour of President Robert Mugabe earlier this year.

Ruling
Meanwhile, the
ruling ZANU-PF
youth had reportedly intensified
their threats against
opposition parties
due to sporadic

demonstrations against ongoing economic hardships.

Last month, the ruling party youths said they were ready to deal with those calling for Mugabe's head. *Timeslive*.

12 dead in Burkina Faso floods

UAGADOUGOU - At least 12 people have been killed in Burkina Faso in floods caused by torrential rainstorms, a rescue services official told AFP on Thursday.

Since June, "we have registered several disasters, mainly floods and strong winds, which left at least 12 people dead and 35 critically wounded, and affected more than 26 000 others", said Yipene Florent Bakouan of the west African nation's emergency services.

The dead had either drowned or been crushed under their collapsing homes.

With 40 percent of Burkina Faso's population of 19 million living beneath the poverty line, housing is often inadequate and prone to damage or collapse. In the suburbs and shantytowns of Ouagadougou, around 9 900 people were left homeless. Two thousand of them were given shelter in schools, the spokesperson said.

"We have also counted 2 577 damaged houses, while nearly 100 tons of grain have been lost, 237 granaries destroyed, 123 sheep and goats were put down and more than 630 poultry died," he added. *AFP*



FRANCE BANS WEARING BURKINIS ON BEACHES

ANNES - The mayor of Cannes has banned the wearing of burkinis — full-body swimsuits — on the beaches of the French Riviera resort famous for its annual film festival, officials said Thursday. Mayor David Lisnard signed off on the ruling that "access to beaches and for swimming is banned to anyone who does not have (bathing apparel) which respects good customs and secularism," which is a founding principle of the French republic.

"Beachwear which ostentatiously diplays religious affiliation, when France and places of worship are currently the target of terrorist attacks, is liable to create risks of disrupting public order (crowds, scuffles etc) which it is necessary to prevent," it says.

Thierry Migoule, head of municipal services for the town, sought to clarify the ruling's intent. "We are not talking about banning the wearing of religious symbols on the beach ... but ostentatious clothing which refers to an allegiance to terrorist movements which are at

war with us," he said. On July 14 the nearby Riviera city of Nice was the target of an attack claimed by the so-called Islamic State group which killed 85 people, when a truck ploughed into seafront crowds celebrating the French national holiday.

Killed

On July 26 a priest was killed in his church in northwestern France by two attackers who had proclaimed their allegiance to Islamic State.

Islamic dress is a hot-button issue in France, where the full-face

veil is banned in public places. But there is no ban on wearing religious symbols or clothing.

Migoule said that no burqini had been seen on any beach in Cannes since the ruling was signed into force on July 28 by Lisnard, a member of the centre-right Les Republicains party.

Earlier this week a waterpark in nearby Marseille cancelled plans to host a private event for Muslim women wearing burqinis after they sparked outrage, including from politicians on both the right and left. *AFP*

BRIEFS

Hurried hugs in dry Rio Grande

EL PASO - Hundreds of people from Texas and Mexico have reunited with relatives for a few precious minutes on a mostly dry stretch of the Rio Grande. The El Paso Times reports that people hugged, chatted and yelled greetings in Spanish and English during the 3-minute family reunions between El Paso and Ciudad Juarez on Wednesday. Some carried signs saying "This Border Values Family". Some of the registered participants in the fleeting riverbed catch-ups said they hadn't seen their relatives for years. The brief reunions were part of a "Hugs Not Walls" campaign sponsored by the Border Network for Human Rights, an immigration rights group. AP

Germany mulls taking away citizenship

BERLIN - Germany has unveiled tough new anti-terror measures after two attacks claimed by the Islamic State group, including a controversial proposal to strip jihadist fighters of their German nationality. Deportations of convicted criminal migrants will also be sped up while police resources are to be greatly boosted under the security package drawn up by Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere." **AFP**

Wildfires tamed in southern France

VITROLLES

- Firefighters tamed wildfires on the northern edge of the French port city of Marseille overnight as strong winds and dry conditions



threatened new blazes in the south, local officials said Thursday. Air tankers were seen taking off from the firefighters' base in nearby Aix-en-Provence heading towards Marseille, France's second city, as fires continued to smoulder in the area. At the port of Fos-sur-Mer, northwest of Marseille, 800 hectares went up in flames on Wednesday, local official Jean Rampon told AFP." AFP

US issues fresh travel warning

WASHINGTON - The US State
Department updated its already strong travel
warning for North Korea on Thursday in light
of Pyongyang's recent warning that it would
treat any detained US citizens according to
"wartime law." Although Washington has
long warned about the dangers of travelling to
North Korea in any capacity, its formal
advisories have strengthened in tone with the
recent arrest and detention of a number of
American citizens. Among the cases drawing
international attention was that of Otto
Warmbier, a college student sentenced in
March to 15 years hard labour for trying to
steal a propaganda poster from a hotel. AFP

Police arrest man with 18 migrants

PARIS - A British national driving a small truck with 18 migrants inside, five of them children, has been arrested near the northern French port city of Dunkirk. Police said on Thursday the man was arrested for suspected smuggling. The truck, bearing British license plates, carried Syrian and Iraqi migrants. It was intercepted near a refugee camp in Grande-Synthe outside Dunkirk. The camp was set up by Doctors Without Borders this year to replace a makeshift camp nearby that was a haven for smugglers.

Unusually humble, Trump entertains the notion of losing

RLANDO - Straying from his trademark bravado, Donald Trump acknowledged on Thursday that his presidential campaign is facing challenges and could ultimately fall short, in a rare expression of humility by the Republican presidential nominee.

Trump's most explicit concession came as he pleaded for support at a gathering of evangelical ministers, where Trump observed he was "having a tremendous problem in Utah". It came the same day the billionaire celebrity acknowledged that his lack of political correctness could cost him the election if Americans reject his blunt approach.

"We're having a problem," Trump told the ministers, adding that the next president could get to nominate up to five high court justices. "It could cost us the Supreme Court."

After trouncing 16 challengers in the Republican primary, Trump is encountering worrying signs as his campaign moves into the general election. Democrat Hillary Clinton's lead over Trump in national polls has widened in recent days, while a number of fellow Republicans have declared they won't support their own party's presidential nominee. In Utah, typically a reliably Republican state, Trump's challenges have been particularly striking. The state's large Mormon population has voiced serious scepticism about Trump, though the state's GOP governor has endorsed him. "We've really been given a false narrative," Trump said of his struggles in Utah. et in other traditionally GOP-leaning states like Arizona and Georgia, too, Republicans are concerned Trump's unpopularity could give Democrats an improbable victory. AP



TRUMP APPAREL: A Donald Trump supporter wears socks with the Republican presidential candidate's face on them during a speech by Trump in Miami Beach, Florida. (AP)

Deadly wave of co-ordinated explosions rattle Thailand

UA HIN - A wave of co-ordinated explosions rattled multiple cities in Thailand overnight and yesterday, killing several people and wounding dozens more, police said. Among the injured were 10 foreigners in the seaside resort town of Hua Hin.

It was not clear who was behind the attacks. But the timing and scope suggested they were carried out by opponents of the Southeast Asian nation's ruling junta, which last weekend organised a successful referendum on a constitution that critics say will bolster the military's power for years to come.

The violence took place on the birthday of Thailand's Queen Sirikit. The junta has repeatedly said that defending the monarchy is a top priority, and the army and its allies are keen to ensure a smooth succession for ailing 88-year-old King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who is the world's longest reigning monarch.

The first two explosions occurred overnight on a busy street in the tourist city of Hua Hin, which was hit again by another blast yesterday morning. The city is home to a swath of beachfront resorts as well as a royal palace. *AP*

Russian judge gunned down in restive Caucasus

OSCOW - A Russian judge was shot dead near his home in the restive Caucasus region of Dagestan by an unknown assailant, investigators said on Thursday. An "unknown person fired shots from an automatic weapon" at judge Ubaidula Magomedov late on Wednesday in the courtyard of

his home in the mountain village of Assab, Dagestan's investigative committee said.

