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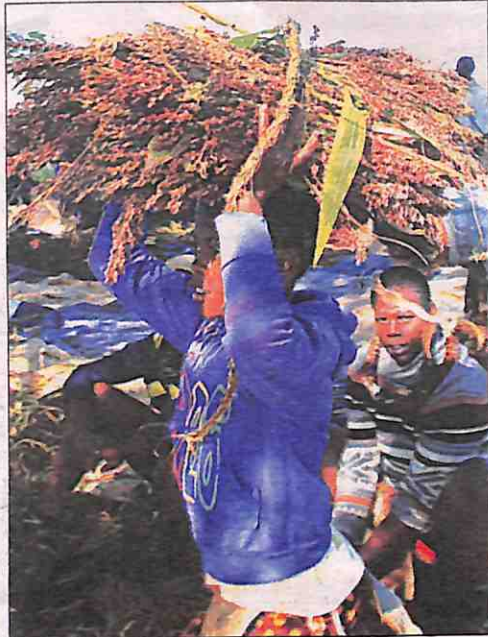
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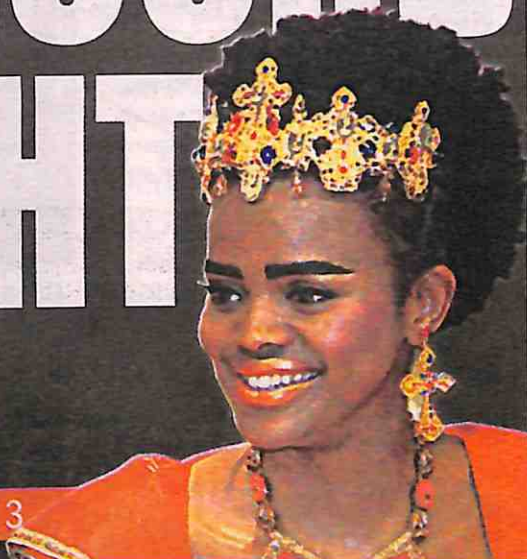
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# SIKHANYISO SETS RECORD STRAIGHT

... refutes reports that connect her to Kukhanya Civil Engineering

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# SWAZIBANK STOPS AUCTION OF DUMISA'S FARMS

Stories by Linda Jele  
High Court

**SWAZIBANK has been granted an interim order to stop the sale of three farms by public auction where the late business tycoon Dumisa Dlamini was a shareholder.**

The financial institution has claimed that it intends to protect its interests in the insolvent estate of the late business tycoon, which allegedly owes it over E27 million.

The auction sale was supposed to take place yesterday in the Lubombo region and conducted by Swazi Auctioneers. The three farms that had been advertised were Portion 69 and 76 of farm 161, Portion 12 (a portion of portion 9) of farm Picardie No. 457 and portion 9 of farm Picardie No. 457. The farms are owned by Marshall Campbell, Matlock Estates and Pircadie Estates, respectively, it was alleged.

Swazi Bank yesterday filed an urgent application seeking an order to stop the auction sale on the grounds that it has substantial interests on

properties that were owned by the deceased. It was represented by lawyer Mangaliso Magagula from Magagula and Hlophe Attorneys and the matter was heard by Judge Mumcy Dlamini.

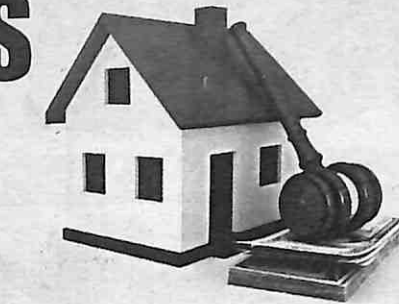
Swazi Bank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele, in an affidavit, claimed that the bank was a creditor to Dlamini's insolvent estate and had proven a E13 860 905.23 claim against it, together with interests and costs.

## Claim

"The claim is based on a judgment of this honourable court (High Court) dated March 19, 1999. The value of the applicant's claim is now estimated to be in excess of the sum of E27 721 810.46.

When the late Dumisa passed away, the insolvent estate had not been wound up. To date the insolvent estate has not been wound up. This is despite an order of the High Court dated August 10, 2012 directing the trustees of the insolvent estate to wind up the estate within a period of four months," Lukhele said.

He stated that it came to the bank's knowledge that the farms were being



sold by public auction despite that no approval by the shareholders had been given. He said the bank had a vested interest in the insolvency process.

## Farms

He alleged that the farms which were to be sold by public auction, were owned by Marshall Campbell, Matlock Estates and Pircadie Estates, where Dlamini was a direct and indirect shareholder.

"This means that no sale of properties would be valid in the absence of approval of the disposal of the properties by the shareholders of Marshall Campbell, Matlock Estates and Pircadie Estates. No such approval has been given," Lukhele said.

He alleged that the sale of the farms were not approved by the shareholders of the companies that owned the farms.

He argued that the shares owned by

## ...Court order served a little too late

**THE court order stalling the sale of the three farms by the companies where the late Dumisa Dlamini had shares was served late as one farm had already been sold.**

According to the Director of Swazi Auctioneers, Sakhile Ndzimandze, they were not aware of the court process yesterday morning and proceeded to conduct the auction.

He said a deputy sheriff

served him with the papers while he was in the middle of the auction and one of the farms had already been sold to a purchaser.

"The order became academic only for one farm because we had already sold it as per the advertisements.

"However, we respected the court order and stopped the auctioning of the other two farms," Ndzimandze said.

## May 20 is High Court motion court

**THE Registrar of the High Court Siphiwo Mabila has informed lawyers that there will be a motion court on May 20, 2016.**

This is despite that the courts are currently on recess to give way to the session of the Supreme Court, which will for the first time run until June 30, 2016. Mabila said the motion court would

commence at 9:30am.

Attorneys are advised to file matters to be heard, on or before May 20, 2016," she said.

She could not explain why the court decided to sit during recess.

Matters held during a motion court are contested and non-contested civil and criminal cases.

## No money for low cost road improvement

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini  
Lobamba

**THE ministry of public works and transport has no money to proceed with the low-cost Pro-base road improvement method.**

Public Works and Transport Minister Lindiwe Dlamini told members of the Government Assurance Committee (GAC) that they had submitted a E100 million budget request for the project for the current government financial year but got zero. She said her ministry would submit the request again in the supplementary budget.

Members of parliament are so determined to see the country's roads improved such that they implored the minister to prepare the supplementary budget.

The GAC members asked Minister Dlamini to ensure the pro-base method of upgrading roads was extended to other regions in the country.

The minister told the GAC members that were it not for the budgetary constraints her ministry would be proceeding with the project.

The minister said they had since completed the Ezulwini to LaMgabhi road and were about to complete the Nkoyoyo-Mpolonjeni road upgrade.

She said the Mpolonjeni road was at 90 percent completion.

"We are aware that all roads



**MONEY TALKS: Minister of Public Works and Transport Lindiwe Dlamini.**

need to be developed in the country and that is why we asked cabinet to approve the improvement of a 550km road network," said the minister.

She said they put a budget request but unfortunately it was not funded. The minister said they were aware that during rainy days rural communities become inaccessible.

**LOBAMBA Member of Parliament Michael Masilela says government must consider investing on the pro-base road infrastructure development as opposed to financing the re-gravelling programme.**

MP Masilela told Public Works and Transport Minister Lindiwe Dlamini that re-gravelling the country's roads was too costly yet rains easily washed away those roads in a very short period of time.

Masilela asked the minister to compare the costs of re-gravelling with those required to extend the pro-base road network and subsequently opt for what was best for the country. Masilela said he was personally a vic-



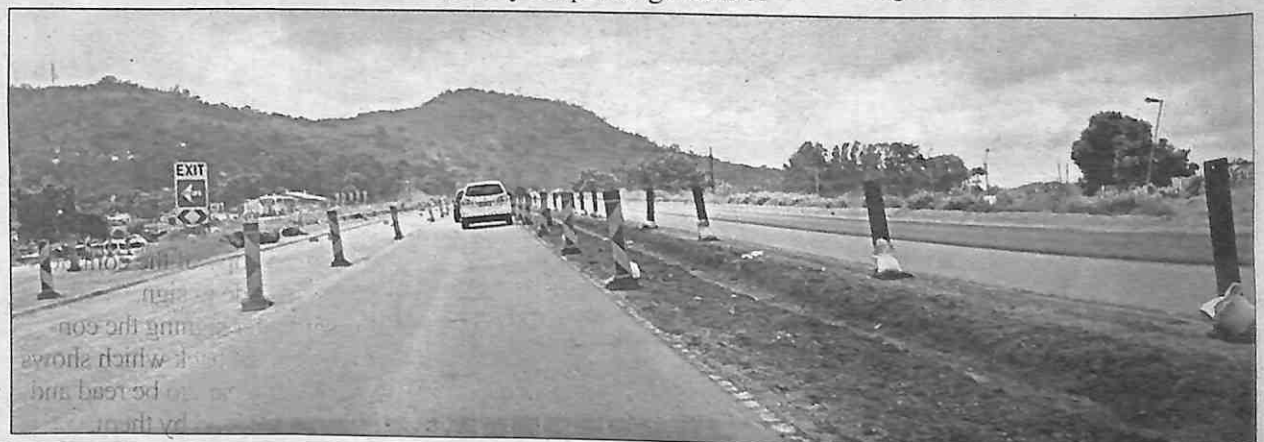
**DO SOMETHING: Lobamba MP Michael Mota.**

tim of such re-gravelling exercises whereby he spent huge sums of

money from his pocket re-gravelling roads in his constituency only to be washed away by rains within a very short period.

In his opinion, he said paving the roads using the pro-base method was the way to go. The minister concurred with Masilela that indeed people appreciated the low-cost road tarring method. She said where it had already been implemented residents were hugely satisfied.

The minister stated that some of the country's roads, however, still needed to be re-gravelled periodically and it was for that reason they wanted to put up heavy machinery in all the country's regions to improve the regional roads.



## MHLALANI-MBIKWAKHE ROAD MIGHT BE PAVED

**MINISTER Lindiwe Dlamini promised that her ministry would consider including the Mhlaleni-Ludzeludze road via Mbikwakhe for tarring using the pro-base method.**

This followed a request by Kwaluseni MP Mkhosi Dlamini

who informed the minister the condition of the road needed urgent upgrading, especially considering the population residing along the road.

## Upgrading

Minister Dlamini agreed with MP Dlamini that indeed the road war-

ranted urgent upgrading, especially because of the population volumes that use the road.

## Reserve

The minister, however, requested MP Dlamini to plead with his electorate to ensure that they do not utilise the road reserve.

She said roads were mainly destroyed by rain water and therefore it was imperative for communities to leave enough road reserves so that when road contractors improved the roads they did not face challenges in constructing road drainages.



# PRINCESS SIKHANYISO NO KUKHANYA DIRECTOR - ISRAEL

## COVER STORY

Stories by Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Mbabane

IMBALI Foundation has strongly refuted long standing reports that connect Princess Sikhanyiso to a directorship position with one of the country's fairly new construction giants, Kukhanya Civil Engineering.

Kukhanya shot to fame when winning multi-million Emalangeni construction tenders, like the Sicunusa/Nhlangano Road, the re-sealing of the MR3 Road from Matsapha to Manzini and the joint venture construction of the International Convention Centre (ICC) at Ezulwini.

The country's big construction companies have always been Inyatsi, Stefanutti & Stocks, AG Thomas and Du-Van.

The record was set straight by Imbali Foundation's Israel Matsebula, who stated that the princess has never had any interests



**SETS RECORD STRAIGHT: Israel Matsebula.**

in the construction industry.

"The princess has no plans to venture into construction so far, nor does she have any business dealings with Kukhanya or let alone showed any interest towards them," he said.

### Assumptions

He warned the public, especially in the social networks, to refrain from circulating false assumptions about the princess as she has become the

core of the gossips, which are false.

"This has to stop because these people have no proof of such, if we were to get one of them and ask for proof of the lies they are spreading, things may turn sour, because they just talk without even considering the feelings of the other person," he said.

Matsebula added that they tried to let the rumours go with the wind, but because the lies continued to spread, they felt it prudent to address the misconception or deliberate lies, which are aimed at tarnishing her good name.

"The re-sealing of the Matsapha-Manzini highway by Kukhanya has created a lot of gossiping in social networks and the princess had her name dragged in the mud, for no apparent reason and we had to intervene," Matsebula said.

He urged people to get their facts straight before tainting anyone's name, especially in social networks.

"People may not understand how big of a criminal case libel and slander are.

"Should any of those social network users be tracked and be put into order, they would cry wolf."

## ...We are glad record has been set straight - Kukhanya

**KUKHANYA Civil Engineering Corporate Affairs Officer Welile Shongwe said that they were happy everything has finally been cleared.**

"The talk was getting too much and we are glad that Princess

Sikhanyiso's name will finally be removed from being associated with us."

### Name

"Her name was never even mentioned in our registrar, which is an

open document, available to anyone who so wishes to check such with the Registrar of Companies," Mamba said.

Kukhanya is a company owned by Peter Ngwenya and his wife.

## Temporary teachers meet with government

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**TEMPORARY teachers yesterday delivered a petition to the Ministry of Education and Training Under Secretary Macanjana Motsa, raising their grievances about not being paid according to their qualifications.**

This transpired at Swaziland National Association of Teachers Centre during their meeting with the ministry of education and training, ministry of public service and the Teaching Service Commission.

In the petition, they raised grievances which included the payment of teachers which some have not received yet.

Deputy Secretary General of SNAT Sikelela Dlamini stated that the teachers also requested that the ministry must create degree posts in primary schools because there were fewer high schools in the country, which makes it hard for posts to be available. Motsa, in responding to the grievances raised by teachers, promised them that they would definitely receive their salaries this month.



**Ministry of Education Under Secretary Macanjana Motsa.**

The under secretary stated that if someone is left out it would be because of technical glitches in the banking systems.

### Qualifications

However, even though the teachers are going to get paid they are concerned their qualifications are not taken into consideration.

The teachers stated that to make things worse, government has already started deducting the scholarship money from their salaries. For those who enrolled for the PGCSE course, a sum of E1 040 is deducted from their salaries while for others E700 taken.

The teachers said taking such a huge chunk from their salaries was not fair when considering that they were not even paid according to their qualifications.

All they were asking for was for the government to be patient with them and start deducting the scholarship money once they were paid accordingly.

### Contracts

Temporary teachers and degree holders at primary schools were told to get their contracts from the ministry of education and training.

The teachers stated that their contracts had a lot of loopholes.

During the meeting it was also revealed that the teachers do not even have a copy of the contracts they were made to sign.

It is said after signing the contracts are taken back which shows they are not meant to be read and clearly understood by them.

The teachers were told that the reason for this was for the TSC executive to also sign them.

The teachers were told that if they wanted the contracts they could come and get them from the minister.

This did not go down well with the teachers who felt this was a strategy of identifying those with complaints about the contracts.



**A section of those who attended the memorial service of Lomngeletjane, Zwelithini Dlamini the late Chief of Sigombeni, who was also a member of the Royal Swaziland Police. (Pic: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)**

## Sigombeni chief's death suspicious - Relatives

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**FOUL play is suspected to be at play in the death of Sigombeni Chief Lomngeletjane Zwelithini Dlamini.**

The late Dlamini was holding a position of being a Chief and a police officer, when he died after a short illness at Mankayane Government Hospital.

The chief, who was married to Inkhosikati LaMasuku (Dumsile) and the late Inkhosikati LaMvubu (Sitile), has since passed away and left four children behind.

During the chief's memorial service yesterday at St Paul's, it transpired that relatives close to him believe there was foul play in his death.

Dr Musa Hlatjwako, who is related to the deceased, minced no words during the memorial as he stated there was no way Dlamini would have survived "uhlambe netingwenya kani akusiyo".

Hlatjwako stated in vernacular which can be loosely trans-

lated to he messed with the wrong people.

Hlatjwako stated that he warned the chief last year in November that he must move from where he was.

Hlatjwako stated that he was even called a fool for trying to warn the chief.

Hlatjwako vowed that whoever did what they did to the chief would never find peace in their lives.

### Disputes

He stated that disputes were part and parcel of chieftom life and there was no running away from it.

One speaker who also made his speech during the event stated that once an area loses its chief there was bound to be trouble as everyone would want to have a say in the running of things.

During the memorial, the late Chief was hailed as a very humble person who decided to join the police service even though he was hailing from an area that boasted wealth and would have been supported by his people even if he was not employed.

## Warm weekend ahead - MET

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**FORECASTERS are pointing at a warm weekend ahead, while chances of isolate rain showers remain high tomorrow.**

"Temperatures will pick up from today though they can be expected to drop again on Sunday. The Lowveld will be

warm to hot today. It will be partly cloudy on Saturday, becoming hot in the Lowveld," said the forecaster.

Today's high temperature will hit up to 28 degrees Celsius in the Lowveld while the Highveld will hit up to 23 degrees Celsius.