"The judge died on the spot," it said. A criminal probe has been launched and "Magomedov's professional work is viewed as the main reason for the attempt on his

Magomedov has worked as a

judge of a regional court in Dagestan since he was appointed in September 2007 by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Publicly available information indicates that his recent cases included drug possession and explosives trafficking, though a representative of the supreme court of Dagestan told TASS news agencies that he also reviewed terrorism and extremism cases.

Dagestan is a mountainous region in the North Caucasus which borders Chechnya, where Russia fought two separatist conflicts.
Dagestan is exposed to near daily violence due to a simmering Islamist insurgency.

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DEATHS

Friends and relatives Magagula who was working for Premier Bakeries are notified of his death funeral of his death funeral day 14/08/16 on Sunday 14/08/16 after night vigil on Saturday at his parental home Luve (Phalala) memorial service will be held on Saturday at 12noon at Syndey Williams at 12noon. Annoucement by Magagula Family



Relatives and friends Banti Innocent Fakudze are notified of his demise he will be laid to rest at his parental home at Ndlalambi 14 August after a night vigil on Saturday 13 August announcement by his



Kwatiswa tihlobo ta Nelsiwe Constance Phiri ulaManana kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakaTsabedze, bakaManana kubo Esigcineni, bekhabonina Emphini kaVilakati nelibandla lakhe nelibandia lakhe Emahlokohlo. Ufihlwa ngemgcibelo mhlaka 13 August 2016 em va kwemlindzelo ngalesihlanu ekhakhakha busele manyeveni Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Donald Elliot Phiri umyeni wakhe.



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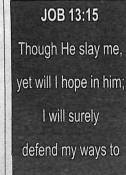




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Friends and relatives Kwatiswa tihlobo Kwatiswa





Friends and relatives of Thembi Mamba



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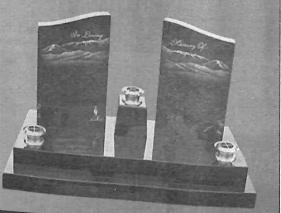
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TEASING: John Mikel Obi.

Mikel mocks Pogba with cheeky Premier League welcome

ONDON - With Paul Pogba's world-record transfer from Juventus to Manchester United complete, a number of footballers have welcomed him to the Premier League... and John Mikel Obi has joined that growing number. The Chelsea midfielder sent the France star a cheeky reminder of who's boss on Friday with a clip of Nigeria's World Cup 2014 second-round match in which Mikel nutmegged Pogba with a backheel. It's worth noting that France went on to win that game, with Pogba scoring in a 2-0 win, but this is very much a case of shots fired complete with a cheeky wink. Can Pogba step up? We will find out when United travel to Stamford Bridge on October 22. GOAL

Arendse snubs Wits to join SuperSport backroom staff

APE TOWN - Goalkeeping coach Andre Arendse has joined SuperSport United from Bidvest Wits ahead of the 2016/17 Premiership season.

The former Bafana Bafana shot-stopper joined the Sturrock Park-based outfit in 2013 - after he was roped in by former national team coach Clive Barker.

Arendse will now head up one of the strongest goalkeeping departments in South African football, with Matsatsantsa boasting the likes of Ronwen Williams, Reyaad Pieterse, Boalefa Pule and Dumsani Msibi in their ranks.

Disspointment

Clever Boys CEO Jose Ferreira spoke of his disappointment at Arendse's departure and revealed that the former Fulham goal-keeper was enticed by a better salary package at Stuart Baxter's team.

"We are very disappointed to have lost Andre but simply could not match the Package that was offered to him by SuperSport United," CEO Jose Ferreira told KickOff.

"As a club we stick to strict budget constraints, and there was only so far we were prepared to go," he concluded. Sport24

BAFANA BAFANA MASHABA EYES U-23 PLAYERS FOR WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

Owen da Gama's side exited the Olympics at the first hurdle after drawing two of their three Group A games at the showpiece in Brazil.

"I'm waiting for the technical committee to come back. We will sit down and look at all our upcoming games. We will get a report of individual players," Mashaba said during the

Nedbank Cup Ke Yona team announcement on Thursday. "I will hear what is actually happening and we will take

it from there. But I

would love to see some of the boys playing in the qualifiers."

However, Mashaba added the players need

to be introduced slowly in the senior national team and must not be put under pressure.

"Olympics is a bridge to the senior national team. The way those boys have played, one of the games we should take almost the whole squad and see what happens," he said. "But the problem is we tend to look for results speedily, we don't want to build towards that because the longer we bring them up they will lose courage. In some of the games, we will have some of the players coming in.

"This team in Rio was something else. They could play and match any other team." *kickoff*

EYEING: Bafana Bafana head Coach Shake Mashaba.

Klopp looking to produce campaign to be recalled for years

IVERPOOL - The German took over at Liverpool last season but will now be getting the chance to begin the campaign with the Reds.

Jurggen Klopp came close to bringing glory to Merseyside but fell short at the final hurdle on two ocassions, losing in the final of the League Cup and Europa League.

"[I hope for] a positive, remarkable season," he told the club's official website.

"Hopefully this planet will still work for another two or three million years and in 50 or 60 years, somebody looks back and says that this season, 16-17, was a really wonderful season, "we played this, we won this" and all that stuff.

"That's what I want because that is what life is for - and especially what a football life is for.

"If you have a season that at the end of it everybody

wants to forget it in a second then for sure a few things went wrong.

Break

"I want that in the next summer break, we look back at this season with big smiles on our faces."

Liverpool have not won the league title since 1990 and begin their new campaign against Arsenal at the Emirates Stadium tomorrow.

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Mourinho targeting one more international star

ANCHESTER - Manchester United boss Jose Mourinho is reportedly targeting one more international star in this transfer window.

According to ESPN, the Portuguese tactician wants to sign either Juventus stalwart Leonardo Bonucci or Real Madrid's Raphael Varane.

It is believed Mourinho is desperate to land at least one more defender before the transfer window closes at the end of the month.

Bonucci has been linked with a move away from the Bianconeri for some time now, and Chelsea are also said to be monitoring his situation in Turin. Varane is someone Jose Mourinho has admired since their days working together at the Santiago Bernabeu, but it is unlikely the Spanish giants will sell the defender.

The Old Trafford club's leadership has reportedly told the former Chelsea boss that he will need to sell before he can buy any more players.

Mourinho has already bolstered the Red Devils' defence by bringing in Eric Bailly from Villarreal, but apparently believes more quality is needed in United's backline. *Soccerladuma*

Milner, Sturridge doubtful for opener

IVERPOOL - James Milner and Daniel Sturridge could miss Liverpool's Premier League opener against Arsenal tomorrow due to injury, manager Juergen Klopp said yesterday.

Sturridge, who has made just 18 league starts over the past two seasons, picked up a hip injury ahead of last Saturday's friendly against Barcelona, and Milner sustained a heel problem during the 4-0 victory over the Spanish champions. "(Sturridge) had a few days where he couldn't train and that's not too good for the Arsenal game but we have other players who are available," Klopp told reporters.

Milner, who has announced his retirement from England international duty, made 28 league starts last season. He captained Liverpool against Barcelona before being replaced after 42 minutes. "It's better than we all expected after the (Barcelona) game when we saw him walking out of the stadium on crutches, that's not the best picture you want to see," Klopp said.

"(We are taking) no risk at the moment, we have to wait until everybody says we can go on and that's what we'll do." *Reuters*



DOUBTFUL: James Milner (I) and Daniel Sturridge.