Temperatures are expected to stay below 30 degrees in the Lowveld for the whole weekend.

Today it will be fine and warm to hot in the Lowveld.

### WEATHER UPDATE

**TODAY**  
Mbabane 12/23 Mankayane 13/24 Manzini 14/26 Siteki 14/25 Mhlume 15/27 Big Bend 16/28  
Tomorrow morning it will be fine becoming partly cloudy and mild but warm, becoming hot in the Lowveld with isolated rain showers later.

**TOMORROW**  
Mbabane 11/21 Mankayane 12/22 Manzini 13/24 Siteki 13/23 Mhlume 14/25 Big Bend 15/26  
On Sunday, there will be morning fog at places, otherwise cloudy and partly cloudy and cool mild but warm in the Lowveld.

**SUNDAY**  
Mbabane 9/19 Mankayane 10/20 Manzini 11/22 Siteki 11/21 Mhlume 12/13 Big Bend 13/14



## 4 NATIONAL NEWS



**READY:** Hhansense Dlamini, Chief Sicunusa and Mabekisa Dlamini were among the many who were at Mfabantfu Royal Fields for the ongoing harvesting of sorghum. Work continues today. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

# MFABANTFU ROYAL FIELDS HARVESTING GOING WELL

By Simon Shabangu  
Mfabantfu

**THE harvesting of royal fields popularly known as Mfabantfu continued as commanded by His Majesty King Mswati III.**

Hundreds of regiments came from different parts of the country to take part in the ongoing harvesting process, which has been going on for about a week now.

Security forces being the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force, Royal Swaziland Police and His Majesty's

Correctional Services also released a good number of officers to take part in the harvesting.

Despite the drought that affected the whole country and the SADC region at large, the Mfabantfu Royal Fields promises to bring out the best of yields as witnessed during yesterday's harvesting.

Although the level of the harvest has dropped according to some of the tindvuna interviewed, it however, still remains a good harvest under the circumstances.

They said it was not yet appropriate to state if it was a good year or

not since the harvesting of the largest of Royal Fields is about half done for now.

They say the quality is not as good as it used to be in other years when the country received good rains.

However, they still expect a good yield as announced by the King that despite the scarcity of rains the country would still record good harvest.

Lacwebetelako, as affectionately known, continued to sing and dance as they joyfully undertook the royal assignment as commanded by the King.



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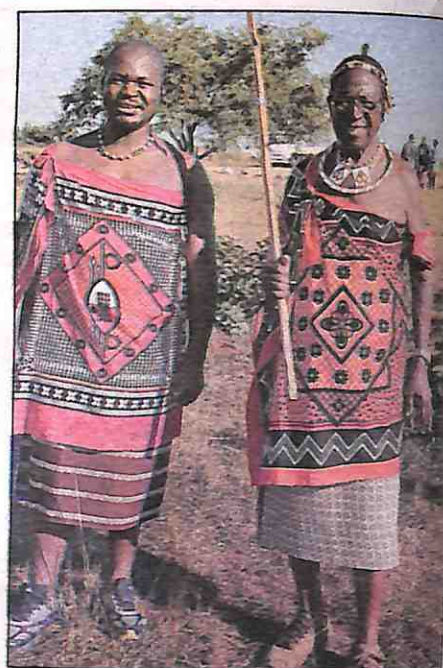
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**PRESENT:** Arts and Culture CEO Stanley Dlamini with Umngani TV Mtetwa were also at Mfabantfu.



**HELPING HAND:** Indvuna Lutfwacula and Sonkukhu giving it their all.



**CAN'T MISS:** Xaba Tsela who is an actor, was also among the regiment.





**ALL OUT:** Leonard Dlamini, MP Mjuluk Dlamini, Nhlanhla Kunene and Hlangabeza Mdluli going about with the duties of the day.

Members of the Royal family, chiefs, senior government officials and officers from the different forces were spotted at the harvesting yesterday.

**Spotted**

At least one Member of Parliament Mjuluk Dlamini was among those spotted. The harvesting continues today until the

time when authorities see that all has been collected.

As per the norm, it is expected that the King will disperse the regiments once all the work has been done. Normally the King extends his gratitude to the regiments and further gives wise words of encouragement to the nation at large.



**TAKING A SHORT BREAK:** SDZ Mthethwa, Johannes Dlamini and Dula Dlamini also came through to be part of the activity.



**DUTY CALLS:** It was a busy day as the young and old came through to take part in the Royal assignment.



**HARVESTING:** Emajaha working on the fields.

## 70-year-old woman gives birth to first child

**INDIA** - Doctors in India on Wednesday raised ethical and health concerns after a woman gave birth to her first child in her 70s, following two years of IVF treatment.

Daljinder Kaur gave birth last month to a healthy boy after falling pregnant by her 79-year-old husband, following fertility treatment at a northern Indian clinic.

Kaur said the couple, married for 46 years, were overjoyed at finally having their first child after enduring years of taunts in a country where infertility is sometimes seen as a curse from God.

"I feel blessed to be able to hold my own baby. I had lost hope of becoming a mother ever," Kaur told AFP from her home in Amritsar city. "I used to feel empty. There was so much loneliness."

Kaur put her age at about 70 - a common scenario in India, where many people don't have birth certificates - while the clinic said in a statement she was 72. But fertility expert Sunil Jindal raised questions about the future of a child born to elderly parents, as well as



**BLESSING:** An Indian couple, 70-year-old Dalwinder Kaur and her 79-year-old husband Mohinder Singh Gill, hold their newborn baby boy, Armaan Singh as they pose for photographs at their residence in Amritsar, India. (AFP)

health issues for the mother.

"There are ethical issues. In my opinion it is unfair to do such a procedure on a woman who is over 60," Jindal told AFP. "The sheer fact that a woman in her 70s has to carry the weight of a child in her womb for nine months is stressful. Then the question comes how are the parents going to look after the baby?"

That is also quite a task."

The clinic, in the northern state of Haryana, told AFP the couple's baby was conceived using Kaur's egg and her husband's sperm after two previous unsuccessful attempts.

But Britain's the Guardian newspaper on Wednesday quoted the clinic's doctor saying donor eggs were used.

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## SD TO HOST 39TH SADC PARLY FORUM

By Sabatha Dlamini  
Lobamba

**SPEAKER** in the House of Assembly Themba Msibi yesterday announced that the country would host the Southern Africa Development Community Parliamentary Forum's 39th Plenary Session.

Msibi said the plenary session was held twice a year, mid and late in the year.

Delegates attending the meeting would arrive in the country on May 28 for the meeting to begin from May 30 to June 7, 2016 at the Royal Swazi Sun Hotel.

Close to 100 delegates are expected from all the SADC countries.

Msibi said the delegates would discuss issues of equal importance to the regional countries like climate change. He said presiding officers from all the SADC countries would lead their respective countries delegates.

"We encourage Swazis to do what they are best known for, treat visitors with respect," said Msibi. Senate President Gelane Zwane concurred with Msibi, adding that there would be benefits accruing to the country by hosting this regional meeting. She also emphasised on the need for the visitors to be given the utmost respect they deserved, especially during their free time when they visit places of interest to them.

# Cabinet throws out SPPRA's board members

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini  
Lobamba

**CABINET** has refused to re-appoint board members of the Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA), who took the government to court recently over a motor vehicle tender.

Finance Minister Martin Dlamini told the Government Assurance Committee (GAC) yesterday that his proposal to have the board members re-appointed was rejected by cabinet on the grounds that they failed to

*...for taking government to court recently over a motor vehicle tender*

cooperate with cabinet.

Currently, the minister said he had since presented another list of new members with the hope that they would be endorsed. The minister said cabinet was shocked that the SPPRA board members had the audacity to take their employer, the government, to court instead of engaging them if they saw issues differently. Minister Martin Dlamini says the accusation that he was frustrating operations of certain parastatals

falling under his ministry was unfounded.

The minister told the GAC that boards of directors for all the parastatals under his ministry had been appointed. He mentioned the Swaziland Revenue Authority, Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund, SwaziBank and FINCORP.

The only board that he was working on, he said, was the SPRA because he had to consider other members for it.



**REVEALED:** Finance Minister Martin Dlamini.

## Kobla Quashie to audit auditor general's office

**FINANCE** Minister Martin Dlamini says auditing firm, Kobla Quashie has been appointed to audit the office of the auditor general.

Minister Dlamini told members of the GAC that the auditing firm was the only one that tendered its application when government advertised the job. Dlamini said the company would be given a three-year contract to carry out

the job, which he said would also include auditing the treasury.

The minister said his ministry has fulfilled all the resolutions of the House of Assembly by appointing parastatals' board members and an auditing firm to audit the auditor general's office.

Somtongo MP Sandile Nxumalo wondered why the minister waited until he was summoned and instructed by par-

liament to perform duties he was appointed for in the first place. The MP wanted the minister to explain why the auditing of the auditor general's office had to be sanctioned by parliament, demanding to know what regional and international practices were. MP Nxumalo said as much as the AG's office was established by the country's constitution, there was no need for

the constitution to expressly state that the office should be audited yearly.

Minister Dlamini concurred with MP Nxumalo that indeed it was international practice that audits were done yearly.

Mtfongwaneni MP Mjuluko Dlamini demanded written proof from the minister that the board had been appointed as well as the auditing company.

The minister offered to bring the documentary evidence before the end of yesterday.

## Steel & Wire Network Upgrade

The Swaziland Post and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC) would like to notify all her valued customers, and stakeholders that there will be an upgrade to the existing telecommunications network at Steel & Wire in Matsapha on Saturday the 14th May 2016; starting at 0900hrs with minimal interval interruptions until 1700hrs the same day.

All customers around the Correctional Services (Prison), Palfridge, Parmalat, Delux, Ruchi, Shoprite, Buzzdi Manufactures, Master/Motor Equipment and Barloworld, be affected.

This upgrade is aimed at improving service delivery and also to enable high speed data (internet) services.

In the event you experience problems with regards to your telephone services, after these stipulated times please contact our toll free line: 800 2000, or 910 for assistance.

We apologise for any inconvenience customers and stakeholders may experience during this period, and would like to reassure all our customers of our continued commitment to service excellence.

**CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT**

## SPTC employee fails to stop DC proceedings

By Linda Jele  
Industrial Court

**A Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC) employee has lost a challenge to set aside procession of a disciplinary hearing against her just because her line manager had been sidelined in investigating her charges.**

Zanele Masilela had been charged after she had allegedly made statements which were not favourable to her employer during a meeting.

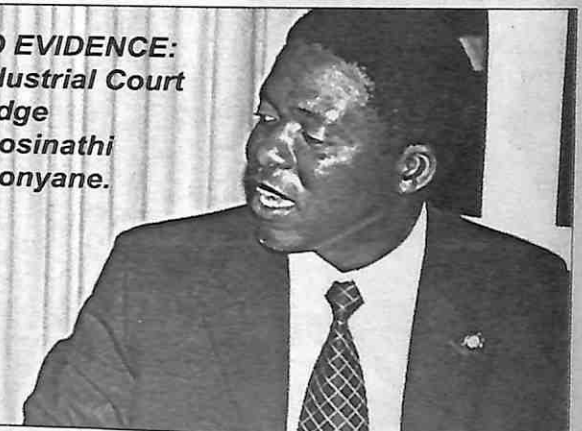
She claimed that the disciplinary proceedings were not in line with the corporation's disciplinary code and procedure, therefore unfair.

She argued that the chairman of the disciplinary hearing was not fair to have ruled that the code was not binding and could be diverted from.

The matter was heard by Industrial Court Nkosinathi Nkonyane and he issued a ruling on the matter yesterday. She was represented by lawyer Bongani Dlamini in the matter while Derrick Jele appeared on behalf of SPTC.

Masilela argued that the disciplinary code and procedure was flouted in that her supervisor and line manager

**NO EVIDENCE:**  
Industrial Court  
Judge  
Nkosinathi  
Nkonyane.



were not involved in the investigation and framing of her charges. The corporation opposed the application on the grounds that the code itself stipulated that it was a guide for handling cases of misconduct and was not binding.

Masilela argued that the code was made in terms of the Industrial Relations Act, which allowed parties to enter into lawful and binding recognition and procedural agreements. She also said the code was by law negotiated and agreed upon, therefore, became a legally binding document to all stakeholders.

Judge Nkonyane, in his ruling, said there was no evidence before court that the disciplinary code was a product of collective bargaining and it was agreed upon by the parties and signed.

"Even if a disciplinary code is a product of collective agreement, it can be deviated from in exceptional and appropriate circumstances, if for example, the manager who is supposed to investigate and charge the accused employee is disqualified for certain reasons," Nkonyane said.

He said in such circumstances, the court would not interfere with the disciplinary hearing's ruling. He said in Masilela's case, her managers were disqualified because they had been involved in the meeting where she made the statements she was alleged to have uttered.

He said those were exceptional circumstances warranting deviation from the company's code.

Her application was dismissed and no order as to costs was made.

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# Escaped convict busted before crossing to Moza

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

A convict who escaped from the watchful eye of Correctional Services officers was arrested before he could cross the Mhlumeni Border Post enroute to Maputo, Mozambique.

The convict got more than he had bargained for when he hitched a lift from a man who later reported him to his superiors, which led to his arrest.

He reportedly hitched a lift from Jeremiah Hlatshwako (53) of Siteki at the Lukhula Foot and Mouth Disease check-point.

Hlatshwako was approached by the uniformed convict who asked for a lift to Siteki and he became suspicious when he noted there was no correctional officer on sight.

When asked why he was alone while on uniform the escaped convict told Hlatshwako that he had

just been released from prison and needed transport to Siteki.

On suspicion that the man might be on the run, Hlatshwako drove to the site where a new correctional centre is under construction at Lukhula to verify the authenticity of the story. Upon arrival and after relaying the scenario, correctional officers on site immediately embarked on a search for the fugitive together with Hlatshwako.

After a lengthy search, the fugitive was apprehended along Sitsatsaweni on his way to Mhlumeni Border Post. The fugitive told the police that he was going to meet his family in

Maputo, Mozambique. He was re-arrested and charged with new charges, including escaping from lawful custody, malicious damage to property. The offender allegedly damaged Hlatshwako's car in a scuffle while resisting arrest. He was also charged with theft in that he had stolen clothes from one homestead at Mzilikazi near Siteki to conceal his identity from the correctional officers.

The offender in question was serving an 11-year sentence and was due to be released in October next year. However, that will no longer happen as he was now facing new three charges.

## Correctional Services boss honours Hlatshwako

HIS Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase has praised Hlatshwako for his heroism which helped in the re-arrest of an escaped offender.

Ntshangase presented Hlatshwako with a certificate of appreciation acknowledging his assistance and good work in bringing the escaped offender back to custody.

Ntshangase said: "Without Hlatshwako's assistance in this regard, it was going to be very difficult for officers to locate the whereabouts of the offender because he was nabbed while trying to skip the country to Mozambique to meet his family."

The commissioner general commended Hlatshwako, saying he was a true patriotic Swazi citizen who would risk everything to save the country from unlawful acts. Ntshangase noted that Hlatshwako was a very responsible person who is also vigilant in nature.

### Sacrificed

"He sacrificed his car, fuel, time and energy in an effort to help the department recapture the escaped inmate," said Ntshangase.

In addition to this, he thanked Hlatshwako for rushing an injured correctional officer to hospital and for driving the offender to the police station in Siteki to face charges. He then presented Hlatshwako with a certificate of

recognition plus E1 500 as a token of appreciation for the good work.

Ntshangase said the financial resources would assist Hlatshwako in repairing his car damaged by the offender. He said the money came from the Prison Officers' Reward Fund.

"I wish people like Hlatshwako would multiply so that the country benefits from their distinguished service," he said.

### Offenders

The commissioner general warned offenders against escaping from lawful custody, saying it does not help them except adding more charges to their initial sentences.

Ntshangase urged offenders to participate on rehabilitation pro-



**HONOURED:** HMCS Commissioner General Mzuthini Ntshangase presenting a certificate of appreciation to Jeremiah Hlatshwako for his heroism in helping apprehend a fugitive. (Pic: Gugu Simelane)

grammes. He, however, warned that they should not use this oppor-

tunity to escape from lawful custody.

## Siteki transport operators, association smoke peace-pipe

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

THE local kombi and mini bus association has finally met with public transport operators to discuss their grievances.

The local office and the operators have been on a stand-off, which saw the latter suspending payment of subscriptions to the association.

The operators pointed out irregularities in the running of the office, saying the executive committee was refusing to call meetings to report on its expenditures. They had resolved to suspend their subscriptions until their grievances had been attended to.

Yesterday, the committee convened a meeting with the operators where some of the grievances were amicably resolved.

These included that the committee will now present a detailed expenditure report to the operators on a periodic interval, which is yet to be agreed upon. Another issue which was discussed was the hike of transport fees for the Manzini and Simunye routes.