Rasivhenge honoured to ref sevens final

APE TOWN - South African referee Rasta Rasivhenge has expressed his honour at being selected to referee the Sevens final at the Rio Olympics. Rasivhenge took charge of the final on Thursday in Rio between Fiji and Great Britain. Fiji won 43-7, picking up their first ever Olympic medal of any colour in 14 Olympiads. "What an honour and a definite highlight in my career so far," said Rasivhenge. "In fact, I cannot wait for the Olympics to come around again in four years." Rasivhenge was one of five SA referees who officiated in Rio. The others were Ben Crouse, Craig Joubert, Marius van der Westhuizen and Aimee Barrett. Sport24

Hartley eyes Springbok scalp

WICKENHAM England captain
Dylan Hartley has
set his sights on a victory
over South Africa in the

upcoming November international clash at Twickenham.

Hartley's side face the Springboks, Fiji, Argentina and Australia later this year as they look to back up a 3-0 series win over the Wallabies.

But the hooker knows they face a "massive challenge" against the Boks.

"Every time I play for England I want to win, every series we go into I want to win and all our focus now is on South

Africa, and winning that game," Hartley told England

Rugby.

"I've never beaten South Africa, I don't think anyone in the squad's beaten them so there's a massive chal-



WE'LL WIN: England captain Dylan Hartley.

lenge there for us."
Hartley added: "We as a

team need to keep on improving and developing whether that's in training or in games - and the autumn internationals are a perfect

opportunity to play four brilliant teams."

England have changed their preparations for November this year in that they will meet more often but for less time, something that Hartley is happy with.

"We used to do a solid week somewhere but I like the way we've broken it down, I think two or three days here and there keeps us all connected and keeps us all in touch," he added.

"It keeps things fresh in the mind instead of turning up the week before the series and going 'right boys, let's go'. So I think it's a really good idea."

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blew away Ryan Lochte and gymnast Simone Biles won her second gold as the United States took control of the Rio Olympics medals table on Thursday. As golf made its long-awaited return and Fiji

partied after a famous rugby win, Phelps was magnificent once again in retaining his 200m individual medley title.

The race was a last showdown between Phelps and Lochte but Phelps showed no mercy and won by nearly two seconds from Japan's Kosuke Hagino, with Lochte back in fifth.

Afterwards, the 31-year-old waggled four fingers to signify the four gold medals so far in Rio which have taken him to an incredible 22 Olympic titles and 26 medals altogether.

"I say this a lot, but every single day I'm liv-

ing a dream come true. As a kid I wanted to do something that no one had ever done before and I'm enjoying it," said Phelps.

"Being able to finish how I won is just something very special to me and this is why you are seeing more and more emotion on the medal podium.'

Simone Manuel dead-heated with Penny Oleksiak to share victory in the women's 100m freestyle and become the first African-American woman to win an individual Olympic swimming gold.

Ryan Murphy won the 200m backstroke and former sex abuse victim Kayla Harrison successfully defended her women's judo title as the United States leaped on the medals table with 16 golds, five ahead of China.

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GOLDEN DUO: United States gymnast Simone Biles and Michael Phelps.

Blitzboks skipper makes Rio Dream Team

IO DE JANEIRO - South African Olympic Sevens skipper Kyle Brown was the only player from the Blitzboks to make the 'Dream Team' following the conclusion of the event in Rio on Thursday.

Brown and his team-mates picked up the bronze medal after beating Japan 54-14 in the playoff for 3rd/4th at the Deodoro Stadium.

Brown was joined in the Dream Team by three members of the gold medal-winning Fijian side - Osea Kolinisau, Semi Kunatani and Josua Tuisova.

Two members of the Great Britain team who went down 43-7 to the Fijians in the final, also made the team. They were James Davies and

The seventh and final selection was Japan's Lomano Lemeki. Sport24



RIO DREAM TEAM: Blitzboks skipper Kyle Brown.

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Pogba ban delays Man U debut

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The 23-year-old's two bookings in last

player is to serve a one-match ban.

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ANCHESTER - Manchester

United fans will have to wait to

see Paul Pogba in action for the

ENGLISH TO





Bournemouth are delighted to have tied down last season's top goalscorer Josh King to a new deal at the Premier League club.

The Norway international striker, who began his career in England with Manchester United. has signed a new four-year deal. His six league goals helped the Cherries avoid relegation last season and he has been rewarded ahead of the new campaign

Chief executive Neill Blake told the club's official website: "We are delighted Joshua has signed a new four-year deal.

"He played a huge part in our success last season, scoring some vital goals, so it's great to be able to reward him for that."



He added: "At 24 he still has huge potential to improve further, and I am confident that under Eddie we will continue to see him flourish."

King, meanwhile, is thrilled to have secured his future at the

He said: "I'm very delighted. I came here because of the gaffer and I've been with him here a year now.

"I just have a big belief in him and I know that he's the best manager with his staff to improve me as a football player.

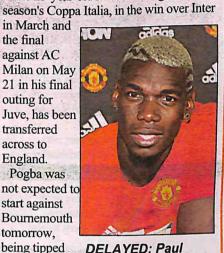
"The gaffer is asking more of me than what has ever been asked of me by any manager, with how much running we do and the work ethic in every training session. That's just going to improve every player.

"We're a young squad, with a young manager and young staff. We're all just working for each other and that's the most important thing.

"This is where I want to be and this is where I want to develop."

King joined the club from Blackburn Rovers ahead of their debut Premier League season after loan spells with Preston North End, Borussia Monchengladbach, Hull and Blackburn.

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DELAYED: Paul Pogba.

the bench having only recently returned from holiday, but will now miss the trip to Dean Court.

Pogba could now make his first appearance in a United shirt against Southampton at Old Trafford the following Friday. goal

I'm confident, not arrogant - Zlatan

Manchester United striker Zlatan Ihrahimovic says that accusations of arrogance against him are unfair, and that his grand proclamations are merely expressions of supreme confidence.

The Swedish striker, who is in line to make his Premier League debut for United at Bournemouth tomorrow, is renowned for talking himself up and being dismissive of his opponents.

But the 34-year-old says that his attitude is merely a reflection of the drive that has enabled him to win league titles in four different countries and amass a huge haul

of personal honours.

"I don't believe I'm arrogant in the way that people think," he said in an interview with Sky Sports broadcast yesterday.

"I'm confident. I believe in myself. That's not being arrogant. That's something I believe is an individual strength in the human being."

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He added: "I'm a normal person. People have the image of me that I'm a bad boy, I'm this and I'm that. People are curious: 'How is this Zlatan?'

"I'm a family guy. I'm taking care of my family, but when I come on the pitch I'm a lion. That's the big difference."



UBOMBO SUGAR LIMITED

TENDER NUMBER: UBO 37/2016 AGRIC. Invitation to Tender for Transport of Seedcane.

Ubombo Sugar Limited (USL) has secured funding from the European Union - Swaziland Sugar Facility under contract number DCI-SUCRE/2014/345-759 to implement Ubombo Integrated Small Holder Development Project in the Ubombo cane supply area in Swaziland. Ubombo Sugar Limited (USL) with Phuzamoya farm invites suitably qualified contractors to tender for: transport of seedcaneto upply 169.3 ha Sugarcane at Phuzamoya. Planting is planned to start in their fields at the end of August/early September 2016. Tenders are hereby invited from suitably qualified haulage contractors wishing to tender for the transport of seedcane at Phuzamoya Limited which is in the USIP project area in the Eubombo Region. Contractors must be familiar with standards for the transport and delivery of seedcane in Small Holder Irrigation Projects used in Swaziland.

Contractors and sub-contractors that have their origin in G20 countries (including South Africa) are not eligible to tender, but materials that have their origin from South Africa can be supplied by ligible contractors and sub-contractors. Please note those materials that originate from other G20 ountries (except South Africa) are not allowed. Contractors are supposed to submit proof that they reregistered in eligible countries.