The two routes did not implement the new fares which were introduced late last year. The operators wanted to know what the local



**DUST SETTLED:** Local kombi and mini bus association has finally met with public transport operators.

office has done to resolve the issues which resulted to the new fares not being implemented.

Speaking after the meeting, Secretary of the committee, Cromwell Shongwe, reported that it was a success as both parties were able to reach common ground.

In an effort to have all the operators' grievances resolved, Shongwe said they had agreed to meet with the buses committee to discuss the issue of fares.

It is understood that operators resolved not to implement the new transport fees after they cited unworkable conditions and differences between the two committees. It was stated that kombi owners were giving unfair competition to bus owners by picking up cus-

tomers along the way while buses were also accused of charging very low prices.

Another issue which was discussed was that of the Maphungwane-Siteki gravel road which is in a bad condition.

Transport operators have asked the local office to make efforts to have the road attended to as a matter of urgency.

Shongwe said these were some of the things which the committee hoped to have sorted out by next week.

"The committee and transport operators had a number of agreements and some of them were implemented immediately," said Shongwe.

He further reported that the operators have also agreed to resume paying their subscriptions in the normal way.



## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI

### TENDER NOTICE

### RE TENDER NO. 3 OF 2016/2017

#### PROVISION OF STREETS AND BUS RANKS CLEANSING SERVICES

The Municipal Council of Manzini has a strategic objective of ensuring integrated waste removal and efficient environmental management that seeks to create an environmentally friendly and well-maintained City. Council is desirous to engage the services of a private company to meet this objective and therefore Tenderers are hereby invited to submit proposals for night streets and bus ranks cleansing.

Tender documents are available at Five Hundred Emalangeni (E500.00) non-refundable from the Rates Hall upon payment on Thursday, 12th May 2016.

Tender documents are to be collected from the Acting Chief Health Inspector's Secretary, Office No. 217.A compulsory site inspection will be held on Wednesday, 18th May 2016 at 10.00 am and prospective Tenderers are to meet at Manzini City Council Offices.

#### Tenders shall be delivered sealed to:

The Chief Executive Officer  
Municipal Civic Offices  
Manzini

Closing date: 27th May 2016

Late, incomplete, telephoned or telegraphic tenders will not be considered.

Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender and no explanation should be given as to reasons for Tender Award. Award would be on criteria set by Council.

L. P. Dlamini  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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# GO GET FLU SHOTS - DR MAGAGULA

... "However, some people are not advised to take such shots as they are either younger than six months or allergic to flu shots or of any of its ingredients,"

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Mbabane

**THE public has been advised to get flu shots as the winter season comes to light.**

Those advised on doing so are the elderly people, children and diabetics as they are said to have a weak immune system. This was said by Director of Health Dr Vusi Magagula, who mentioned that the public is always advised on doing such.

"Some people are more at risk from complications of influenza than others and are recommended to get a flu shot each year," Magagula explained.

#### Conditions

Children from six months to the age of five are recommended to take such, as well as pregnant women, elderly Swazis from age 65, travellers, people living abroad and those with existing health conditions e.g. diabetes.

"However, some people are not advised to take such shots as they are either younger than six months or allergic to flu shots or of any of its ingredients," he warned.

People are therefore warned on ensuring that they talk to the doctor

**THE FOLLOWING TRIVALENT FLU VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE:**

- Standard-dose trivalent shots that are manufactured using virus grown in eggs. There are several different flu shots of this type available, and they are approved for people of different ages. Some are approved for use in people as young as 6 months of age. Most flu shots are given with a needle. One standard dose trivalent shot also can be given with a jet injector, for persons aged 18 through 64 years.
- A high-dose trivalent shot, approved for people 65 and older.
- A trivalent shot containing virus grown in cell culture, which is approved for people 18 and older.
- A recombinant trivalent shot that is egg-free, approved for people 18 years and older.

**THE QUADRIVALENT FLU VACCINE PROTECTS AGAINST TWO INFLUENZA A VIRUSES AND TWO INFLUENZA B VIRUSES.**

**THE FOLLOWING QUADRIVALENT FLU VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE:**

- A quadrivalent flu shot that is manufactured using virus grown in eggs. There are several different flu shots of this type available, and they are approved for people of different ages. Some are approved for use in people as young as 6 months of age.
- An intradermal quadrivalent shot, which is injected into the skin instead of the muscle and uses a much smaller needle than the regular flu shot. It is approved for people 18 through 64 years of age.
- A quadrivalent nasal spray vaccine, approved for people 2 to 49 years of age. (sourced from the net)

#### Types of flu shot available for the 2015/16 flu season:


- Traditional flu vaccines made to protect against three different flu viruses (called 'trivalent' vaccines) are available. In addition, flu vaccines made to protect against four different flu viruses (called 'quadrivalent' vaccines) also are available.
- Trivalent flu vaccine protects against two influenza A viruses (an H1N1 and an H3N2) and an influenza B virus.

before they get such shots, especially if they are not feeling well.

"It is best to get the vaccine before the winter season starts, which is anytime from now, but people can still take some way into the season," he said.

#### viruses

The flu shot is a vaccine given with a needle, usually in the arm. The seasonal flu shot protects against the three or four influenza viruses that research indicates will be most common during the upcoming season.

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Swaziland Environment Authority

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

1. Swaziland Environment Authority offices - RHUS Office Park, Mbabane
2. Manzini National Library
3. Big Bend National Library
4. Siphofaneni Inkhundla Offices
5. Nisela Safaris
6. Mahlabaneni Primary School
7. Manyonyaneni Farmers Training Centre
8. USA Distillers Offices

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

The deadline for submission of comments is 10 June 2016\*

\* 20 days from last week of publication of notice.

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## SD ahead of SA in digital migration

By Mbono Mdluli  
Ezulwini

**SWAZILAND is ahead of South Africa in terms of digital migration as the neighbouring country has not yet started the sale of the set-top boxes needed for this process to be successful.**

This was revealed by ICASA Content Manager Mamedupe Kgatshe on Wednesday.

ICASA is Independent Communications Authority of South Africa. It is responsible for regulating the communications sector of the Republic.

Kgatshe was responding to a question that was posed by Channel S Director Qhawe Mamba, who wanted to know the progress made by South Africa in terms of digital migration.

"How far has South Africa gone in terms of the digital migration policy?" Mamba asked.

"South Africa is still behind in terms of digital migration because the set-top boxes are not yet in the market. I can say Swaziland is ahead of us in terms of digital migration," Kgatshe said.

She said set-top boxes were



**POSE: Retired General Manager TV Content at SABC Pontsho Maketha, SA's Independent Communications Authority Manager Mamedupe Kgatshe, Bloemfontein Nkazi Maketha and ICT Principal Secretary Sikelela Dlamini posing for the camera on the last day of the workshop.**

still to be launched by ICASA adding that the digital migration would open about 15 South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) television channels as opposed to the 20 expected to be opened in Swaziland.

Kgatshe advised the broadcasters, independent producers, Swaziland Communications Commission (SCCOM) and other stakeholders to come together to ensure they feed the channels with local content. She emphasised on political will that had to be

displayed in order for the exercise to be successful. She said a lot of investment had to be made to come up with infrastructure that would make this exercise successful.

She advised the broadcasters like Swazi TV to consider engaging SABC for advice on how to increase local content from 19 percent to a better percentage. She highlighted though that such would come at an affordable price. She said by so doing, they could find that producing local content would not be as expensive as they thought.



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## SERVICE UPDATE NOTICE

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- All our **ATMs** and **Point of Sale** terminals **WILL** be operating on the day.
- Our customers **WILL** also be able to transact in **other banks' ATMs** and **Point of Sale** terminals.
- However, **Internet Banking** will **NOT** be operational from Friday 13 May 2016 until 8:30am on Monday 16 May 2016. Please ensure that all your transactions have been completed before this interruption.

For more information, contact our Help Desk at **2408 1251/1242**.



## 10 NATIONAL NEWS

# MMM SA COLLAPSES, STARTS AFRESH

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**THE controversial "donation platform" and alleged Ponzi scheme, MMM South Africa has collapsed and rebooted its system amid what it calls a "media panic".**

In a notice posted to participants of the scheme, the group said persecution against MMM organised by the mass media has provoked a panic, which has forced the scheme to reboot and start all over again.

The group's administration said the scheme's currency, 'Mavros', named after the scheme's founder, convicted Russian fraudster, Sergey Mavrodi had been frozen and were impossible to use.

The MMM web administrator blamed the collapse of the system on media reports and South African banks, which it alleges have hurt and robbed millions of people who were part of the scheme.

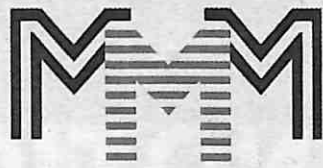
The scheme said it has started over with a clean sweep, with a plan to compensate users for any Mavro funds which were frozen.

The "old" version of the Mavro currency will be 'bought out' through trades of the "new" version of the currency, where equal value would be paid out to participants over six months, using 10% of total trade, effectively placing a debt burden on all participants. The notice popped up on participants' dashboards over the weekend, but was no longer appearing by Tuesday, according to users.

## THE NOTICE WAS CAPTURED AND POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

DEAR PARTICIPANTS!

Unfortunately, the persecution against MMM organised by the mass media has provoked a panic. We have been working in South Africa for almost 2 years and we have millions of members. During all that time, we had no complaints and accusations from participants, every-



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thing was paid to every-one in time and in full amount, by 30% per month. We held charity events and helped children. We did a lot of useful things for

people! Well, who was suffering from this?

The bankers and the adherents of the current unjust financial system planned and brought all these crazy investigations and persecution in the mass media.

"The only thing which prevents the investigation is the fact that non of the participants reported to the police".

If there are no complaints, and everybody is happy, then what is the investigation for? What is the subject? Did not they understand the consequences?

Did not they understand that their irresponsible actions would hurt people? Millions of people! Well, try oppressing any bank, even the most reliable one, in the same way, and

see what will happen tomorrow. However, it is futile to explain that to them. MMM prevents banks from robbing people, that is the only reason why all this is happening. And nobody cares about people. If we managed to pay millions of participants 30% per month for two years (and would still be paying, if the mass media did not lie about MMM!), why do banks not do the same? Why do they offer only a few percents a year? Make your own conclusions. Thought everything is clear right now.

You are simply robbed, we have always been saying it. The modern financial system is predatory by nature. It is not for ordinary people, it is for the bankers. Its purpose is financial slavery! And it achieves this

purpose perfectly. In general, in this situation, we have to start all over again. We have no choice. You can see on your own what is happening.

With new Mavros you can use them on a common basis, to 'acquire' and 'withdraw' them at any time. All of this, of course, is not very nice, but it's not the end of the world. We will quickly pay off "old" Mavro debts, no doubt about it. You just have to wait. (And anyway, you can thank your precious media and banks for this "gift"!).

The best thing you can do is just to start participating again, that is all. And you will quickly return everything, even with a benefit.

Moreover, now is the most favorable time to participate and invite: in fact, everything starts from the beginning. So do not miss your chance!

## SD faced with peanuts shortage

By Eddie Abner  
Mbabane

**SWAZILAND is currently experiencing a shortage of legumes, especially peanuts which has hit hard on vendors who live by selling them.**

Swazis have now resorted to buying them in Mozambique and South Africa. Currently, the country is having a shortage of beans,

lentils, peas and peanuts. The problem is not only affecting the vendors but also business owners. Most of the vendors claim the prices in Mozambique have hiked up and they were now paying double of what they were used to locally, including transport and taxes at the border post.

They mentioned that they were now facing challenges with the National Agricultural Marketing Board (NAMBoard) which

restricted them on the quantity they should buy. They voiced their frustration in the way they were treated at the border posts where they said some of their stuff was confiscated because it was more than what they could import to the country. Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati confirmed that the country was affected by the shortage of legumes.

"It is true we are facing a challenge with legumes as the production has dropped drastically over the years due to the current

drought we are experiencing. Farmers have not been doing well in inter-cropping over the years, which has seen us experiencing such a problem. As a ministry we would advise those in need of those legumes to get them from countries where they are available. However, they would have to liaise with NAMBoard on the quantity," he said.

Recently, NAMBoard banned the buying of mealie-meal from shops in South Africa, especially at the border where it is cheap.

## GENERAL NOTICE

**HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AUTHORITY ACT, 1988  
AS AMENDED IN 1992  
(Act No.2 of 1988)**

**APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A HUMAN SETTLEMENT  
(Under Section 10)**

It is hereby notified for general information that, in terms of the HSA (Amendment) Act of 1992, **Building Design Group** on behalf of **Rudolph Investments** has lodged an application for permission to establish a human settlement with the Human Settlements Authority.

The proposed human settlement, to be known as **Nkonyeni Links** is to be established on **Portions 1,5,6,30 and 31 of Farm 523** situated within the **Manzini District**.

Plans, document and information regarding this application will be open at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for a period of two (2) weeks from the date of first publication of this notice in the newspaper.

Persons who object to the granting of this application or who make representations regarding the matter should communicate with HSA, c/o Ministry of Housing & Urban Development, P.O. Box 1832 Mbabane, within a period of two (2) weeks from the date of publication of this notice. The Authority shall give particulars of every objection to the applicant.

**J.M. NDLANGAMANDLA  
ACTING PRINCIPAL SECRETARY  
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# POLIO DID NOT STOP ME – AMBASSADOR

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**POLIO Ambassador Ntobeko Nkambule said being affected by Polio while he was a toddler did not stop him from pursuing his dreams.**

Nkambule was speaking at a seminar at Happy Valley celebrating 27 years of Swaziland being polio-free recently.

The polio ambassador was the last polio case in Swaziland in 1989.

Nkambule, who is a teacher by profession, stated that polio is real and stressed that it is important that children were vaccinated against the disease.

He further took a pledge to take responsibility to advocate and sensitise the com-

● Nkambule, who is a teacher by profession, stated that polio is real and stressed that it is important that children were vaccinated against the disease

munity on immunisation to achieve the desired goal of polio eradication.

He told the meeting that despite challenges of living with disability, he still managed to complete his education and further obtained his BSc degree, majoring in Mathematics and Chemistry at the University of Swaziland.

He is currently studying Economics at UNISA.

The seminar was officially opened by Deputy Director of Health Services, Rejoice Nkambule. Nkambule emphasised the usage of science in polio eradication and

other child health interventions, programming and social determinants of health.

WHO EPI Officer Lonkululeko Khumalo explained that there has been no imported or indigenous wild polio virus case in the country in the last 27 years.

## Importation

She pointed out, however, that importation of wild polio virus (WPV) cannot be prevented until global polio eradication is achieved but its spread within the country can be controlled.

She emphasised that detection of wild polio virus in a polio-free country is a public



**ROSE ABOVE IT ALL: Polio Ambassador Ntobeko Nkambule posing with participants during the seminar. (Pic Gugu Simelane)**

health emergency.

"It is against this background that the World Health Organisation (WHO) supported the country to develop an outbreak preparedness and response plan. This plan provides guidance in case of an importation of WPV or detection of WPV case in order to maintain the polio free status," she said.

Khumalo went on to explain that the country has an active surveillance system in place for detection of poliovirus where all Acute Flaccid Paralysis cases are reported and investigated immediately and tested for poliovirus.

As soon as a case of WPV is isolated, an immediate

investigation is done commencing within 72 hours to identify the scope of the response activities, based on such factors as the extent of transmission, AFP surveillance quality, major transit routes, international borders and origin of the WPV case.

"Despite these achievements it should be noted that in Swaziland some children are still missed with immunization due to numerous reasons. We encourage parents and caretakers to bring children for immunisation to sustain and strengthen the gains made," Khumalo said.

Swaziland joined the rest of the African region in commemorating African Vaccination Week (AVW)

and brought 27 years of being Polio free on its cards.

This year's commemoration was held under the theme: "Close the Immunization Gap. Stay Polio Free!". Polio (poliomyelitis) mainly affects children under five years of age. One in 200 infections leads to irreversible paralysis.

Polio cases worldwide have decreased by over 99% since 1988, from an estimated 350 000 cases then, to 74 reported cases in 2015.

Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only two countries remaining with the polio-endemic. In Swaziland, the last polio case was clinically diagnosed and reported in 1989.

## Father disputes paternity of two children

Stories by Jozane Maziya  
Magistrate's Court

**A man appearing before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati has told the court that he has no assurance that all three of the children he is being asked to support are his biological offspring.**

Sabelo Mkhonta\* appeared for a maintenance case brought by one Gciniwe Ngwenya\* in that he (the respondent) had not made any contribution to assist her in raising the three children whom the applicant (Gciniwe) says are all fathered by the respondent.

Asked whether or not he disputes paternity of the children, Mkhonta said: "If she says three then I can agree that one is mine but I have no assurances that all three are mine."

He was then informed by the magistrate that if he disputed paternity, he must provide the court with evidence that he is not the biological father of the said children in the form of a paternity test.