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the completed tender documents must be delivered in sealed envelops showing only the project name and the tender number to the address below;

Ubombo Sugar Ltd, Main Office

Portion Farm 161, Old Main Road, PO Box 128, Big Bend, Swaziland

Telephone +268 2363 8000, Fax: +268 2363 6924

Completed tender documents must be submitted by 1200 hours on Tuesday the 23rd of August

Queries relating to the issue of these documents, administrative and technical matters may be addressed to Mr. Celumusa Zondo, Cell No. 76600902, Tel No. 23636927, e-mail addressed to Mr. Celumusa Zondo, Cell No. 76600902, Tel No. 23636927, e-mail addressed to Mr. Celumusa Zondo, Cell No. 76600902, Tel No. 23636927, e-mail addressed to Mr. Celumusa Zondo, Cell No. 76600902, Tel No. 23636927, e-mail addressed to Mr. Celumusa Zondo, Cell No. 76600902, Tel No. 23636927, e-mail addressed to Mr. Celumusa Zondo, Cell No. 76600902, Tel No. 23636927, e-mail addressed to Mr. Celumusa Zondo, Cell No. 76600902, Tel No. 23636927, e-mail addressed to Mr. Celumusa Zondo, Cell No. 76600902, Tel No. 23636927, e-mail addressed to Mr. Celumusa Zondo, Cell No. 76600902, Tel No. 23636927, e-mail addressed to Mr. Celumusa Zondo, Cell No. 76600902, Tel No. 23636927, e-mail addressed to Mr. Celumusa Zondo, Cell No. 76600902, Tel No. 23636927, e-mail addressed to Mr. Celumusa Zondo, Cell No. 76600902, Tel No. 23636927, e-mail addressed to Mr. Celumusa Zondo, Cell No. 76600902, Tel No. 23636927, e-mail addressed to Mr. Celumusa Zondo, Cell No. 76600902, Tel No. 23636927, e-mail addressed to Mr. Celumusa Zondo, Cell No. 76600902, Tel No. 23636927, e-mail addressed to Mr. Celumusa Zondo, Cell No. 26600902, Tel No. 266009002, Tel No. 26600902, Tel No. 266009002, Tel No. 26600902, Tel N contract, and can be contacted for any enquiries.

Phuzamoya Ltd Contract No. UBO 37/2016AGRIC:Transport of seed cane



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UBOMBO SUGAR LIMITED

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Ubombo Sugar Limited (USL) has secured funding from the European Union - Swaziland Sugar Facility (USSF) under contract number DCI-SUCRE/2014/345-759 to implement Ubombo Integrated Small Holder Development Project in the Ubombo cane supply area in Swaziland. Ubombo Sugar Limited (USL) with Phuzamoya farm invites suitably qualified contractors to tender for: crop establishment of 169.3 ha Sugarcane at Phuzamoya, Planting is planned to start in their fields at the end of August/early September 2016. Tenders are hereby invited from suitably qualified planting contractors wishing to tender for the planting of seedcane and application of pre-emergence herbicide (crop establishment). Contractors must be familiar with standards for the planting of seedcane and application of pre-emergence herbicides used in Swaziland.

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Phuzumoya Ltd Contract No. UBO 36/2016AGRIC: Crop Establishment





OVONO MAY STILL HAVE A FUTURE AT PIRATES

OHANNESBURG - Felipe Ovono was amongst the players sent to train with the Bucs development academy with the likes of Sifiso Myeni, Rooi Mahamutsa and Lehlogonolo Masalesa as they are not part of coach Muhsin Ertugral's plans for the new season.

The Equatorial Guinea keeper was said to be heading to Saudi Arabia for an assessment, but a deal did not materialise. According to a source at Pirates, Ovono returned to train with the senior team yesterday morning ahead of the trip to Rusternburg to play in the Maize Cup against Platinum Stars this weekend.

Training

"Ovono is back at training. He was with the rest of the players this morning and is expected to be part of the team to play in Rustenburg this weekend," the source tells KickOff.com.

Ovono, whose performances in the CAF Confederation Cup stood out last year, is battling for a starting place with Brighton Mhlongo, Jackson Mabonkgwane and Siyabonga Mpontshane.

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NUMBER ONE TARGET: Siphelele Ntshangase.

CHIEFS FACE R5M NTSHANGASE FEE

OHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs reportedly face paying a R5 million fee if they want to land Black Leopards attacking midfielder Siphelele Ntshangase.

The 23-year-old is said to be Chiefs' number-one target after they missed out on Sibusiso Vilakazi, who joined Mamelodi Sundowns in a big-money move instead.

Ntshangase, who didn't go with the South Africa Under-23 side to the Rio Olympics due to injury, is now fully fit and is eager to secure a transfer to the Premiership.

Prominence

He has risen to prominence after some eyecatching displays for Lidoda Duvha in the National First Division - in 2014/15 he netted nine goals in 28 starts from midfield.

Nonetheless, it appears Amakhosi will have to fork out R5m if they are to secure Ntshangase's services.

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TINKLER MORE OF POLOKWANE KAIZER CHI

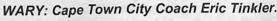
APE TOWN - The newly formed club play their first league match of the season against Rise and Shine on August 23 before taking on Chiefs in the quarterfinals of the MTN8 three days

A lot will be expected from Tinkler's side when they kickoff the season at Cape Town Stadium, and when asked about the MTN8 match against Amakhosi, Tinkler tells KickOff.com that facing socalled smaller teams makes him more nervous. "I'm more nervous when playing against Polokwane City because those clubs are your direct rivals,' Tinkler says to this website. **Worried**

"Those are the ones that are six pointers. Those are the matches I'm worried about. Even at Orlando Pirates, I was not worried about playing Kaizer Chiefs, Mamelodi Sundowns, SuperSport United or Bidvest Wits. I was worried

about Polokwane City, Bloemfontein Celtic, Tuks and Golden Arrows. These are the games that cost you in the long run. To lose against Kaizer

Chiefs and Mamelodi Sundowns is not a big loss because you are competing against other teams for a place in the top eight."



Motaung puts to bed Chiefs transfer speculation

OHANNESBURG -Kaizer Chiefs Football Manager Bobby Motaung has rubbished speculation linking the club with a whole host of new players.

Motaung has dismissed reports that Amakhosi are looking to sign Kagisho Dikgacoi, or any other player. The 31-year-old defensive midfielder is available after he was left out of Cardiff City's plans for the 2016/17 season.

Other players linked to Chiefs in recent times include May Mahlangu (free agent), Siphelele Ntshangase (Black Leopards) and Bantu Mzwakali (Ajax Cape Town).

However, the Glamour Boys have seemingly finalised their squad for the



NOT TRUE: Kaizer Chiefs Manager Bobby Motaung.

upcoming campaign, and appear unlikely to bring in any more new faces.

Announcement

"No, we are not looking for players and we are not talking to any players. If anything comes up we'll make

an announcement or put it on our social media, but currently are not looking at anyone."

The club have already made close to 10 new signings for coach Steve Komphela to work with.

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Molekwane insists Celtic are working 'vigorously'

APE TOWN -Bloemfontein Celtic defender Tlou Molekwane says that Siwelele have been working hard and getting used to one another ahead of the 2016/17 Premiership season.

The 27-year-old was unveiled along with seven other players in: Deon Hotto, Khetowakhe Masuku, Cheslyn Jampies, Sibusiso Mxoyana, Atusaye Nyondo, Mpho Maruping and Nicholas Sibanda in July as the Bloemfontein-based outfit look to compete for honours this season, after a disappointing 2015/16 season where they finished in 11th place.

"The entire squad has been working vigorously during pre-season to ensure our readiness when the season begins. Most of the new guys are gradually gelling and get-



ting used to the playing system that the coach and technical team want us to use. We have been playing friendly games with competitive teams and that has also helped us get used to each other," he told the club's website.

Winning

The former Polokwane City and Kaizer Chiefs man also highlighted the winning mentality that coach Serame Letsoaka is gradually instilling in the team.

"What the coach said about Celtic winning trophies in his comments when were unveiled has been emphasised during the training sessions. We are tirelessly working towards achieving greater heights this season," he added.

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RETIREMENT TALKS: Steven Peinaar and Benni McCarthy.

Benni wants Pienaar to end career at Bucs

OHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana's greatest ever goalscorer, Benni McCarthy, says it would be wise for Steven Pienaar to consider ending his career at Orlando Pirates.

McCarthy, who ended his own glittering career with a successful spell at Pirates, believes his 34-year-old compatriot still has a lot to offer as a player.

Pienaar, who is currently training with Sunderland in the Premier League in the hope of winning a deal under David Moyes, has previously stated that playing for Bucs has always been an ambition he held.

Nonetheless, McCarthy maintains that signing for the Soweto giants would be a good move for both the veteran midfielder and the club.

Good

"He is a South African and it's always good to give back. I think it would be a wise move for him if it happens, because with all his experience, he has got so much more to give back," the Champions League winner told Soccer Laduma.

"Any PSL team he went to he'd definitely turn into a winning team... into a championship contender. His quality, vision and now his leadership qualities would be valuable to any team in the PSL that secured his signature."

Sports 24

Floyd Mayweather signed the next Floyd Mayweather?...

ATHER SIGNS DANIEL GONZALEZ

AS VEGAS - Floyd Mayweather has signed 18year-old 'phenomenon' Danny Gonzalez to Mayweather Promotions and quickly lavished praise on his young starlet.

The 39-year-old former boxer has 23 other fighters on his roster and took to social media to express his happiness at signing Gonzalez, who he calls a 'force to be reckoned

"I want everyone to help me by welcoming Daniel Gonzalez to the amayweather promotions family. Mayweather wrote on Instagram.

"There are certain times when you know you've just struck gold and this is one of them!

"Welcome 18-year old phenomenon Daniel Gonzalez with an incredible amateur record of 96-13. This 9-time National Champion is a force to be reckoned with!"

"Welcome 18-year old phenomenon Daniel Gonzalez with an incredible amateur record of 96-13"



PHENOMENON: Floyd Mayweather (right) and 18year-old 'phenomenon' Danny Gonzalez to his ros-

Mayweather, or 'Money Jr' to his friends, won 49 of his 49 fights as a professional and won world titles in five different weight divisions during his career, so he should know a talented boxer when he sees one.

Debut

Gonzalez, a talented up-and-coming flyweight, is yet to make his debut on the professional circuit but thanked Mayweather for the faith shown in him.

"Very thankful for the opportunity that God has blessed me with it's all uphill from here!" Gonzalez wrote on Instagram.

"Thanks to the champ himself @floydmayweather for everything! #MayweatherPromotions #TMT" Dailymail

Fabregas 'offered to Juventus' as they try to replace Paul Pogba

OME - Chelsea are prepared to sell Cesc Fabregas to Juventus, according to reports in Italy.

The Serie A champions are seeking a replacement for Paul Pogba who this week joined Manchester United in a £100million deal.

They had hoped to lure Chelsea's Nemanja Matic to Turin but their advances have been rebuffed at Stamford Bridge.

Instead, Juventus have reportedly been offered Fabregas in a deal which could be worth £45m.

Italian newspaper Tuttosport led with the headline, 'Juve, want Fabregas?' yesterday morning.

Juventus' shortlist of replacements for Pogba also included Belgian midfielder Axel Witsel but he has elected to see out the final year of his contract at Zenit St Petersburg.

Paris Saint-Germain's Blaise Matuidi was another target but the French champions have no interest in selling.

Fabregas made an instant impression during his first year at Chelsea following his £30m



WAIVED: Cesc Fabregas.

move from Barcelona in 2014.

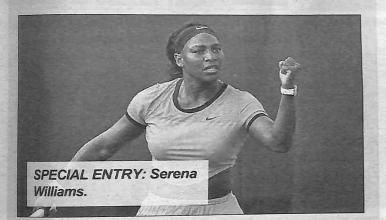
But the Spaniard failed to hit the same heights last season as the Blues struggled to a 10thplace finish.

The 29-year-old was sent off in pre-season against Liverpool but has been a regular in the side under new boss Antonio Conte.

Fabregas trained alongside his team-mates this week after returning from a break in his homeland with his girlfriend.

Chelsea start their Premier League campaign at home to West Ham on Monday.

Daily mail



SERENA GETS SPECIAL **ENTRY INTO CINCINNAT**

OS ANGELES -Serena Williams has been given a special wildcard berth into the WTA/ATP Cincinnati tournament on Thursday, just two days after suffering an embarrassing loss in the Rio Olympics.

The 34-year-old American and defending gold medallist was upset in straight sets by world No 20 Elina Svitolina 6-4,6-3 in the third round on Tuesday.

Williams and her sister, Venus, were earlier knocked out of the doubles draw, the first time the pair had lost together in Olympic competi-

Serena complained of shoulder problems during her match with Svitolina but there was no mention of the injury in a news release on Thursday.

"We are thrilled Serena is returning to defend her titles," organizers said of the two-time Cincinnati tournament cham-

With the top players in the world competing in Rio, Williams should be well rested for Cincinnati which gets underway on Monday.

"She is a fan favourite here in Cincinnati," the news release

Qualifications

Wildcard spots are usually reserved for players who lack the standard qualifications to get in such as rising stars, local favourites or former champi ons who are no longer ranked with the top players.

The announcement came 24 hours after 12-time Grand Slam winner Novak Djokovic pulled out of Cincinnati due to a left wrist injury.

Djokovic has been a runnerup in Cincinnati five times but has never won the event.

Last Sunday, the Serb lost his first round match at the Rio Olympics to 2009 US Open champion Juan Martin del Potro. AFP

'Malesela can be one of South Africa's top coaches'

OHANNESBURG - The Chilli Boys finished the 2015-16 season in sixth place; qualifying for the MTN8 for the first time in their

Koutroulis is confident the Eastern Cape club will build on their fine form from the previous campaign, and take the upcoming season by

Pitso Mosimane earlier this week tipped Chippa as one of the dark horses ahead of the 2016-17 season and Koutroulis concurs.

The Chippa boss reserved special praise for head coach Dan Malesela and is confident that the former Mamelodi Sundowns defender will

go on to be one of the best coaches in the country.

"Dan Malesela is a machine; he produces young players and you will remember last season that a lot of young players played under him,"Koutroulis told the SABC. "I am very excited from what I saw in the friendly games, I think we will surprise a lot of people.

Plan

"Pre-season went very well, we went to KwaZulu-Natal for a few. days and everything is going according to the plan. The coach is very happy with what he have.

Koutroulis continued: "One thing I can say is that Chippa will continue to play beautiful 'carpet football' - we will carry on under Dan Malesela because I have big, big faith in him and I am excited because I know what he can bring to South African football.

Season

"Dan Malesela, not too far from now, can be one of the top coaches in the country," Koutroulis concluded.

Chippa kick-off their league season against Free State State Stars at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium on the 23rd of August, before heading to the North West province for their MTN8 quarterfinal clash with Platinum Stars in Rustenburg.

Goal

RELATIONSHIP WITH MARQUEZ IMPROVING - ROSSI

TALY - Valentino Rossi and Marc Marquez have never been Lthe best of friends, with friction between the pair reaching new heights last season. However, the Italian has said that their relationship is on the mend.

With the race for the 2015 World Championship on a knife edge heading to the penultimate race in Malaysia as Rossi battled Jorge Lorenzo for the title, Rossi accused Marquez of trying to aid his compatriot's title bid. Verbal warfare then spilled onto the track at Sepang, with Rossi found guilty of kicking Marquez off his bike.