The applicant made a request for E1 000 in

monthly contributions from the respondent.

When asked how much he would be able to contribute the respondent told the court that he would not be able to contribute a cent to which Magistrate Vilakati responded.

"You have to contribute towards the children's maintenance."

Mkhonta, however, claimed that he is

unemployed and it is for that reason that he could not make a contribution.

However, Magistrate Vilakati warned the respondent against using unemployment as an excuse for not supporting his children. "You cannot just fold your arms and say I am unemployed."

Mkhonta was asked how he feeds himself and he told the court the court that his wife

is employed and she pays for everything.

He was ordered to contribute E1 000 per month towards the maintenance of all three children, which has to be paid at the department of social welfare.



**PRESIDING: Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati.**

## ...Tells court he won't pay maintenance

**DESPITE an order from Magistrate Vilakati for Mkhonta to contribute E1 000 a month towards the maintenance of his children he told court that he was not sure if he would manage.**

He asked the court: "What happens if I do not pay?" Magistrate Vilakati responded by saying, "then the law will take its place."

Still not satisfied with the ruling to pay the monthly contributions Mkhonta asked the court:

"Why not let the law take

its place right now because I will not be able to pay."

Magistrate Vilakati told the respondent that it was unfortunate because the children were innocent and it would not serve the children any good if their father was arrested because he would still be unable to make any contributions from a prison cell.

The applicant was then ordered to report the respondent if he failed to make the ordered contributions.

The magistrate also



advised the respondent to try first and then complain later.

**NB: \*Pseudonyms used to protect the identities of the minor children involved.**

# Canada

## CANADA FUND FOR LOCAL INITIATIVES – COORDINATOR NEEDED

The Canadian High Commission is looking for a consultant/organization to act as the Swaziland coordinator for the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI). This fund support a considerable range of types of projects consistent with Canada's thematic priorities for international assistance, in particular democracy, human rights, security and stability as well as Climate Change adaptation and Mitigation.

Projects funded each year under the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives will reflect a special engagement towards the improvement of the situation related to human rights, citizen engagement, institutional capacity building, greater transparency and accountability, political corruption, corporate social responsibility. Canada Fund projects are small community-based projects whose funding will usually range between CAD\$ 15,000 to CAD\$ 30,000. The allocation for the period of September 2016 to 31 March 2017 covered by this contract is respectively CAD\$ 30,000 for the CFLI.

The coordinator will be responsible to manage the day-to-day process: carrying out project identification, feasibility studies, monitoring and maintenance of files and for preparing appropriate approval documents and reports. The contract will run from June 1st 2016 to June 30th 2017.

Interested Swazi organizations or individuals shall provide their bid no later than 17h00 on May 13th 2016 via electronic mail.

A detailed Statement of Work and Request for Proposal kit is available in both English and French and can be obtained by contacting to the following e-mail address: [egidio.raposo@international.gc.ca](mailto:egidio.raposo@international.gc.ca)



# Squatters face 60 days detention

By Linda Jele  
High Court

**MAHAMB**A Gorge wants a body of a man who was a squatter in its farm exhumed because it was buried in defiance of a court order.

This has come after a family that was allowed to stay as a squatter in the Mahamba Gorge's farm at Gege in the Shiselweni region buried a dead man inside the farm despite being stopped by the High Court.

Stephen Sibandze was allegedly buried on the remaining extent of Portion A of farm Johannesloop No. 19 belonging to the Mahamba Gorge, despite that the family had been served with a court order barring it from conducting the event inside the farm.

The outlet has filed an urgent application seeking an order to have the deceased's eldest daughter Nicholine Lushaba (nee Sibandze) and one Pat Mdluli to be charged with contempt

*...for unlawfully burying body in Mahamba Gorge farm*

of court and be put to gaol for 60 days.

The company has also applied for an order directing Lushaba and Mdluli to exhumate the body of the deceased from its farm and bury it elsewhere. Lawyer Derrick Jele from Robinson Bertram Attorneys represented Mahamba Gorge in the matter.

## Alleged

Sandile Simelane, Mahamba Gorge's Managing Director, has alleged that the late Stephen was one of squatters in the farm which had been earmarked for the establishment of a game lodge.

He claimed all the squatters had been barred from conducting burials inside the farm.

Simelane stated that the court order was issued on May 7, 2016 interdicting the family from burying the deceased inside the farm.

The funeral had been earmarked to take place on May 8, 2016 and was

served to the family members of the deceased, specifically, Lushaba, on the same day. He alleged that Lushaba was served by Shiselweni Deputy Sheriff Xolani Mkhonta.

"I am advised that the court order is clear that the first respondent (Lushaba) and/or all those acting under her behest are interdicted and restrained from burying the deceased in the applicant's (Mahamba Gorge) property.

In full defiance of the court order, Lushaba and Mdluli proceeded with the funeral of the deceased in the applicant's property in the morning of May 8, 2016.

## Guilty

They are therefore guilty of contempt of court in the circumstances," Simelane said.

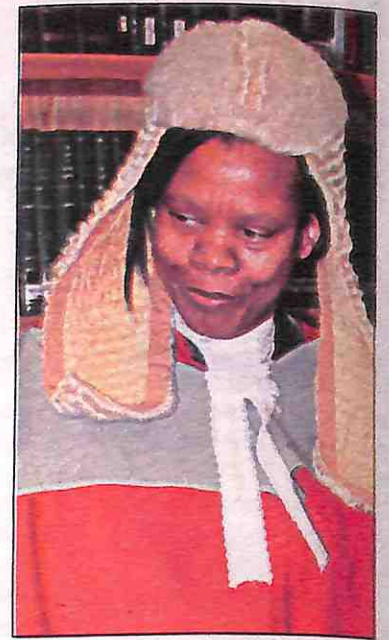
He also submitted that their conduct in proceeding with the funeral undermined the dignity and authority of the court. He also submitted that defi-

ance of court orders was unacceptable because it had the potential to give rise to situations where citizens took the law into their own hands. He applied that they should be committed to gaol for 60 days for defying the order of court.

"Alternatively, if the court is not minded to grant a committal order, then first respondent be ordered to exhumate the body of the deceased and bury him elsewhere and not in the applicant's property.

The applicant also seeks an order for costs at punitive scale against the first and second respondents for intentionally defying the order of court.

Such conduct should be frowned upon by the court by visiting such offenders with such scale of costs in order to send a warning to such respondents and other would be offenders that such will not be accepted and tolerated by the courts," he



**BEFORE HER:** High Court Judge Mumcy Dlamini.

said. The matter was before High Court Judge Mumcy Dlamini and it was postponed to Tuesday.

Lushaba and Mdluli were ordered to have filed all responding papers by today and Mahamba Gorge to file answering papers on Monday.

## ATUSWA thanks TUCOSWA for support

By Eddie Abner  
Mbabane

**THE Amalgated Trade Union of Swaziland (ATUSWA) has heaped praises on the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) for being with them in their struggle for registration since 2013.**

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

ATUSWA Secretary General Wonder Mkhonza stated that they were very happy that government finally complied with the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) recommendation that they should be registered as a federation without any delay.

## Treacherous

"We have just come out of a treacherous path as workers organised under this giant and applaud all those who have been with us through and through, be it individuals or collective.

We could not have done it alone.

We wish to extend our gratitude to TUCOSWA, the only independent workers federation and its affiliates for standing with the poorest in their struggle against registration," he said.

Mkhonza stated that their primary objective of forming the federation was to unite workers in all the sectors and be solidified.

## Bearers

"The national office bearers of the union send heartfelt gratitude to the entire membership of the union who stood by us during the trying times when conditions meant we barely existed. The role of the members

now shall be to ensure that the union meets all its legal requirement, which amongst others, is to ensure accountability," he concluded.

In an earlier interview, Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula confirmed the registration of the union.

The minister is in Botswana to present a progress report on the issues raised by the ILO and under the African Growth and Opportunities Act (AGOA) as conditions for the country to reclaim its status.

The ILO conference will be held in Geneva in Switzerland next month.

Magagula said the registration of ATUSWA was a step in the right direction as far as meeting the ILO

benchmarks was concerned.

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

## Quoted

Magagula was quoted saying the ministry of labour and social security had done all it had to do and now the ball was in the court of parliament to make sure that it enacts legislations in order to place the country in the right position to participate in the programme.

The legislations include the Public Order Bill, Police Bill, Correctional Services Bill and the amendment of the Suppression of Terrorism Act.

## Dr Ketsela attends WHO meeting in SA

**THE 52nd Regional Programme Meeting (RPM 52) of the WHO African Region began on Wednesday in Johannesburg, South Africa.**

Over 70 participants attended the three-day meeting which brought together directors, WHO representatives and programme managers under the leadership of the regional director. Present from the country was WHO Representative Dr Tigest Ketsela Mengestu.

Among the issues to be discussed during the meeting are; the Global WHO reforms and the Transformation agenda including the technical and Managerial Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), delegation of authority and human resource realignment; the role of WHO in SDGs implementation, especially country offices; Global Health Security, including the reform of WHO's work; Polio eradication endgame and legacy and related HR challenges and building resilient health systems.

In her introductory remarks, Dr Matshidiso Moeti, the Regional Director, provided an update on work done so far in implementing the Strategic Priorities and the Transformation Agenda.

She thanked participants for their continued support for the reform process and informed them that a document entitled "The Africa Transformation Programme, 2015 - 2020; a Vision for Universal Health Coverage" has just



**TOGETHER:** Over 70 participants attended the three-day WHO meeting.

been published. The document articulates a vision for health and development that aims to address health inequities and inequalities in the Region.

"We will hold ourselves accountable to these deliverables", she said, adding "we cannot relent on our efforts to become the WHO Secretariat in the African Region that our Member States and stakeholders want".

Referring to Health Security, Dr Moeti said the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) epidemic in West Africa was no longer a public health event of international concern. Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone have capacities and systems in place to respond to flare-ups. She congratulated the three representatives and their teams for the commitment and excellent work in stopping the EVD epidemic. The Health

Security and Emergencies (HSE) Cluster is supporting 19 targeted countries to enhance the level of preparedness for Ebola. The cluster is also coordinating support for the response to a number of outbreaks and emergencies including meningitis and Lassa Fever in West Africa; cholera in Tanzania, DR Congo and Zambia; a major outbreak of yellow fever in Angola which has since spread to other countries, notably DR Congo, Kenya, Namibia; drought and El Nino in East and Southern Africa.

The regional director observed that the WHO African region is contributing actively to the design of a new WHO Health Emergencies Programme which aims to ensure standardisation, predictability and interoperability across the three levels of the Organisation.

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# Swazi Administration Act outdated - Police boss

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**THE 1950 Swazi Administration Act which is meant to give powers and accord authority to chiefs has been deemed as inadequate in today's world by National Commissioner of Police Isaac M Magagula.**

The national commissioner stated that this Act needed to be replaced

with a more comprehensive legislation. The police have roped in the Attorney General's Office to help them in dealing with disputes involving traditional leaders.

With police being accused of taking sides or being partisans when dealing with chieftaincy disputes, boundary disputes and evictions, regional commissioners and commanders have held a workshop that will enlighten the Royal Swaziland Police on how

to deal with such issues.

The focus of the workshop, which is held at Matsapha Police College, is to find a common understanding on the operational role of police in areas such as assisting and protecting the authority and dignity of traditional leaders, burial sites disputes and evictions as a consequence to court or traditional authority orders.

Magagula stated that problems arise in particular that the 1950 Swazi

Administration Act which was meant to give powers and accord authority to Chiefs' authority was now proving inadequate. The workshop will be dealing with considerations on replacing the act with a more comprehensive legislation tailored on the lines of the 1998 Swazi Administration Order which for some reason could not see the light of the day. Magagula stated that despite the challenges they were faced with they

were thankful of the Attorney General's Office which always helped them in their quest to strike a balance between modernity and custom in policing a diverse and dynamic environment in Swazi Society.

Principal crown Counsel Vusi Kunene from the Attorney General's Office stated that indeed there were challenges faced by police due to modernity and customary laws.

Kunene stated the Act being used was very old and hoped that chiefs who are in parliament would lobby for it to be amended so that it becomes efficient in today's era.



**CLARITY:** The ministry of ICT Principal Secretary Sikelela Dlamini responding to questions from the floor during the launch of the Local Content Development Strategy workshop at the Convention Centre on Tuesday. (Pics: Mangaliso Dlamini)

## SBIS APPLIES FOR TOLL FREE NUMBER

By Mbono Mdluli  
Ezulwini

**IN an effort to strengthen its relation with its audience, the Swaziland broadcasting and Information Services (SBIS) has applied for a toll-free number for listeners to voice out their grievances about the operations of the station.**

SBIS has applied for the number from Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC).

SBIS Director Martin Dlamini said they hoped that the facility would help them know exactly how to meet the needs of the audience of the station. He was speak-

ing during the Local Content Strategy Development workshop, which is currently held at Royal Swazi Convention Centre in Ezulwini.

Dlamini was making a presentation about the programme content of the national broadcaster.

### Revealed

He revealed that most of the station's programme content was local. He said the SiSwati Channel (SBIS1) had a local content of 98 percent, while the English Channel (SBIS2) had a content of 80 percent.

During the question-and-answer session of his presentation, Dlamini told those who were present at the workshop that they had a problem with repeating programmes at the stations.

"We had an experience where a voice of a former employee of ours was used to introduce our news bulletin.

What is unfortunate is that she has passed away.

When we continued with her voice as an introduction, we were called by her relatives telling us that we were inflicting pain on them by playing the introduction," Dlamini said.

He, however, did not state the name of that radio personality whose voice was used to introduce the news bulletin. In the English Channel of SBIS, a voice of the late Nomvula Motsa was used to introduce the news bulletin. It would say: "From the news desk, we present local and international

news."

Dlamini was responding to concerns from the participants at the workshop. They wanted programmes, especially those that were considered to be educational.

### Participants

This, according to the participants, would be done to educate even those who would not be able to listen to the live broadcast of the programme.

Federation of People Living with Disabilities in Swaziland (FODSWA) President Mandla Methula also submitted that SBIS should consider stopping the broadcast of drama programmes that were produced many years ago and were still played even today. He said some of these plays had voices of people who had passed away and their relatives had to be considered.

## Employment Opportunity Examinations Council of Swaziland Human Resources Manager

The Examinations Council of Swaziland (ECOS) has a vacant position for Human Resources Manager to head the Human Resources functions.

### Summary of Responsibilities

- Develop HR policies and procedures in line with relevant legislation, communicate same to staff to ensure implementation, and review these periodically as required.
- Contribute to the development of a performance management system, and facilitate implementation thereof, ensuring that all staff have an understanding of what is expected of them.
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- Record proceedings of management meetings and keep an accurate record of minutes thereof.
- Ensure accurate maintenance and appropriate storage of employee files and other relevant records.
- Managing the wellness and safety of staff at ECOS.
- Promote conducive labour relations by coordinating grievance, dispute and disciplinary hearings, as well as drafting union agreements.
- Contribute to the development and implementation of the strategic plan.

### Minimum requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Human Resources or a related field. A post graduate HR related qualification would serve as an added advantage.
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- Working knowledge of relevant legislation.
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# WHAT HILLARY TOLD THE UNIVERSAL

## THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND STATEMENT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL WORKING GROUP BY SENATOR EDGAR E. HILLARY MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

Honourable President,  
Representatives of the Member States,  
Observer states,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

### 1. INTRODUCTION:

1.1 I am greatly honoured to lead the delegation of the Kingdom of Swaziland to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of my country, and to present our National Report to the Working Group today. On behalf of His Majesty's Government let me take this opportunity to congratulate His Excellency Choi Kyong-lim on his election as President of the Human Rights Council.

1.2 The Kingdom of Swaziland greatly appreciates the opportunity provided by the UPR mechanism to reflect and assess, in a self-critical manner, our achievements as well as identify existing gaps and challenges in the promotion and protection of human rights in our Kingdom.

1.3 This is also an occasion to share best practices and bring about further improvement through constructive dialogue and international co-operation. We are confident that the outcome of this review will contribute towards Swaziland's efforts in further enhancing the enjoyment of the full spectrum of human rights of our people. We approach the whole review process with an open and a positive mind and are keen to engage with all delegations to receive and consider their constructive comments and recommendations.

1.4 Like many countries in Southern Africa, Swaziland's resources are reaching their limits. The recent drought currently experienced in the Kingdom of Swaziland has hit hard on its economy outlook. This has historically diminished the ability of the government to efficiently underwrite some of the human rights that have financial implications. It has greatly constrained the ability to expand safety nets and other social protection systems.

1.5 Despite the diversity and complexity of the challenges, the Government and people of Swaziland have remained firm and determined to reverse the situation and advance development forward by tracking the economy back to the right and sustainable path in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) adopted by the UN in 2015. Seeing that Swaziland's best asset is her people, Government has introduced a number of measures aimed at safeguarding the lives and livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable groups while at the same time keeping intact sound mechanisms to accelerate economic growth and recovery.

1.6 Innovative and creative programmes that selectively target vulnerable groups such as orphans, women, children, the disabled and the elderly have been put in place to rectify social imbalances and meet the pre-set targets for the Millennium Development Goals (2015). These included: establishment of the Youth Enterprise Fund, Regional Development Fund, Poverty Reduction Fund, subsidized farming inputs, establishment of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) grant, the elderly grant, Free Primary Education (FPE), Free Ante and Post Natal care for women and children and Government Medical Aid Scheme for the poor called the Phalala Fund. Furthermore, measures to promote youth employment, regional and agricultural development as well as women's empowerment projects were put in place.

1.7 Since the last review (2011), the Swaziland Government has continued to formulate and implement policies aimed at improving the quality of life

of everyone in the country. These policies are included in the report mainly in paragraphs 64, 65, 67 and 69 and just to mention a few:

(a) A National Strategic Framework (NSF) 2009-2014 and Extended National Strategic Framework (ENSF) 2014-2018. These provide a blueprint for multi sectoral action for HIV.

(b) A National Parliamentary Strategy on HIV and AIDS (2009-2014) is being reviewed. A new strategy covering the period 2016-2021 is being developed. The objective is to enhance the engagement and effective participation of law makers in the national response to HIV and AIDS in Swaziland.

(c) A National Male Circumcision Policy (2009). The aim of the Policy is to scale up male circumcision as a proven HIV prevention strategy, alongside other prevention interventions. Similarly a national male circumcision programme (2014-2018) has been developed to accelerate access scale-up male circumcision from 27 percent in 2014 to 80 percent by 2018.

### 2. CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

2.1 The report at hand is a result of a process that involved the setting up of a multi-stakeholder Committee that was tasked with data collection, collation, conducting consultations and verification process. The Committee was chaired by the Ministry of Justice and it included the Prime Minister's office, Deputy Prime Minister's office, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Academia, Non-Governmental Organizations and Civil Society Organisations.

2.2 Following the appointment of the Committee, a workshop was held in order to provide technical assistance on the preparation of Swaziland's Second National Report. This workshop was conducted with the assistance of the Regional Office for Southern Africa of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations country team. The forum provided an opportunity for the stakeholders to reflect on the common understanding of the UPR process and to discuss the national experiences on the last UPR, implementation and progress made on the recommendations.

2.3 The Committee then started with data collection from all relevant sectors, each member of the Committee being a representative of and responsible for consultation within their respective sector. The Committee then narrowed down to a working group which was responsible for consolidating all the inputs and this led to the first draft of the report. The draft was then circulated to all stakeholders for their inputs once again; thereafter a validation workshop was held with all stakeholders and in this workshop further input was made. After the validation workshop, the report was presented to Cabinet, before submission to the UN.

### 3. PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

In 2005 Swaziland adopted the Constitution with a justiciable Bill of Rights. The Constitution also establishes an independent Commission on Human Rights and Public Administration whose mandate is to investigate complaints concerning alleged violations of fundamental human rights and freedoms. The Commission has been receiving complaints of alleged violations of fundamental human rights. Presently there are 86 complaints, of which 69 of these are under investigation and complaints referred to other state institutions are 11. Some of the complaints have resulted in the Commission appearing in court as an intervening party in order to protect and promote human rights.

The commission has made significant strides towards implementing its mandate despite chal-

lenges. It is anticipated that there will be achievements and adequate allocation of resources to enable the commission to continue its mandate efficiently.

Significant progress has been achieved towards strengthening the commission. This includes the recruitment of 8 key staff members, 5 of whom focus on the investigative and the legal framework of the commission. The commission has developed a 5 year strategy and is working on the Human Rights and Public Administration Bill 2011, to ensure full adherence to the Paris Principles. Accreditation by the International Accreditation Committee (ICC) is one of the Commissions' priorities for 2016 and government has been collaborating with the Commission to ensure that the independence articulated in Section 166 of the Constitution is adhered to.

The newly established secretariat will enhance the Commission to achieve its constitutional mandate of promoting and protecting human rights, ensuring equitable access to public services for all and fostering leadership that is accountable to all people.

### 4. RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

The country enacted a comprehensive and protective piece of legislation for children in 2012 (Child Protection and Welfare Act 2012). This legislation seeks to provide protection for children from abuse and to promote their welfare and best interests.

The legislation was benchmarked against the most important legal instruments of children's rights.

The Act recognises emerging child protection and welfare challenges brought on by a high HIV prevalence leading to many children being orphaned. Importantly, this legislation domesticates international instruments on child rights for Swaziland. The Government of Swaziland gave careful consideration in drafting the Act to give effect to its international obligations.

Over and above this legislation, the country has a children's policy which also provides a clear position of the policy statements that illustrate prioritisation of the protection and promotion of children's rights, in particular vulnerable children.

Under the strong government social protection program, government offers an Orphan and Vulnerable Children's (OVC) grant which caters for their education.

The Government of Swaziland has ensured free primary education for all Swazi children as enshrined in the Constitution and the Free Primary Education Act, 2012.

The Free Primary Education programme is designed to remove barriers and increase access to primary education for all school-going age children. It provides relevant quality education and eliminates all forms of disparities and irregularities in primary education. It is calculated to eradicate illiteracy and to equip every child with basic skills and knowledge in an endeavor to alleviate poverty.

This is in line with Section 29(6) of the Constitution of Swaziland, which guarantees the right to free primary education in public schools. Even though secondary school education is still not free, the government supports the vulnerable children by paying their fees through the OVC grant under the Deputy Prime Minister's portfolio. Where there have been challenges, the Government has acted swiftly in addressing same.

FPE was successfully rolled out from grades 1-2 in 2010, and it was extended to grade 7 in 2015. The enrolment rate has increased from 231 555 in 2009 to 239 422 in 2012 and 247 717 in 2015. Indicators suggest that Swaziland is on track in achieving universal access to primary education specified in Millennium Development Goal 2.

Achievement of access is but one aspect of the

progress, there is need to ensure that all children complete primary education. Completion rates at primary levels suggested that repetition and dropout may have still pushed some of the children out of the system. In 2006/2007 the completion rate was about 59.3 percent, it increased to 76.4 percent in 2012, suggesting that more children stayed on to complete primary education. This is an improvement, which implied that more children are being retained by the system.

### 5. PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN:

To illustrate the country's commitment towards gender equality, over and above the ratification of Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the country has committed itself to a number of instruments to this effect.

These include the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa. Additionally, the following measures have been undertaken:

a) The Deeds Registry Act 37/1968 was amended in 2012 to give effect to the rights of women married in community of property to own land and have it registered in their own names.

b) The Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill has been put in place and seeks to address all forms of sexual violence against women and children. The Government of Swaziland is investing all necessary efforts to accelerate enactment of the Bill into law. Since the last Parliament was dissolved in 2013 before it was promulgated into law, the Bill therefore lapsed and the process starts de novo.

c) The common law rule that married women had no capacity to litigate without the assistance of their husbands was declared inconsistent with the constitutional right to equality by the High Court in the case of **Sihlongonyane and others v Sihlongonyane** decided in 2013.

The government has made significant strides in policy and legislative reform in addressing the challenges of gender based violence in the country evidenced by the approval of the National Gender Policy of 2010 and the enactment of People Trafficking and People Smuggling Act of 2012. Implementation of these legal frameworks included:

- Introduction of toll free lines;
- Establishment of the Domestic Violence and Victims support Centres in police stations; and
- Establishment of a One Stop Centre to provide care and support for gender based violence survivors.

### 6. RIGHTS OF REFUGEES

The Ministry of Home Affairs is responsible for protecting refugees and asylum seekers. The Ministry has a fully-fledged Refugees Department under its portfolio. The Department is designed to be a one stop shop for providing asylum seekers and refugee services, for example, status determination, voluntary repatriation and resettlement.

The Department also forms part of a tripartite team, which includes the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and a local NGO called Caritas, that co-ordinates refugee issues in Swaziland.

The Government of Swaziland through the Ministry has drafted and published the Refugees Bill No. 22 of 2015. The Bill provides for the recognition, protection, and control of refugees by giving effect (through domestication) to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, the 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1969 Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa.

The Ministry operates and has recently upgraded



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Minister Edgar Hillary.



a refugee reception center. This center has a fully-fledged school and a clinic. In this center asylum seekers and refugees are also equipped with livelihood skills to sustain themselves while staying at the center and once they move out to integrate with society.

The clinic provides high quality health services to the refugees as well as the surrounding community. The Refugees Department also continues to keep an up to date electronic statistical data base for asylum seekers and refugees in the country.

Additionally, the Departments issues and renews status permits and convention travel documents to enable refugees to make frequent business trips to neighboring countries. Swaziland continues to host many Refugees from different countries.

## 7. FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

Freedom of expression does exist in Swaziland, subject to the limitations as provided for by law.

Section 16 (read section 24) of the Constitution guarantees the right to freedom of expression including the right to a free media subject to respect for the dignity of others.

There are three privately owned print media companies which publish three titles between them. The government and government owned companies advertise extensively in these privately owned media.

There is only one privately owned radio station and one privately owned television station. The radio and television stations with the widest reach are owned by the government. However, the government is liberalising the broadcast media space. To this end, the government enacted the Swaziland Communications Commission Act. The Act creates a communications commission which will license community and commercial radio and television stations.

The Electoral Process with regard to participation of political parties is governed by Section 79 of the Constitution, which has been further interpreted by the Supreme Court Case of **Sithole and Others vs. The Prime Minister and Others, decided in 2009**. Although the case pronounced that political parties are not allowed to field candidates, members of such parties on individual merit can stand for elections. For example, in the current Parliament we have members of Political Parties who were elected to Parliament by individual merit.

## 8. FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY

The Public Order Act, 1963 which currently regulates the organisation of peaceful assemblies is under review. The Government has drafted a new Public Order Amendment Bill which repeals the current Act. The Bill guarantees the freedom of peaceful assembly and expression. It also provides for amongst other things, notification and consultation in respect of public gatherings and the regulation of powers of the Police during public gatherings.

The Bill does away with the requirement that organisers of a public meeting or public gathering have to obtain a permit from the Police. Conveners of meetings or gatherings will have to give the Police at least seven days notice or in special circumstances not less than 48 hours where valid reasons are advanced on why the seven days' notice could not be given. The Bill has been tabled before Parliament. At the moment it is at the stage of public participation in that the public has been afforded an opportunity to comment on it.

The Government also amended the Industrial Relations Act, 2000 to allow for registration of workers and employer federations and thereby ensuring that workers and businesses enjoy freedom of association as provided for under ILO Convention No. 87 concerning freedom of association and the right to organise.

## 9. ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND RULE OF LAW

Since the last review, reasonable strides have been taken by the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland towards addressing challenges within the Judiciary to enhance efficiency. A Legal Aid Policy has also been formulated with the help of UNDP. Furthermore a Legal Aid Bill has also been drafted and is yet to be tabled in Parliament for promulgation. This is an initiative by government aimed at improving access to justice for the indigent.

The Constitution of Swaziland guarantees the Independence of the Judiciary. The Government of Swaziland respects and upholds the independence of the Judiciary. The Government does not interfere with judicial officers in the discharge of their judicial functions. The Government is committed to giving the judiciary adequate resources to enable it to fulfill its constitutional mandate.

Candidates selected for judicial office are persons

of high moral character and integrity and must have practiced law for 10 years in the case of the High Court and 15 years for Supreme Court Judges. The tenure of judges is secure. Judges hold office until the age of 75. Judges may only be removed from office for serious misbehavior or incapacity established after an independent inquiry at which the judge has legal representation.

In an attempt to address the backlog of cases in our courts, the Judiciary recruited 4 additional High Court Judges in 2015 to further enhance efficiency in the judicial system and subsequently improve access to justice. These positions were advertised in the media and the process was transparent. The move is aimed at addressing the challenges that the judicial system faced. Also in addressing the challenges, continued legal training for the judicial officers is much needed and will be appreciated.

## 10. ACCESS TO CLEAN POTABLE WATER AND ELECTRIFICATION

The country is committed to ensure the protection and promotion of the rights to access potable water and sanitation.

The country has made substantial progress in accessing safe drinking water by the population. The proportion of people with access to safe drinking water has increased by 16% from 56.4 percent in 1997 to 72.4 percent in 2014 at national level. The improvement is observed in both the rural and urban areas. In 2014, 63.4 percent of the rural population had access to improved water sources compared to 95.8 percent for urban areas. As of 2014, the proportion of the population estimated to have access to electricity is 65 percent. Urban and rural households had electricity access of 83.8 percent and 53.8 percent, respectively.

## 11. THE SUPPRESSION OF TERRORISM ACT

The government has drafted the Suppression of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2013. The purpose of the Bill is to amend the definition of 'terrorist act' and to provide for incidental matters.

The intention behind the amendments of the two pieces of legislation is to bring them in line with the Constitution of Swaziland and the country's international human rights obligations. To this end the Government received technical assistance in drafting the amendment Bill from the International Labour Organisation.

A key feature of the Amendment Bill is its curtailing of the wide definition of 'terrorist act'. Section 2(j) has been amended by removing the word 'involves', which, in its existing form allows elasticity when assessing whether conduct and activities constitutes terrorists acts. The proposed amendment to the exiting definition will ensure that the provision is not unduly stretched to cover activities which are not otherwise terrorist acts.

The Amendment therefore seeks to direct the interpreter to establish whether a particular act prejudices national security or public safety, and thereby be termed a terrorist act. The decision of a Minister to proscribe an entity can now be subjected to judicial review.

The Suppression of Terrorism Amendment Bill gives effect to resolutions of the United Nations Security Council relating to the fight against terrorism. In this regard, section 11(b) of the existing legislation has been amended by giving effect to UN resolution 2178.

The Bill was tabled before Parliament under a certificate of urgency. The Legislature has invited the public for comments on the content of the Bill. Already, a significant number of civil society organisations and individuals have already registered to submit to the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee.

## 12. ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

The Swaziland Government has continued to formulate and implement initiatives aimed at improving the health of everyone in the country. These include:

**The HIV and AIDS Programme:** As part of improving prevention of HIV, there has been an increase in the number of people accessing Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) due to the introduction of immediate access to ART, treatment for pregnant and breastfeeding mothers in the country. This is aimed at further reducing transmission of infections among people in the country.

There has been a drastic scale-up of ART by the Ministry of Health (MoH). By the end of 2014, a total of 125,421 people were on ART, with 7,906 (six percent) being children under 14 years. With an increase in the number of people on ART, a key priority for the MoH is to ensure that those on ART stay alive. In this regard it is pleasing to note that ART retention for adults and children at 36 months is 78 percent and 83 percent respectively.

The percentage of HIV infected infants born to HIV positive mothers has continued to decrease from 16.4 percent in 2011 to 9.17 in 2014 with a target of reaching five percent by 2018. This is as a result of increased coverage on ART for pregnant and breastfeeding mothers. The Ministry is progressively rolling out early ART initiation for all pregnant and breastfeeding mothers who are HIV positive where they receive ART as soon as possible regardless of their CD4 count. ART is known to have a preventative effect on transmission of HIV.

There has been an increase in the proportion of children having access to HIV testing as early as 6 weeks, and the coverage has reached 81 percent. More than 80 percent of public facilities are now able to collect blood for early infant diagnosis of HIV. Early infant diagnosis of HIV has ensured that more children in need of ART are provided with ART, as a step towards Universal coverage for Children on ART by 2018. The Government remains committed to financing the procurement of antiretroviral drugs, catering for approximately 90 percent of the budget.

**The Malaria Prevention Programme:** Swaziland continues to do well in response to malaria with the country being recognized for its leadership and efforts in malaria response by the African Union Certification of Malaria Elimination by 2018. A strategic plan 2015-2020 has been developed to guide the country after achieving malaria elimination in 2015 up until WHO certification in 2018 and beyond.

Both the incidence and deaths rates of malaria in the country have significantly dropped as the country draws closer to elimination. The success could be attributed to:

- The strengthened health facility mentoring and monitoring visits by the programme, to ensure adherence to the National Diagnosis and Treatment guidelines by health care workers.
- The strong management and resource mobilisation mechanism, which has enabled the programme to secure resources up to 2018.
- The introduction of active case surveillance of all confirmed cases by the programme. Cases are followed up immediately after confirmation before possibilities of onward transmission.
- The consistent Indoor Residual Spraying coverage of above 90 percent annually.

## 13. CONCLUSION

The Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland continues to be committed to its obligations under international human rights Conventions and Treaties. The Government appreciates that human rights are constantly evolving and is thus dedicated to ensuring that the human rights of its people are respected, protected and enforced.

However, the shortage of personnel and financial resources hinders the compilation and analysis of data to produce requisite State Party reports and acknowledges the need for technical assistance in this regard.