It was a costly move for Rossi, with the Italian forced to start from the back of the grid at the season finale in Valencia, and the Movistar Yamaha could not prevent Lorenzo from taking the title by five points.

The pair appear to have buried the hatchet in Catalunya in June following the death of much-loved Moto2 racer Luis Salom.

Following the race in Spain the pair



LOOKING UP: Valentino Rossi.

were all smiles as they shook hands, with Rossi later explaining the Salom's death had put things into perspective.

Important

"I think that after what happened, all the rest becomes not very important. Very very small," he said.

"I think it's the right thing to do." Speaking ahead of the Austrian

Grand Prix, which marks a return to action after the summer break, Rossi revealed that he and Marquez are continuing to mend fences.

"Our relationship has improved since Montmelo," Rossi told reporters.

With the second half of the season getting underway this weekend, Rossi acknowledged that he will have to put up a strong showing in the first couple of races as he currently trails championship leader Marquez by 59 points.

Races

"An important stretch of the season is beginning, as we have four races in five weeks so a lot of focus is needed," the 37-year-old, who sits in third place on the standings, said. "This is an interesting track as the the asphalt is level and there is a lot of grip, allowing you to go full throttle in several areas.

"It will be tough to close the 59 point gap in nine races, but we have to give our all, be strong and always reach the podium." Teamtalk

EEING COURSE CLOSIN



ME TOO: Referee Thulani Sibandze getting his certificate.



NOT LEFT OUT: Zamani Simelane spoke on behalf of the participants.



POSE: MA Refereeing course participants posing for a group photo with Ministry of Sports Under Secretary Maswazi Shongwe, FA vice president Nichodimus Mashwama and FIFA referees instructor Carlos Henriques at the Technical Centre yesterday. This was during the MA Refereeing course closing.



PRESENTING: FIFA's Carlos Henriques from South Africa, stressing a point.



ATTENTIVE: Another section of the referees pictured listening to speeches.





ALL SMILES: Sebenele Tsabedze sharing a light moment with Shongwe while receiving her certificate.



FOCUSED: FA Executive member Mangaliso Sihlongonyane and Gilbert Dlamini were



PRESENT: Some of the referees listening to speeches.

Get the latest scores and news updates as the game progresses



THANK YOU: Assistant referee Sifiso Nxumalo receiving his certificate.

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Saturday 13 August 2016 ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE | FIXTURES v Leicester City The KC Stadium 13:30 **Hull City** v Swansea City Turf Moor 16:00 Burnley Crystal Palace v West Bromwich Albion Selhurst Park 16:00 v Tottenham Hotspur Goodison Park 16:00 Everton v Stoke City Riverside Stadium 16:00 Middlesbrough v Watford St. Mary's Stadium 16:00 Southampton Manchester City v Sunderland Etihad Stadium 18:30 SMS Premier to 6464

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Monday 15 August 2016

Chelsea West Ham United Stamford Bridge 21:00

SMS Chelsea to 6464

Swaziland in real time

EXCLUSIVE: INTERVIEW WITH SWAZI BOLT IN RIO

Ry Bertha Sithole, The Golden Apple

ibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa is currently in Brazil for the 2016 Olympic Games. With a season speed of 20,87 seconds our Swazi Bolt will represent Swaziland in the men's 200m on Tuesday

Hi there? How is Brazil?

'Swazi Bolt' - Brazil is warm and awesome even though I haven't gone to some parts because of training and preparations for my competition on the 15th.

Congratulations on making it to the 2016 Olympics in Rio.

Thank you.

How do you feel representing the country in such a huge sporting event, especially since you were the country's flag bearer during the official opening of the games?

It's a pleasure and an honour that fuels me with determination to work harder, more especially hoisting the flag for the second time as I carried it in 2012 Olympics during the closing ceremony in such big games...it's really an honour so to say

Wow, that is awesome! When you left Swaziland for the Olympics on the 1st of August 2016, what were your expectations of Rio?

I expected a warm Rio since its a rainy region and we called these games 'Summer Olympics' and of-course that is what I found! Lucky you, we are freezing here. Tell me what you will be competing on and when? Well, sorry about that. I will be competing in the men's 200m on the 16th at about 1100hours Brazilian time.

All the best for your run. In the meantime, what does your day look like?

Thanks. I simply train and rest, attend physio, watch TV, get myself fuelled up with food from the dining hall.

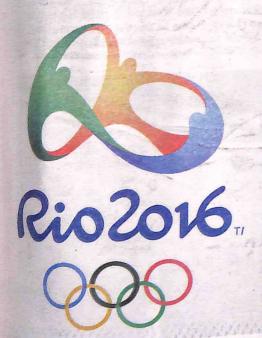
It sounds like the life of a sportsman indeed. Have you met Usain Bolt yet? I haven't met him personally... But we live in the same block.

What would you wish the Swazi nation knew about the 2016 Olympics experi-

Just to know that it's really great to represent your country in such big games in the world and get to mingle with the best of the best. It's a thrillingly and amazing experience...and you meet a lot of people with different perceptions and beliefs.

Wow, well done to you again. Do you miss us (Swaziland)?

Not yet. It's amazing here. Thank-you, will chat next week. It's a pleasure, and you're welcome.







SWAZI PRIDE: Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa bearing the Swazi flag during the opening ceremony. (On the right) Matsenjwa is holding the Olympic Torch. (Pics: Golden Apple)





MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MBABANE

PUBLIC NOTICE

LANE CLOSURE

Notice is hereby published in terms of Section 71(1) of the Urban Government Act No. 8 of 1969 that there will be a temporary lane closure of a section of Gwamile Street to traffic coming into the Central Business District (CBD) for a period of six (6) weeks commencing on the 17th August 2016 to the 30th September 2016.

The temporary lane closure will be the section between Gwamile Street/Mdzimba Avenue/Somhlolo Road/ Dabede Street intersection and Gwamile Street/Msakato Street intersection. Road users may use any alternative route or the route from Gwamile Street onto Msakato Street as shown below.

Any Inconvenience caused by the closure of this section of the street is regrettable.

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Bad refereeing may produce undeserving champions

Stories by Sabelo Majola

OCCER-National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Vice President Nichodemus 'Ace' Mashwama has urged local referees to be alert when carrying out their duties to avoid errors that may reward undeserving champions.

Mashwama, was addressing the gathering on behalf of FA president Adam Bomber Mthetwa during the FIFA referee's course closing held at Lobamba Technical Centre yester-

He said the men in black should always strive to make the right decisions when handling matches.

"Your facial expressions today (yesterday) speak volumes, it spells confidence. It is that same confidence you should portray when carrying out your duties to avoid mistakes that could cripple the game," he said.

Meanwhile assistant referee Zamani Simelane, who spoke on behalf of the 30 referees, thanked FIFA for enhancing and sharpening their skills. He said they were hopeful of courses of the same nature in future.

"The information that we were equipped with during the course will help take our knowledge in the profession to the next level and there is no better way to start the new season. We are grateful to

> REFEREE COURSE: FA president Adam Bomber Mthetwa.

instructor and we can assure that the acquired expertise will be used appropriately," he said.

FIFA's refereeing instructor Carlos Henriques said it was a successful course and he has seen a lot of improvement from the participants over the past five days.

"They promised me that they would employ the shared knowledge

well and that it's going to be a great season. Stay fit, healthy and make good football decisions at all times," he said.

...Ministry hoping for Infantino's visit to SD

OCCER - Ministry of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Under Secretary Maswazi Shongwe is confident that the country will host FIFA president Gianno Infantino, like they did with former president Sepp Blatter.