We look forward to an interactive and fruitful dialogue. I thank you.





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### COVER OPTIONS

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For more information, kindly visit the selected post offices or visit the Swazi Bank website [www.swazibank.co.sz](http://www.swazibank.co.sz). Swazi Bank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele says: "This is in an effort to tap into the unbanked and reach the population in the outskirts of the country especially where the bank has no representation."

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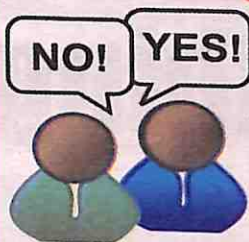
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## Editor's Pen @ Work

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ON pages 14 and 15 we have published the entire report by Justice and Constitutional Affairs Minister Edgar Hillary which he presented on Monday in Geneva to the United Nations Human Rights Working Group.

With a shadow group of civil society groups having been to Geneva to present their own a month ago, the country's official Universal Periodical Review (UPR) report was expected with keen interests from both local and international parties.

Those who painted a certain image of the country are now denouncing his report as only lies. We know why they say that – Hillary's report did a lot of damage to their prospective donors who expected government to confirm the calamity that is said to be existing in the country.

Hillary's report was not aimed at shooting anything down, but presenting the true picture as it obtains on the ground.

One of the key issues, given that this is a human rights meeting, government was expected to explain, relates to freedom of association and assembly.

I would want to refer to what Hillary reported to the Geneva conference on Monday and quote him verbatim: "The Public Order Act, 1963 which currently regulates the organisation of peaceful assemblies is under review. The government has drafted a new Public Order Amendment Bill, which repeals the current Act."

### Guarantees

The Bill guarantees the freedom of peaceful assembly and expression. It also provides for, amongst other things, notification and consultation in respect of public gatherings and the regulation of powers of the police during public gatherings.

"The Bill does away with the requirement that organisers of a public meeting or gathering have to obtain a permit from the police.

# HILLARY'S UPR REPORT REPRESENTS PROGRESS

● *Deciding not to agree with it is a choice, but he presented a true reflection of developments on the ground and we should be proud of the strides we have made*

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### Amended

The government also amended the Industrial Relations Act, 2000 to allow for registration of workers and employer federations and thereby ensuring that workers and businesses enjoy freedom of association as provided for under ILO Convention No. 87 concerning freedom of association and the right to organise."

It appears this statement is not sitting well with many civil society organisations, who label Hillary a liar.

The minister states that the object of the Bill before Parliament is to remove the requirement that organisers of meetings seek police permission, but requires them to give notice within seven days, in order for the police to advice on proper safety or security majors that ought to be taken.

The question is what is wrong with that position? If they did not know that this was government's position, at least they now know and it is their duty to encourage such legislation.

If we all

mean well for the country, that is what we need to do.

Engaging in debates for the sake of justifying some funding will not help us, what we need is to quickly move on if we agree on a position.

As the Bill is still before Parliament, in committee stage, government had not explained its position on it until the UPR report, which came before the Bill is passed.

When the bill is put before the House for debate and adoption, it will be explained and we hope this position will not change.

All the issues Hillary explained in the UPR report are consistent with

government's moves on the ground.

None of the issues he reported on were embellished, but factual.

The issue about Suppression of Terrorism Act Amendment Bill is true, so is the issue of Free Primary Education and the OVC funding for secondary and high schools.

Concerns around the adequacy or not and prompt payments of school fees is another matter, which depends mainly on the availability of resources.

No one can fault government for these efforts and sticking with such policies and constitutional dictates even on the face on diminished

resources. Lastly, one should also commend the National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula for being bold and apologising for any misunderstanding regarding his comments on unions, whom he referred to as *lamlambo* or *ishishi*.

### Honourable

Magagula has done an honourable thing to humble himself.

He did that knowing very well the stakes are high, especially on those who will want to use his comments for other ulterior motives other than the audience they were meant for.

At least now, he has come out clear and stated his case and we hope the country is on the same page when it comes to our view of unions and the freedom of association.

The same message goes for Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula for registering ATUSWA.

We hope this move clears a lot of issues around government's commitment to guarantee freedoms and rights of workers to associate and organise freely as per the ILO Convention 87.

These positive steps point at a government that is commitment to stick with its international and constitutional obligations.

**NB:** It has been a pleasure engaging with you weekly on this column every Friday, but from July 2, we will meet again in the Observer on Saturday.



HONOURABLE: Justice and Constitutional Affairs Minister Edgar Hillary.

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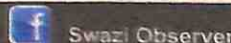
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## ON THIS DAY

...May 13

2015 - The Vatican indicates its intention to enter a treaty with Palestine, officially recognizing it as an independent state

2014 - A shipwreck off of Haiti may be that of the Santa Maria, one of the three ships led by Christopher Columbus; the wreck was discovered about 10 years ago, but has only now been tentatively identified in light of Columbus' writings and other evidence

2014 - Frustrated with the lack of progress in resolving the Syrian conflict, Lakhdar Brahimi resigns from his post as United Nations mediator

2013 - In Belize, a construction company requiring road fill gravel destroys a 2,300 year-old Mayan pyramid

2013 - US veteran newscaster Barbara Walters announces plans for retirement in 2014

2012 - In China, violent rainfalls and flooding in the Hunan Province destroy a bridge and 3,500 homes, causing Pinjiang County to evacuate 28,000 people

2012 - Scientists believe a link exists between the disappearance of endangered languages and cultures and a loss of biodiversity

2011 - Pope Benedict XVI announces Roman Catholic bishops must obey a papal order allowing priests to say the old-style Tridentine Mass

2011 - In Egypt, authorities extend the detention of former President Hosni Mubarak for another 15 days

2010 - Pope Benedict XVI celebrates open-air Mass at Fatima, Portugal with over 500,000 pilgrims attending from 35 nations including Vietnam, China and India

2005 - Star Trek: Enterprise broadcasts its final show in the U.S.

1997 - Eddie Murray is 6th baseball player to play in 3,000 games

1996 - O. J. Simpson appears on British TV discussing his not guilty verdict

1995 - 6.5 earthquake hits Greece

1995 - New Zealand beats U.S. for the America's Cup

1995 - Chelsi Smith, 21, of USA, crowned 44th Miss Universe Shanna Lynn Moakler, (19-NY), replaces Chelsi Smith as Miss USA

1991 - South African activist Winnie Mandela convicted of abducting 4 blacks

1984 - Johan Cruyff's last competitive match

1940 - Churchill says "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat"

1940 - Dutch Queen Wilhelmina flees to England

1830 - Republic of Ecuador is founded, with Juan Jose Flores as president

1643 - Heavy earthquake strikes Santiago, Chile; kills 1/3 of population

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



1950 - Stevie Wonder, American singer-songwriter (You are the Sunshine of My Love), born in Saginaw, Michigan



1961 - Dennis Rodman, NBA forward (Chicago Bulls), born in Trenton, New Jersey

# This mayor has something under his robe

...This is not a private farm but a state funded institution and a local government answerable to voters, taxpayers and ratepayers



Akkel Zwane

OUT of all the cities in the country Mbabane is at the centre of a controversy regarding its management of the affairs of the city and its workers to the effect the municipality has been given numbered days to clean its corridors, instead the mayor is opting to cut out the media.

This is typical of someone on an agenda to hide some skeleton the ratepayer and taxpayer would rather not know about otherwise there is no reason to hide information from the media if that information is in the public interest as in all operations of a municipality.

This is not a private farm but a state funded institution and a local government answerable to voters, taxpayers and ratepayers and not private profit, at least that is the main dividend accruing to the owners of the facility.

Is the Mbabane municipality in private practice to protect its product against competition or is it more about service delivery?

After all it was not until the issues got to the public domain where they belong that the shady dealings of council began being addressed.

## Worried

If it was for anything the mayor may as well be worried about influencing the processes of media reporting of the activities of municipalities at all front in order to guarantee transparency, not to need the media when he wants to market egos such as re-election by peers.

In his renewed mandate to continue operating in darkness, Benito Jones rode on a newspaper report about Gugulethu Hlophe's replacement to fire a diatribe at councillors who have the wisdom and courage to leak information to the media about the shortcomings of council.

Were it not for these honourable councillors, if they were the sources of the vital information that is the Mbabane Council management would still be bulldozing its way into forcing down the throat of workers its retrenchment programmes.

However when the sources within council came to the media and to parliament, the Mbabane municipality headed by Jones, was stopped right on its claws.

All along we had been fed colourful research papers with



OFFSIDE: Mbabane Municipality Mayor Benito Jones.

exotic theories that have no regard for service delivery as the cornerstone for local governance.

This delay developed into a protracted war between council and its employees much to the detriment of ratepayer and taxpayer in the form of compromised service delivery, look everywhere around Mbabane for evidence.

We have all along known that council management has the business of diverting municipality funds into entertainment and travelling expeditions for councillors in order for these not to play the role of watchdog in the interests of those who voted them into office and also to look into the interests of the state. As a result Mbabane municipal council has, for many years, become the big brother from which the other municipalities were forced to template urbane governance standards.

The Mbabane mayor would rather not have the media discuss how council deliberates on such issues as the abattoir that is rotting away yet the taxpayer spent fortunes on it, the farmers from around the country are without a government facility of this quality and therefore are forced to slaughter their animals together with stock thieves in the forest before sending the meat for sale in the city butcheries with the municipality inspectors looking the other way.

Manzini followed from the footsteps of big brother Mbabane by closing down its own abattoir, this smacks of a complicity to play dirty, most likely to provide business to certain preferred entities or individuals.

This is a service that must be provided to the people of Mbabane and Manzini and not profit-making undertakings, however the mayor would rather not have the media follow up on these issues.

## Record

Check the record of performance at the Mabuya municipality in Ngwenya where some board members are having a free for all on tendering and sunshine holiday making in South Africa last

winter, courtesy of the non-interference of the ministry of housing and urban development. Go further east into the Vuvulane municipality find out where there is anything urban governance there save for sugarcane wars. For many years cows in Nhlanguano were first to familiarize with traffic lights, they got so familiar with the streets that they walked when the lights turned green, much like the Manzini rate-paying cows in Ngwane Park that even pick leftovers from the rubbish bins.

## Numerous

There were those numerous commissions of enquiry complete with recommendations that were supposed to be implemented by the council but to this very day they have not been, why, the reasons could be with the fact that councillors cannot implement recommendations that may anger the person who signs the cheque for their sitting, travel, breakfast meetings, conferences, press briefing allowances, church service allowances etc. Once they become vocal they are most likely to be labeled the black sheep such as the poor blighter Nganono who, according to council, now stinks worse than the dump site in Mahwalala and must return there where he originated from, he's not council material.

When water shedding hit Mbabane the mayor was there clad in his robes and looking majestic as ever dangling a bucket queuing for water. He was passing through the old bus rank with his nostrils sandwiched between the index finger and the thumb due to the stench. This also is the same mayor who drives on the wrong side of the road as he doges potholes around the capital.

He is the same person who warns his daughters against straying to as far as the SASCO building, let alone going shopping at the Mall during a downpour.

Researcher Richard Stren in 2008 concluded that in cities where mayors have influence, the way in which the mayor views

low-income groups and their organizations, the settlements in which they live and the work in which they engage is important. Mayors often view the poor and their settlements and income-earning activities as "the problem", even as the city economy depends on them. In many cities, such as Mbabane and Manzini, there is a strong middle class that uses democratic processes to push city and municipal governments towards policies that are anti-poor, anti-vendors, anti-street, anti-pedestrian and anti-mixed land use. Many mayors dream of transforming "their city" into a "world class city". In doing so, they often look to successful cities that they have visited or read about - such as Fort Worth for Mbabane and Mufurira for Manzini.

Mayors often want to support mega-projects that will be their "legacy" (and, they hope, get them re-elected or shifted to other political positions), with little concern for the evictions and displacements that these mega-projects can bring.

They quite often achieve this by osculating with the city managers.

Stren argues that Singapore has long served as an example that captures the imagination of politicians and developers. But this is without any recognition of what has actually underpinned its success - one of the fastest growing economies in the world over a long period, a very small population with almost no rural population and thus no rapid rural-urban migration boosting the city's population growth, and much of the land in public ownership.

Manzini, for instance, is facing an uphill with the ever growing populations of Mpholi, Makholweni, Murray Camps, Sichelwini, Khoza, Mhobodeni, kaShali, Sidzakeni, Ticanweni, Masekweni all competing for the services that the city has designed for what it has all along perceived to be the ideal Manzini population.

Similarly Mbabane must find ways of dealing with Mpolonjeni, Mangwaneni, Sitibeni, Bahai, etc.

## Realise

Maybe Mr. Jones would realise the consequences when mayors decide to ignore their mandate and play the game in sync with the city council managers if he listens to Michael Buble's song Me and Mrs. Jones which goes: 'Me and Mrs. Jones, we got a thing going on

We both know that it's wrong But it's much too strong to let it go now.' Maybe he will start to looking at things realistically.



# your HEAL+H section

## How to wean yourself off sugar

In the first part of this exclusive extract, I discussed how to ascertain whether you have a problem with sugar - in particular during times of stress.

Today, we will look at how you can wean yourself off the white stuff for good.

In my clinic, people often say they will never be able to give up sugar.

However, you'd be surprised how quickly your taste buds change and how you come to appreciate the sweetness of other foods such as roasted sweet potatoes and carrots.

I would suggest that you have a good spring clean of your food cupboards and discard anything containing sugar.

It's tempting to give away food if the sell by date is fine but do you really want to encourage anyone else to eat sugar? Bin it.

When I started out in the nutrition field over 30 years ago, it was much harder for people as there simply weren't the choices there are now.

Nowadays if, say, you don't have time to make your own salad dressing, there will usually be an alternative in the shops that you can use, avoiding ones with high levels of sugar and sweeteners. The same goes for spaghetti sauces and mayonnaise.

It is just a question of getting used to buying different brands. You may find that your local health food shop will stock some alternatives for foods that you regularly buy that are sugar-free (with no artificial sweeteners added) and that will taste quite delicious.

I have included some sugar-free recipes in this book. I have also included some savoury ones as you may be surprised to find just how much sugar is in the savoury foods you eat.

Mainly, I want to show you that you can have sweet foods that are not laden with an ingredient that is full of calories and has no nutritional value.

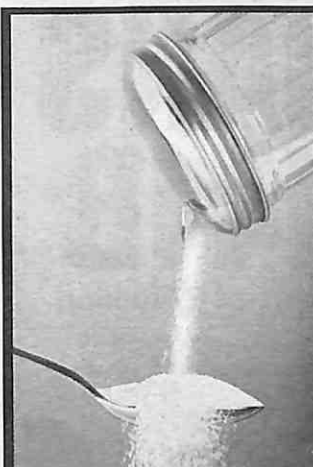
### EAT LITTLE AND OFTEN

To keep your blood sugar balanced and to avoid the dips (low blood sugar, hypoglycaemia) that will send you racing off to get a quick fix with a chocolate bar or a packet of biscuits, make sure that you are eating little and often.

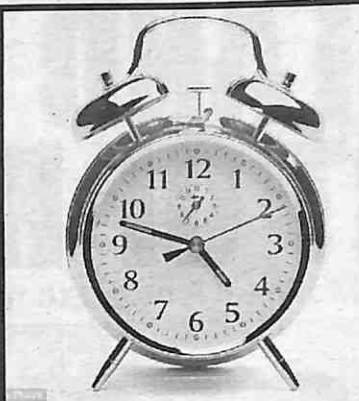
My recommendation is have a good breakfast, lunch and dinner and also to include a mid-morning and a mid-afternoon snack.

Don't go longer than three hours without eating (this is especially vital for women) or your blood sugar levels will drop too low and your body will give you a craving for something sweet to rectify the drop quickly.

...Expert reveals her top tips to cracking your addiction for good



**SUGAR:** Dr Marilyn Glenville recommends going through the cupboards and binning anything with sugar in it.



**CLOCK:** Women in particular should not go too long without eating to keep blood sugar levels steady. This will stop the body having sweet food cravings to rectify the dip, Dr Glenville says.



**CAKE:** Preparation is key to a successful detox so clear out your cupboards and fridge to avoid temptation.

If you miss breakfast you're setting yourself up to fail because by 11am you will be craving a coffee and a Danish because your blood sugar will have dropped so low.

Remember that breakfast means 'breaking the fast'.

You have not eaten since dinner the night before and that first meal of the day is the one that breaks the fast.

Of course it needs to be a good breakfast and so I have given suggestions. If you opt for a sugary breakfast cereal, this will give a quick rise in blood sugar followed by a drop soon afterwards, giving you the feeling that you need something else, another quick fix to keep you going and so it goes on.

Having caffeine can also make you crave sugar so it would be better to limit caffeine in order to make it easier to stop the sugar.

### WEANING YOURSELF OFF SUGAR

I would suggest you follow these simple steps to make coming off sugar easier.