Shongwe represented Minister David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala during the MA Referees' Course clos-

Tsabedze, two others

shortlisted for Wanderers

supporters' post

By Sibusiso Masilela

Wanderers National Supporters

Committee Chairman Simanga

Tsabedze has been shortlisted for the vacant

Supporters' Liaison Officer post in the team.

Tsabedze, who led the ousted NSC, is said

for the office which will work with the man-

agement and supporters in all branches. The

Gamedze confirmed that there were several

candidates shortlisted for the post. "We are

still for the waiting for the Board to give us

the name. I can, however, mention that the

liaison officer will be working with all the

supporters branches in the country in pro-

among the supporters in order to help the

team avoid heavy fines with local football

authorities.

Gamedze further called for good behaviour

"The league will be starting very soon and

we do urge our supporters to be at their best

behaviour at all times during the games

including the upcoming Castle Premier

Challenge. The team needs money to suc-

The 'hub giants' started their new season on a high note after reaching the finals of the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup last Sunday. They will meet Mbabane Highlanders in the Castle Premier Challenge next weekend.

ceed so we need to ensure that we avoid

unnecessary fines," he said.

moting the Wanderers brand," he said.

officer will be announced by the team's

The team's General Manager Patrick

Board of Directors next week.

to be competing with other two candidates

OCCER - Former Manzini

ing held at the Lobamba Technical Centre yesterday.

He thanked FIFA for assisting local referees sharpen their skills. He said they had no excuse for making errors, as they have been well equipped with the necessary expertise. "Referees are doctors and they should learn new tricks for new diseases. They are judges and they

know what decisions to make in the field of play and shouldn't be influenced by the crowd. Now that they have enrolled in this course, they know which categories they fall under hence they should go out there and get the job done," he said.

He added that it is their mandate as government to work closely with FIFA for the benefit of Swazis.

Teams to receive Castle kits on Thursday

By Sabelo Majola

OCCER -The eight teams to compete in the fourth edition of the Castle Premiership challenge will receive their kits next week Thursday.

The tournament, sponsored to the tune of E2million, will kick off next weekend with the quarterfinal games played on Saturday and Sunday.

The tournament's PRO Mxolisi Dlamini said the kit presentation would be held at the company premises on Thursday at a time still to be confirmed.

"The kits are expected to arrive on Monday then taken for branding which will take about two days and then presented to the

teams hence teams will receive them on Thursday.

The playing format has not changed, there would be quarterfinals and then a two leg semifinal before we get to see who walks away with the E800 000 cash prize," he said.

Activation

Dlamini further invited people to the Castle Lager activation event at Malkerns Correctional Staff Canteen known as 'France'. The event will see social teams competing for a cash prize of E800. The Castle Premiership tournament will see defending champions Mbabane Swallows take on the Caleb Ngwenya led charges Midas City while youthful and revamped Manzini Wanderers will face off with buddies Mbabane Highlanders.

"Teams are expected to pay a registration fee of E200 in order to take part in the games set to kickoff

'NAVARA' REJOINS KAPPA BOYS

By Sibusiso Masilela

OCCER – Former international player Mzwandile 'Navara' Ndzimandze is on the verge of rejoining Manzini Sundowns ahead of the new season.

The speedy ex Pretoria University and Vasco Da Gama man started training with the 'Kappa Boys' on Thursday afternoon with an intention to impress the team's technical bench headed by recently appointed Godfrey Tamerepi.

The player spent the past season with Fairview based side Red Lions where his contract came to an end on May 31.

When sought for comment, Manzini Sundowns Public Relations Officer Muzi Matsenjwa confirmed the player's presence in their camp.

"He is training with the team and we have intentions of signing him. He is not new at Sundowns and we know his capabilities after previously winning the 2013 Charity Cup with the team. We are looking forward to bring back glory days in the team by at least winning him one trophy at the end of the new campaign," he



BACK: Former international player Mzwandile 'Navara 'Ndzimandze.

said. He is set to become the fourth player to join Sundowns together with Sibusiso Mkhonta, Ntokozo Mabila and Gabriel Goshen who have all joined the 'Kappa Boys'. Sundowns have a date with police service side Royal Leopard in the Castle Premier Challenge quarterfinal

Mhlambanyatsi pool tourney on August 27

By Sibusiso Masilela

OOL - The Mhlambanyatsi Pool Club will host a one day E2000 winner takes all tournament at the Mhlambanyatsi Wine and Malt on August 27.

Interviewed yesterday, the tournament's coordinator Sibusiso Magagula said the games would feature four teams and these include the home team, Bhunya Pool Club and Mbabane sides Stones and Mbabane Pool Club.

Expected

at 11am until late in the evening.

The games are aimed at promoting the sport at grassroots level and we are looking forward to a great and exciting event," he said.

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Champions E2 000 Participating teams Mhlambanyatsi Pool Club Stones Mbabane Pool Club Bhunya Pool Club

Magagula further encouraged teams to contact 7605 8574 for more information regarding the tournament.

"We want to see the spirit of fair play prevailing on the day as well as good behaviour from the teams. They are also urged to keep time so that we can finish the competition on time. Supporters of the game are expected to come in great numbers so that they may witness top shelf action from these teams," he further said.



FIXTURES

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Mbabane Swallows Manzini Wanderers Royal Leopard Green Mamba

Midas City Mbabane Highlanders Manzini Sundowns

Young Buffaloes









RSSC CHANGES TO MATSAPHA UNITED

By Qondile Ntiwane

First Division will in the new season welcome Matsapha United following the team's successful application of name change. Information gathered is that the hullabaloo over the name change was finally put to rest by the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) working with the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) this past week.

Then directors of RSSC United had submitted an application to the PLS requesting to change the team's name to Matsapha United, which raised questions from people of Mhlume who wanted to team to be named Mhlume United in an application submitted in July 2015.

One of the team's directors had earlier on stated that the name change was due to a requirement by one of their potential sponsors.

The National First Division side is expected to arrive in a bang as they have enlisted a number of talented

players including the likes of former Mbabane Highlanders quartet of Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze, Jimoh Moses and Kingsley Makgatho, former Manzini Wanderers striker Sidumo Shongwe and coach Matthews 'Chaka Chaka' Mandlazi who was appointed the team's head coach while former Highlanders CEO Celucolo 'Dino' Dlamini has assumed the same position in this

PLS CEO John Mazibuko confirmed the matter when sought for comment yesterday.

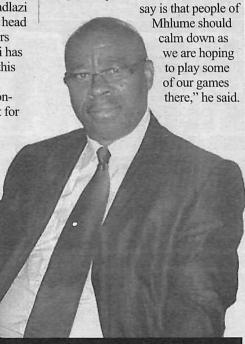
Details

"I do not have much detail on the matter but the information I have is that RSSC will change to Matsapha United.

Meanwhile 'Dino' also confirmed the latest developments.

"It is true that the team's application has been successful. We are grateful to both the NFAS and PLS executive committee who were handling this matter. Their decision is an indication that they serve football."

"We will be unveiling the team's management next week and officially get ready for business. All I can



ENDORSED: PLS CEO John Mazibuko.

Jealousy killing our football - Malambe

By Qondile Ntiwane

OCCER – Matsapha United Director Victor Malambe has warned teams to desist from jealousy as this hinders progress in the game of football.

Making his remarks after the elections of the new Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) executive committee at Sigwaca Football on Thursday night, Malambe said jealousy was killing the sport of football. He said it was important for teams to support each in order for the local game to reach greater heights.

"I have to say this and it is a sad truth. We need to do away with jealousy as this is not good for football. We must support each other if we want to succeed as teams," he said.

The Matsapha United director also noted that lack of consistency was another factor killing the local game. "We need to be consistent as teams because lack of this factor is not good for us. A good example is today where there are no governors qualifying to stand for elections because they don't have four years in office. This is something we need to address and find a way for-

ward as opposed to making constant changes in our teams.

"I would like to congratulate the executive and chairman who has done our football a lot of good. It takes someone special to bring over 15 000 people to the stadium and Gamedze should be commended for that," he said.

He then urged the new executive led by Chairman Victor Gamedze to work towards improving the welfare of governors during games.

"As governors we need to enjoy our special days, which are when we host tournaments. It is very saddening when we have to make way for other people at the stadium when we are the ones who bring spectators there," he said.

Malambe was seconded by KoNtshingila Governor Shaka Thwala who congratulated the new executive on their appointment.

"Being nominated unopposed is something special, especially with this four year qualification to consider. I am happy for Mark Carmichael as he has contributed a lot to our football and deserves to be in this structure," he said.

The executive committee members include the Manzini Sundowns director, Manzini Sea Bird's Sicelo Mkhonta and Midas City's Touch Magagula.

Midas City take on SA 'Dikwena' today

By Sibusiso Masilela

OCCER – Premier League side Midas City will travel to Mbombela, South Africa, to take on ABSA Premiership side Platinum Stars in a preparatory match today.

The match will form part of the team's preparations for the Castle Premier Challenge quarterfinal encounter against defending champions Mbabane Swallows next weekend.

The team's Public Relations Officer (PRO) Guy Magongo confirmed the pending trip.

Preparations

"We will be travelling to South Africa to play Platinum Stars as part of our preparations for the new season, which begins next weekend with the top eight.

We will be assessing three new players including a Cameroonian striker, who we are still awaiting his clearance, and two local players. We are hoping to parade all of them next weekend," he said.

Midas City recently lost the services of their first choice goalkeeper Phephisani Msibi, who has joined police service side Royal Leopard and has already made his debut after featuring in the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup.

The Caleb Ngwenya-led side will be hoping to change their fortunes in the new season after finishing fifth in last season's MTN Premier League upon their return to the top flight.

Phumlile crashes out of 2016 Olympics

...fails to improve PB record

By Sibusiso Masilela

THLETICS – Local sprinter Phumlile Ndzinisa has crashed out of the 2016 Rio De Janero Olympics Games where she was competing in the women 100m race heat two yesterday afternoon

at the Olympic Stadium.

The Mauritius based athlete finished fifth after clocking 12.49s, failing to beat her personal record and national record of 11.35s achieved in May in France.

Ndzinisa, who is currently under a training programme in Mauritius, started off the heat very well leading the pack in the first 40 metres of the race but was let down by a recurring injury picked dur-

ing the **Ndzinisa.**Confederation of African Athletics event held in Durban in June.
Winning the heat was Wangefield

Charlotte from Malta who clocked 11.80s, which is 45 milli-seconds above Ndzinisa's PB. Taking second position was Boule Cecilia from Congo, Brazzaville who recorded 11.98s, while Wahi Sunayne from Suriname completed the top three with 12.38s.

The nation will now be pinning

its hopes on male sprinter Sibusiso Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa who will be competing in the 200m male heats on Tuesday afternoon. Matsenjwa currently holds a PB of 20.87s seconds in this No imme-

No immediate comments were drawn from Ndzinisa and

injury picked during the OUT: Swazi sprinter Phumlile Team
Swaziland trainer Tho

trainer Thoba
Mazibuko by the time of compiling this report.

Ramadhan optimistic of win against Sihlangu

By Sabelo Majola

Malawi national soccer team care taker coach
Nswazurwimo Ramadhan says he is looking for nothing but a win against Swaziland.

The Malawi national team, popularly known as 'Flames' will play against the local senior national team Sihlangu in their last game of the African Cup of Nations (AFCON) Qualifiers.

In an interview with Nyasa Times, Ramadhan said all he wanted together with the entire technical panel was to win.

"This is for the nation and what I want is to win against Swaziland in order to meet the expectations of Malawians and I don't take it as a

formality match," he said.

But Nswazurwimo said people should not weigh his capabilities based on the Swaziland game.

"I have been a coach for so many years and have lots of experience but people should not judge me and my entire technical panel on the Swaziland game, we know our job," said Ramadhan.

Revealed

Ramadhan, however, revealed that both local and foreign players who are performing better stand a chance to be called into camp ahead of the Swaziland game.

"I cannot mention names but both local and foreign players who have been performing well will be considered," he said.

The National Football Association recently revealed a E20 million bud-



get for the senior national team and a E3.5 million budget for the game against Malawi. The match is scheduled for September 5.

Swaziland is second in Group L of the Africa Cup of Nations qualification with a possible qualification based on ranking. A win against Malawi will put Sihlangu on a good position to qualify as second best finishers. Malawi are at the basement of the group with only two

THE TOP FIVE

Women 100m Wangfield Charlotte Bouele Cecilia Wahi Sunayna Lopez Lidiane Phumlile Ndzinisa

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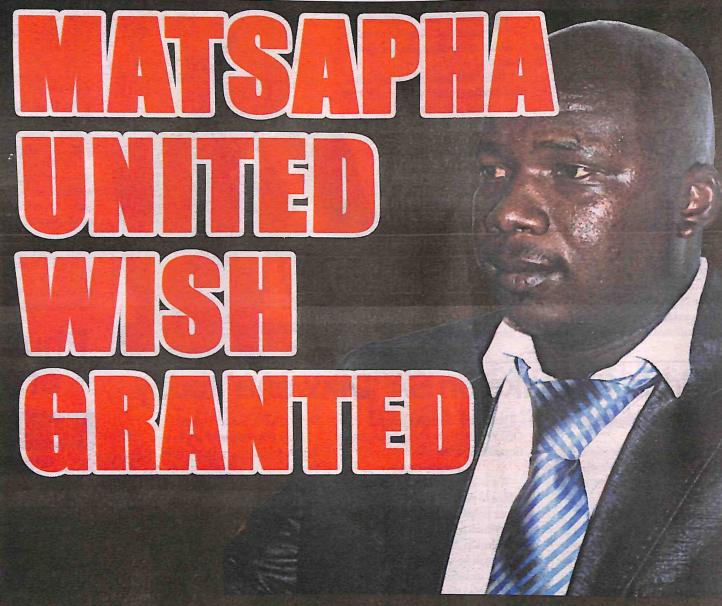
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Benitez warns Real Madrid over Sissoko

ONDON - Rafael
Benitez has warned any
clubs interested in
Newcastle United midfielder
Moussa Sissoko to make their
move quickly amid continued
speculation he is set for a transfer
to Real Madrid.

The 26-year-old has publicly expressed his wish to leave Newcastle following their relegation to the Championship and openly talked up reported interest from the European champions.

But Benitez insists Newcastle have no need to sell Sissoko,

who impressed as France finished as runners-up at Euro 2016 last month, telling Madrid and any other interested teams not to wait until deadline day on August 31 to swoop.

Former Madrid boss Benitez added that a move for Sissoko becomes increasingly unlikely with every passing day, with Newcastle reportedly demanding a £35million fee if they are to sell. "If someone thinks if they will wait until August 31 it will be easier, I can guarantee them it will be more difficult," he told BBC Sport. "If someone wants

to come, they have to come now with the right offer and we will analyse that. If not, he is still our player and he carries on working hard. "Every day will be more difficult because we are happy with him and we don't have to sell."

Benitez also urged Sissoko not to publicly court interest from other clubs, with three years still to run on his deal at St James' Park. He added: "I told Moussa we know how things work in modern football and that is not the right way.

"I said, 'You are a professional,

you are our player, I rate you very highly and I like you as a person - keep working hard and let other people do their business'." Benitez also confirmed that the player would be included in Newcastle's squad when they host Huddersfield Town today.

Sissoko had told the BBC on Thursday: "I hope Real will come for me, I'm still waiting.

"If Real Madrid are interested in you then of course you will be happy, but right now I am still a Newcastle player."

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