You could take these steps one week at a time or a day at a time. It really depends on your person-

ality.

It is a bit like someone giving up smoking, some people would rather just stop; others gradually reduce. The choice is yours.

First of all, take out of your diet all the savoury foods that contain added sugar.

This might be as simple as just changing the brand so you keep the same food but the ingredients are healthier.

Or you might have to ditch that food, if there isn't an alternate, or make it yourself.

Foods to think about are tomato (spaghetti) sauces, mayonnaise, salad dressings, baked beans and soups.

So, for example, a shop-bought sweet chilli sauce has sugar as the first ingredient.

I would suggest that, if you still want to use this kind of sauce, to make it yourself and add a little pure maple syrup to give that sweet taste.

### OTHER THINGS THAT LEAD TO EATING SUGAR

- Are you stressed?
- Are you eating without thinking?
- Are you thirsty rather than hungry?

- Are you comfort eating?
- Are you eating too fast?

The next step is to stop adding sugar to your hot drinks and other foods.

Some people will sprinkle sugar on to their cereal in the morning when there is already a lot of sugar added to it (remember, read those packets).

This is similar to people who sprinkle salt on their food before tasting it, when it might be salty enough.

Wean yourself off added sugar, gradually diminishing the amount you use each day over a period of days or maybe weeks.

Next, have a look at the sweet foods you are eating on a regular basis that contain added or hidden sugar.

You might think fruit yogurt that says 'live' on the tub is healthy but bear in mind, as we have seen, that it can contain up to eight teaspoons of sugar.

Buy natural organic yogurt and drop in or blend in your own fruit, fresh or frozen.

*Daily Mail*

## Wit & Wisdom

1. "Without ambition one starts nothing. Without work one finishes nothing. The prize will not be sent to you. You have to win it." — **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

2. "Change the way you look at things and the things you look at change." — **Wayne W. Dyer**

3. "Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it." — **Helen Keller**

4. "I will not try to convince you to love me, to respect me, to commit to me. I deserve better than that; I AM BETTER THAN THAT... Goodbye." — **Steve Maraboli**

5. "Renew, release, let go. Yesterday's gone. There's nothing you can do to bring it back. You can't 'should've' done something. You can only DO something. Renew yourself. Release that attachment. Today is a new day!" — **Steve Maraboli**

6. "Whatever the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve." — **Napoleon Hill**

7. "You have to accept whatever comes, and the only important thing is that you meet it with the best you have to give." — **Eleanor Roosevelt**

8. "It's not what we do once in a while that shapes our lives. It's what we do consistently." — **Anthony Robbins**

9. "Never say anything about yourself you don't want to come true." — **Brian Tracy**

10. "Make the most of the best and the least of the worst." — **Robert Louis Stevenson**

11. "A person doesn't have to change who he is to become better." — **Sidney Poitier**

12. "I can't think of anything more disheartening than living a life without a clear purpose." — **Daniel Willey**

13. "You are where you are right now because of the actions you've taken, or maybe, the inaction you've taken." — **Steve Maraboli**

14. "At school, new ideas are thrust at you every day. Out in the world, you'll have to find your inner motivation to seek for new ideas on your own." — **Bill Watterson**

15. "Grateful souls focus on the happiness and abundance present in their lives and this in turn attracts more abundance and joy towards them." — **Stephen Richards**

16. "You make mistakes, mistakes don't make you" — **Maxwell Maltz**

17. "A photograph shouldn't be just a picture, it should be a philosophy." — **Amit Kalantri**

18. "You are the perfect creation of God. Don't allow you to be down. God is experiencing through you." — **Amit Ray**



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## VITALS

Prime Rate 10%  
First National bank

Inflation Rate 7.8%  
Central Statistical Office

Mortgage Rate 9.0%  
Swaziland Building Society

Bank Rate 6.5%  
Central Bank

Petrol (u) E11.00 per litre  
Replacement E11.05 per litre  
Diesel E10.95 per litre  
Paraffin E 7.15 per litre  
Engen Garage

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



Correct as at 12 May 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14,9685	15,0185
British Pound/SZL	21,7335	21,8061
Japanese Yen/SZL	7,2477	7,2699
Swiss France/SZL	15,4809	15,5262
Botswana Pula/SZL	1,3681	1,3802
Australian Dollar/SZL	11,0033	11,0431
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11,6914	11,7268
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	3,5662	3,6249
Euro/SZL	17,0813	17,1384
Gold	1,278.5100	
Oil	46.1200	

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Moving Forward

## SWAZILAND BANS IMPORT OF R141B

programme funded by Montreal Protocol to the tune of E7 million

By Linda Dlamini

**MINISTER of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani Mabuza has called for the ban of R141b, a hydro fluorocarbon (HCFC) ozone depleting substance.**

This follows 50 percent decrease in the consumption of ODS through retrofitting of the refrigeration industry facilitated by the Montreal Protocol multi-lateral funding amounting to over E7 million.

The minister said this was a kind gesture, which afforded the kingdom with the opportunity to accelerate phasing out of the HCFCs.

"The country is party to the Montreal Protocol which international instrument has been put in place to curb the use of substances that deplete the ozone layer," he said.

"This is a follow up to another successful intervention facilitated through the Swaziland Environment Authority on the phasing out of the R122 a CFC also used in the air-conditioning and refrigeration sector," he added.

The minister said he looked forward to the Swaziland



**YOU SEE:** Palfridge Director Peter McCullough explains how the ozone friendly technology works while Minister of Tourism and Environmental affairs Jabulani Mabuza, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative Kabiru Nasidi and Executive Director for the Swaziland Environment Authority CEO Stephen Zuke looks on. **RIGHT - MY TAKE:** Zuke making his remarks.

Environment Authority (SEA)'s efforts to regulate consumption of ODS in the country strengthened, including provision of licensing system given that the biggest consumer of the HCFC in the refrigeration industry has received such assistance with support from UNDP and UNEP to halt the importation of such substances into the country.

Meanwhile, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Deputy Resident Representative Kabiru Nasidi said the Public Partnership Policy

(PPP) adopted by Swaziland in 2013 had created more than 700 jobs.

### Benefits

"The benefits that came with this intervention contributed immensely to the creation of much needed jobs in the country," he said.

He further commended the country's efforts as it joined the global community in the endorsement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), Agenda 2030.

"The linkages between sustain-



**SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT:** Mabuza making his remarks.



able development and industrial actions that a country undertakes remains key in defining the contribution the country makes to global impacts and advance," he said.

Nasidi pointed out that of the 17 SDGs, two were key, SDG 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns, and SDG 13 on Climate Action, but more importantly how these contribute to the foundation of SDGs, poverty alleviation improvement of the lives of the people.

## Energy ministry finalising IPP policy

By Manqoba Makhubu

**MINISTER of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama says the ministry is finalising the Independent Power Producer Policy which will ensure there are clear guidelines for independent power producers.**

She said this was critical because while electricity producers expected a fair return for their investments, consumers were looking for access to electricity, reliable quality of supply and services at competitive prices.

"The regulator's role therefore is to work towards balancing these respective needs," she said.

Mashwama was speaking during the introduction of the Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA) board of directors on Tuesday.

She said she was proud the SERA have already licensed



**ONE TEAM:** SERA new Chairman Clinton Simelane, Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama and Principal Secretary Winnie Stewart during the meeting at SERA offices on Tuesday.

IPPs, one of which was already generating solar energy at Siteki.

Mashwama was referring to Wunder Sight Investments (Pty) Ltd whose photovoltaic plant was switched on in March 2016.

"Swaziland should reach the stage of meeting her own electricity demand and exporting the excess to the region which also currently has a deficit in electricity supply," she said.

The minister said it was encouraging that SERA has a strategic plan in place and has developed some of the key regulatory instruments such as the tariff methodology, grid code, and licensing by-laws which gave clear guidelines and technical standards critical for the development of the electricity sector.

Mashwama applauded SERA for successfully hosting the

Regional Electricity Regulators Association of Southern Africa (RERA) annual general meeting and conference for the first time in 2015. She said the event was well organised with pertinent topics discussed, with professionalism displayed in all the conference activities, including the exhibitions.

"Swaziland is currently a net importer of electricity and to attain vision 2022, of the first world status, government is looking up to SERA to put in place prudent regulatory mechanisms to develop the electricity sector," said Mashwama.

SERA also landed an executive seat as chairperson of the portfolio committee on capacity building and information sharing of RERA.

The new seat placed the regulator in a key strategic decision making position in taking RERA to the next level through planning and organising activities.



# TAX REDUCTION CAN CURB TAX AVOIDANCE

By Linda Dlamini

**THE planned reduction of corporate tax by government can result in the lowering of tax avoidance and tax evasion.**

University of Swaziland (UNISWA) Corporate Finance and Taxation lecturer, Kennedy Hlatini, said academic literature had observed that environments of low corporate taxation rates were generally characterised by low incidence of tax avoidance and tax evasion.

Tax avoidance is the use of legal measures to use the tax regime to find ways to pay the lowest rate of tax, for instance, giving assets to your chil-

dren before you die to avoid paying inheritance tax.

Tax evasion, on the other hand, is taking illegal steps to avoid paying tax, like not declaring income to the taxman.

## Success

Hlatini said the success of the planned reduction of corporate tax by 15 percent over the next four years would depend on the feasibility study conducted by government.

However, he said taxation was the main source of revenue for any country and a reduction in a tax rate could result in lower revenue for the country.

"The reduction of income due to lower tax receipts could be offset by

the inflows of foreign direct investment," said Hlatini.

He said companies, capital and labour were naturally drawn to countries that have low tax rates, as lower tax rates could result in higher profits, rates of return, and salaries.

## Reduction

A sizable reduction in corporate tax could result in the country becoming a tax haven.

"Thus the drop in tax revenue as a result of the fall in tax receipts as a result of a corporate tax rate reduction, could be offset by an increase of the value of tax receipts received, which could be more than the current levels," he said.

Swaziland has announced a new

strategy which it hopes will attract more foreign investors to the country by reducing company taxes by 15 percent.

## Intention

This will be carried out over a four-year period with the intention of further reducing such taxes to levels conducive to the growth of businesses in the country especially those originating from abroad.

Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini said corporate tax would remain the same at least for now.

"The adjustment in corporate tax was made in 2014 and there have been no adjustment to corporate tax since then," he said.



**AS I SEE IT: Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini.**

## Minister introduces SERA's new board

By Manqoba Makhubu

**MINISTER of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama has introduced the new Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA) board of directors.**

The new board, led by Clinton Simelane, was introduced and blessed by the minister at SERA's offices in Mbabane on Tuesday.

Simelane thanked the minister for trusting them with the role of driving the organisation's mandate.

"Our diverse skills blend well with the different units in the authority and we believe the board is ready to take the authority to greater heights," he said.

Meanwhile, the minister reminded the incoming board

members that their roles extended beyond SERA to government and the nation at large.

"Hence I challenge you to a transparent and credible regulatory oversight of the electricity sector in line with the SERA mandate, which is derived from the Electricity Act, 2007 and Energy Regulatory Act, 2007," she said.

She told them that their road was exciting, but with challenges, adding there would be a lot of expectations from them as the energy industry was currently faced with challenges.

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**NEW: The new board members with Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama.**

## BOARD MEMBERS LIST

- Clinton Simelane
- Thabiso Masina
- Felix Gamedze
- Rejoice Ndzinisa
- Dumisile Magagula

6. Thabile Nkosi

7. Vusi Mkhumane

- : **Chairperson**
- : **Deputy Chairperson**
- : **Member**
- : **Member**
- : **Ministry of finance representative**
- : **Ministry of natural resources and energy representative**
- : **Ex-officio (CEO)**

## About 67.8% kombi employees' work unsupervised

By Sikhulisile Vilakati

**AROUND 67.8 percent of kombi employees' work is unsupervised as their supervisors claim to be too busy to manage their workers.**

This was disclosed by Business Specialist Happyson Bimha during the supply chain forum, which commenced yesterday at Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha.

He said they came up with the figures after conducting an assessment of job satisfaction factors within the kombi industry.

"This is a disturbing finding where respondents tend to conflict themselves on very critical attitudinal measurement issues that management must understand so they can find appropriate strategies to deal with this problem," he said.

He said strong cooperation and teamwork between crew members was only good if workers' efforts were directed towards specific company goals, compared to a state of affairs where workers who claimed to be cooperating as a team had a weak working relationship.

The specialist said it also transpired that the crew members would unite and cooperate for the wrong reasons, hence increasing the risk of revenue



**NOT GOOD: Business Specialist Happyson Bimha making his presentation.**

loss within the industry.

## Factors

"Specific factors negatively affecting kombi crew members include poor working environment, uncompetitive pay, crew members' jobs not being respected by outsiders, supervisor too busy and not available for workers, heavy work load, too long working hours and lack of days off, lack of promotion, stress and inequitable rewards," he said.

Addressing these issues was critical as the eighth United Nations (UN)

sustainable development goals encouraged promotion of inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

Bimha said transport entrepreneurs needed more consistent approaches to dealing with attitudes and job satisfaction challenges among kombi crew members to remain profitable.

Meanwhile, he said formal and regular attitude surveys needed to be frequently conducted to help management to use these facts to develop their businesses.

"Regular surveys will show trends over time and may facilitate comparison across industries and countries for benchmarking purposes," he said. The event was staged by AFRICLAN and was aimed at equipping delegates with the necessary experts' information industry insights, trade regulatory updates, currents trends and forecast plus face-to-face business deal making opportunities.

The rationale of the event 2016 was to go gather experts and representatives for business, industry, academic and government to constructively exchange ideas, share latest research developments experience as well as formulate forward strategies to supply chains, trade and industry.

## Task team investigates import data capturing challenges

By Manqoba Makhubu

**A team of experts had been tasked with studying the root cause of the recurrent challenges in recording personal import data between Swaziland and South Africa.**

The team comprised of representatives from the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA), ministry of finance, economic planning and development, commerce, industry and trade, and the South African Revenue Services (SARS), national treasury of South Africa, and the Southern Africans Customs Union (SACU) secretariat.

According to a statement released by SACU, the objective of the meeting was to establish the root cause and find an amicable solution to the recurrent challenges detected in the actual trade data reconciliation process between South Africa and Swaziland.

The task team undertook field visits intended to specify how personal imports should be recorded in trade statistics.

SACU said in February, 2016 the team visited the Ngwenya/Oshoek Border Post, which was considered the biggest commercial border accounting for about 60 per cent of imports into Swaziland.

The border records about 90 000 travellers passing through on a monthly basis.

Another border post visited was Nsalitje/Onverwacht, a non commercial designated site allocated 250 kilometres from the Ngwenya/Oshoek Border Post.

"One of the recurrent challenges identified between the two countries is the variance in data for Chapter 99 that entails personal effects and private shoppers. This constitute a significant weight relative to the overall Swaziland imports, hence the need to

thoroughly study the main cause of the problem in data generating process," said SACU.

A report on the findings from the field visits was presented at the meeting of the Task Team on Trade Data Reconciliation held on March 16-17, 2016 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

"As provided for in the 2002 SACU agreement, member states are required to submit actual data of intra-SACU trade for the recent financial year to the Secretariat at least six months prior to the beginning of any financial year," said SACU.

However, before this data could be used for revenue sharing purposes it was a requirement that the data sets must be reconciled among the member states to uphold the integrity and quality of the data.

The data reconciliation process normally starts in May and would end in September every year.

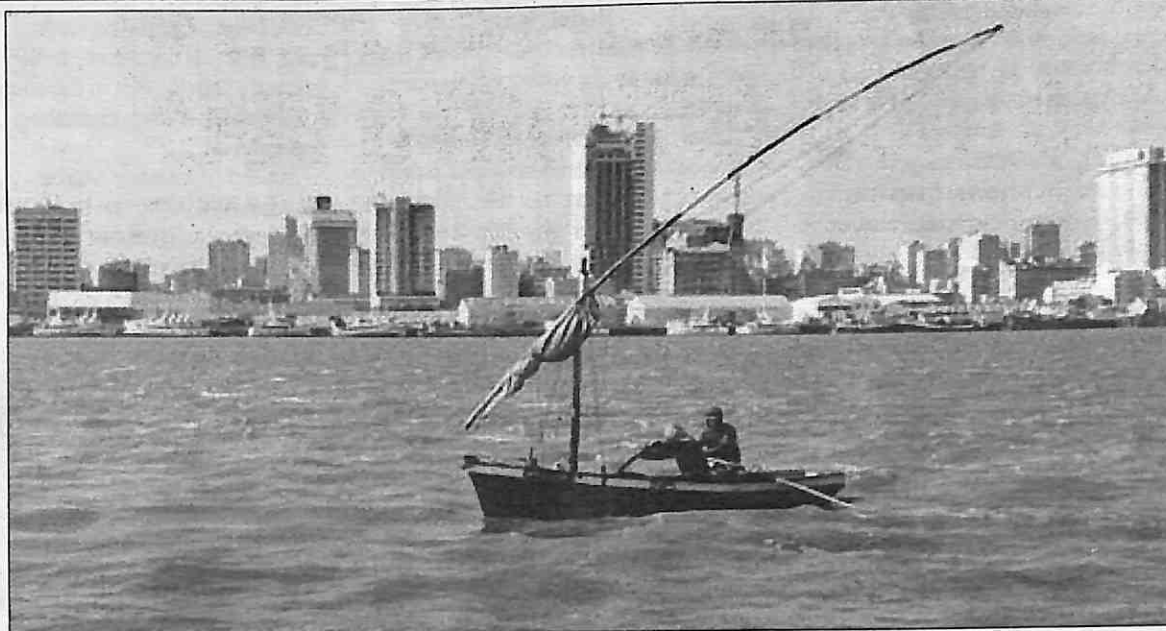


# How Mozambique can contain its debt crisis, avoid long-term damage

**MAPUTO -** Mozambique's return to the international limelight reads like a John le Carré novel.

The elements of a bestseller are all present: growing internal instability, unexplored natural gas deposits, international loans to purchase weapons disguised as lending to fund tuna boats, and hidden public loan guarantees to private companies owned by the secret services. And, of course, there are legions of international bankers and diplomats wringing hands in late-night meetings.

Unfortunately, this is not fiction. The debts are real and the costs of these decisions will hang over Mozambique for decades. This article provides a summary of what we know about Mozambique's external debt situation and proposes measures to contain the current situation and avoid longer-term damage.



**CHANGE INEVITABLE:** Mozambique should prioritise spending on infrastructure, agricultural development and human capital to ensure sustained growth. (Reuters/Grant Lee Neuenburg)

## The scale of the debt burden

After weeks of rumour, some clarity about Mozambique's external debt position recently emerged following an emergency visit of the government to the International Monetary Fund in Washington. In the table below, I pull together some rough estimates based on the latest information calculations.

The country's officially reported external debt stock at the end 2014 was more than US\$6.5 billion, excluding \$500 million taken on to government accounts in 2014 associated with the infamous Ematum deal for the tuna fleet.

Even before the current crisis, this was a cause for concern. Mozambique had been a major beneficiary of various debt relief initiatives in the late 1990s and 2000s. At the beginning of this century, the country's debt stock was about \$1 billion. In 2010 the same stock was \$3.3 billion. By 2014 it had doubled.

Then there's what is owed on the controversial "new" debts:

- Ematum, for the controversial tuna fleet;
- ProIndicus, which is aimed at providing security, especially for gas and oil operations; and
- Mozambique Asset Management, which was set up for

maritime maintenance and repairs.

Due to the heavy financial burden of the Ematum deal, originally due in 2020, it was recently restructured. The repayment period was extended from 2020 to 2023, increasing the annual interest rate from 6.305% to 10.5%, and switching to a "bullet" repayment. This means that the full principal amount is only repaid at the end of the period.

## Repaid

The two other loans, ProIndicus and Mozambique Asset Management, are standard private loans and must be repaid in the next five years.

Together, the immediate annual costs of these three debts are expected to be more than \$300 million per year, double the total external debt service costs in 2014.

Another point that has been neglected in the debate around these three controversial loans is additional public debt taken on since 2014. According to government declarations, the external debt stock stood at \$9.89 billion in May 2016. Basic arithmetic means that, even excluding the controversial loans, a further \$1.4 billion of public external debt has been incurred since 2014. This continues a worrying trend of rapid indebtedness.

## What it all adds up to

Putting all this together, annual debt service costs are likely to be in the region of \$500 million over the next few years, of which more than \$200 million are in interest costs alone. These costs could be higher, depending on the structure of these other more recent debts.

A total of \$500 million is equivalent to about 33% of conventional merchandise exports – excluding the contribution of mega-projects such as aluminum and coal – or 25% of net international reserves.

## Reviewing

This will create significant pressures on public finances.

Moreover, news that a set of major donors, including the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, are reviewing their lending to Mozambique means that access to hard currency will become even more scarce in the short term. Further depreciation of the currency is likely, which would only add to the local currency cost of the debt burden.

## What action can be taken

How can Mozambique contain this situation and avoid a downward spiral?

There are no simple solutions. But calls by donors for full transparency and accountability around

the debt situation must be taken more seriously. The government could start by opening its books to a credible and thorough external audit of the external debt, as well as of its relationships with private companies through loan guarantees and private-public partnerships.

Admittedly, a legal investigation into the controversial loans has begun. This is welcome but needs to be more than a pro forma exercise and must be free from political interference.

Substantive actions in these two domains would go some way to restoring donor confidence.

A further set of immediate actions should be to deal with the companies associated with the controversial loans. Under current circumstances, it is difficult to envisage any plausible scenario under which these companies become viable. A sensible option is to avoid further losses now.

One strategy here starts by recognising that some of the rights owned by these companies are valuable, as are the existing assets of Ematum. An international auction to these rights or to an exclusive management contract would serve two purposes. First, it would raise money to pay off the loans, thereby reducing their social costs.

Second, it would provide a transparent commercial valuation of the businesses opening the way for renegotiation with creditors.

In my view, if the private lenders to ProIndicus and Mozambique Asset Management were excessively optimistic in their valuation of these businesses, they should bear some losses.

## Temptations to be avoided

An unavoidable consequence of the current crisis will be some form of austerity. Here the government needs to maintain a cool head and avoid rash decisions that undermine long-term growth and fiscal health. It will be tempting to seek a new round of loans from abroad, perhaps from China where Mozambican President Filipe Nyusi will be making an official visit this month.

Of course, some short-run relief would be handy. But there is a major risk that this is not transparent and will incur new fiscal liabilities or high long-run opportunity costs. Moreover, this approach could alienate other donors and therefore jeopardise critical sources of financing for social sectors.

The general point is a more serious and rational approach to public debt is needed, in which loan decisions based on vanity or political preferences are avoided. Rather, rigorous analysis of project viability and the profile of their net benefits is needed. It would be helpful to enact in law stricter requirements and transparency around all new debt issues and guarantees.

Another temptation is to hand out attractive tax breaks to foreign companies to kick-start delayed natural resource investments.

Again, this might provide temporary relief but this would be the public finance equivalent of selling the family silver to a pawn shop. It is critical that the long-run public value of these assets is not squandered due to poor policy decisions by a previous government.

Finally, it is essential that the government continues to invest in the foundations for sustained growth. This means that public investment in infrastructure, agricultural development and human capital (education, health) should be the main priorities.

So these budgets need to be ring-fenced in some way. This is easier said than done, especially given ongoing internal conflict. Solving this political standoff is vital to get out of the current economic mess.

*The conversation*

## Banks shun government efforts to discuss Guptas

**JOHANNESBURG -** FirstRand [JSE:FSR] and Barclays Africa Group [BGA] rebuffed efforts from government ministers to discuss the closure of bank accounts related to companies controlled by the Gupta family, accused by critics of using their friendship with President Jacob Zuma to exert influence over political appointments.

Barclays Africa's Absa unit "respectfully declined" an offer to meet Mines Minister Mosebenzi Zwane over the issue, the

Johannesburg-based lender said in an emailed response to questions on Wednesday. "As a bank we cannot discuss any past, present or prospective clients in such forums."

South Africa last month established a team that also includes Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan and Labour Minister Mildred Oliphant to contact banks that had dropped the Gupta's Oakbay Investments [JSE:ORL] as clients. FirstRand's First National Bank, Standard Bank Group [JSE:SBK] and Nedbank Group

[JSE:NED] said last month they would shut the company's accounts. Oakbay Chief Executive Officer Nazeem Howa said the steps are unprecedented, threaten 7 500 jobs and come even though no wrongdoing has been proved against the company or Guptas.

"FirstRand has not met with any government delegation on the Oakbay issue," Sam Moss, spokesperson for the Johannesburg-based lender, said in an emailed response to questions. Questions over the Guptas' influ-

ence over the president mounted after senior officials from the governing African National Congress in March stepped forward with allegations that the wealthy Indian family offered them cabinet posts in exchange for business concessions. That spurred a probe by the party and another by the public protector. The Guptas deny any wrongdoing. Zuma has said only he has the authority to appoint ministers. "Nedbank has always enjoyed a very positive relationship with government," Chief Executive Officer Mike Brown said in an emailed response to questions. "We would

approach any meeting with government in a spirit of constructive engagement but would not discuss the banking relationships of any of our clients, due to banker-client confidentiality, unless we receive client consent." Standard Bank declined to comment in an emailed response to questions. Cabinet was scheduled to meet on Wednesday and typically host a briefing yesterday. The task team has met with the banks and will submit its report to cabinet, Oliphant said in response to questions at a briefing to journalists in Cape Town on Tuesday. *Fin24*



# Africa News

## Zim govt loses millions to graft

**HARARE** - Government is suffering financial losses running into millions of dollars annually owing to rampant corruption in its systems, a 2015 Civil Service audit report has revealed.

This comes amid reports that seven officers from the Civil Service Commission have been suspended for their role in a well-knit recruitment scandal.

Nancy Chinyoka, Venagi Dembure, Muniyadzi Marume, Joseph Ziera, Patrick Jachi, Bright Tembo and Tonderai Chizhande are now facing criminal charges and their cases are before the courts.

In the report that was availed to the media by the CSC on Wednesday, some people are literally employed to do nothing in some state entities.

A case in point is the deployment of 121 agricultural extension workers in urban areas where there are no posts for their work.

However, a recommendation has since been made that the workers be deployed to rural areas where their services are needed.

Another case of profligacy highlighted in the report is the payment of unsanctioned overtime allowances by the Central Vehicle Registry. It was noted that there was an abuse of accounting officer's post for instance, in the ministry of transport and infrastructure development where systems were arm twisted to pay bonuses for contract workers.

*All Africa*

## Buhari won't demand apology

**LONDON** - Nigeria's president says he won't demand an apology after British Prime Minister David Cameron called his country one of the world's most corrupt nations.

Cameron was hosting an international anti-corruption summit in London yesterday. At a Buckingham Palace reception, a television microphone caught Cameron saying the "leaders of some fantastically corrupt countries" were coming. Cameron referred to "Nigeria and Afghanistan - possibly two of the most corrupt countries in the world".

Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari, who is due to attend, said on Wednesday that "I am not going to demand any apology from anybody."

Speaking at an anti-corruption meeting ahead of the summit, Buhari says he wanted the return of plundered Nigerian assets held in British banks.

"What would I do with an apology? I need something tangible," Buhari said.

He described corruption as "a hydra-headed monster and a canker that undermines the fabric of all societies. It does not differentiate between developed and developing countries."

*AP*



**OKAY: Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari.**

## 'Kabila can remain in office without a vote'

**LUBUMBASHI** - DR Congo's President Joseph Kabila can remain in office when his mandate expires at the end of 2016, even without being re-elected, the Constitutional Court said.

The ruling came amid rising tensions over the government's failure to set a date for the country's next elections, originally due in November this year before Kabila's mandate ends.

After months of incessant controversy, protests and arrests, Wednesday saw police in Lubumbashi, the country's second biggest city, use tear gas and stun batons to clear thousands of opposition supporters who had stormed a courthouse.

The protesters forced their way inside in support of powerful opposition figure Moise Katumbi, a wealthy former governor of mineral-rich Katanga province who is Kabila's leading rival.

He was appearing in court



**TERM NOT OVER: DR Congo's President Joseph Kabila.**

for the second time this month over alleged use of foreign mercenaries, including Americans, allegations he has slammed as "a grotesque lie" and "a machination".

Wednesday's constitutional ruling in Kinshasa followed a request for clarification by the ruling party over Kabila's fate should the polls fail to be held on schedule, as is widely expected.

Kabila, who took over Democratic Republic of Congo on his father's assassi-

nation in 2001, is constitutionally barred from running for a third term. He won successive elections in 2006 and 2011.

The nine-member Constitutional Court — three of them chosen by Kabila, three by parliament — based its response on article 70 of the constitution stating that a president remains in office until the next head of state steps in.

The opposition on the other hand argued in favour of article 75 calling for the Senate president to step in pending new elections.

Kabila has been under pressure from the international community to stick to the election schedule, while the opposition suspects he is planning to amend the constitution to extend his rule. In Lubumbashi, the 51-year-old flamboyant Katumbi entered the court for a closed-door hearing sporting an all-white outfit and a scarf in the colours of the national flag. *News24*



**THE SQUIRREL WHO WAS DRIVEN NUTS:** Rodent flaps its limbs and covers its face as it is buzzed by a fly. The bushy-tailed Cape Ground Squirrel had been dozing off under the shade of a tree above its burrow in the Kalahari desert, South Africa, when its nap was interrupted. Perching on top of the squirrel's eyelid, the pesky fly was trying to collect water from the animal's lacrimal gland where tears come from. But the young squirrel, which measures just 6ins, woke from its slumber and sleepily scratched his head to get rid of the annoying insect. (*Daily Mail*)

## Million-man march for Mugabe a 'waste of scarce resources'

**HARARE** - Zimbabwe's former freedom fighters have lambasted the planned "million-man march" organised by ruling ZANU-PF youths, describing it as being insincere, ill-timed and an unwarranted abuse of scarce resources, a report said.

According to NewsDay, the Zimbabwe National Liberation War Veterans' Association (ZNLWVA) spokesperson Douglas Mahiya, claimed the ZANU-PF youths had failed to

acknowledge the real challenges the country was facing. He said the youths had no political consciousness, thus, organising a march that would not revive the country's industries and bring food on the table of million Zimbabweans was a complete waste of time. "There is no sincerity in the million-man march. There is no political consciousness. It will not revive industry or bring food on the table. They should, instead, find out from

us the formula we used to bring independence. A million-man march, then what?" Mahiya was cited saying.

According to the Daily News, the war veterans said they would not be participating in the march, as they had not been properly informed. However, according to Kudzai Chipanga, National Deputy Secretary of the youth, the march would function as a show of support for President Robert Mugabe who recently confirmed that he would be contesting the 2018 elections, health permitting, News 24 reported. *News24*

## BRIEFS

### 4 cops killed in south Tunisia

**TUNIS** - A jihadist militant detonated his explosives belt, killing four policemen during a raid by security forces in southern Tunisia, the interior ministry said. It said a firefight erupted between militants in the Tataouine governorate and a national guard unit acting on information from an "anti-terrorist" operation earlier the same day near Tunis. "One terrorist element was shot dead while the other detonated his explosives belt, killing two officers and two agents of the national guard," it said. *Afp*

### Nigeria bank chiefs quizzed

**LAGOS** - Nigeria's central bank on Wednesday said it was investigating some banks in connection with slush funds allegedly set up by a former oil minister to rig last year's elections. The Central Bank of Nigeria said it was "fully aware and indeed a part of the ongoing investigation of certain financial transactions in some banks by law enforcement authorities." It was conducting its own "special examinations and investigations" into the claims, as well as who may be involved, vowing not to allow the banking system to be used for fraud. *Afp*

### Egypt court recommends death for 25 over tribal clash

**CAIRO** - An Egyptian court recommended death sentences for 25 people over deadly tribal clashes in 2014 in the southern province of Aswan, judicial and prosecution officials said. The court asked the mufti - the country's official interpreter of Islamic law - to consider the death sentences and it scheduled a session to pronounce its final decision on June 7. The 25 defendants were among 163 people accused of killing 28 people in clashes between two tribes in Aswan that erupted after a woman was accosted in April 2014. *Reuters*



### Kenya allocates \$10m to refugee camp

**NAIROBI** - Kenya said it had set aside \$10-million (R150-million) to help fund the closing of the world's largest refugee camp, home to about 350 000 mostly Somali refugees, citing security fears. Kenya hosts about 600 000 refugees, some of whom have lived in the country for a quarter of a century. Last Friday, an interior ministry official announced a plan to refuse new refugee arrivals and shut Dadaab on the Kenya-Somalia border. *Reuters*

### Rapist sentenced to 28 years

**DURBAN** - A 28-year-old man was sentenced to 10 years in jail for rape and 18 years for two counts of robbery by the Empangeni Regional Court, KwaZulu-Natal police said yesterday. Last year, he raped a 40-year-old woman while she was asleep with her children, and stole two cellphones, Major Shooz Magudulela said. He was sentenced on Tuesday. KwaZulu-Natal Police Commissioner, Lieutenant General Mmamonye Ngobeni, hoped the sentence would deter other criminals. *News24*



# Focus on SA scene

## ANC says it should learn from DA

JOHANNESBURG - ANC Gauteng provincial executive committee member Busisiwe Modisakeng has admitted that the party was unlikely to wrestle power from the Democratic Alliance in the Midvaal local municipality in Meyerton.

Modisakeng, who is also the Sedibeng mayor, told The Citizen yesterday that the ANC would have to work hard to win Midvaal in the local government elections.

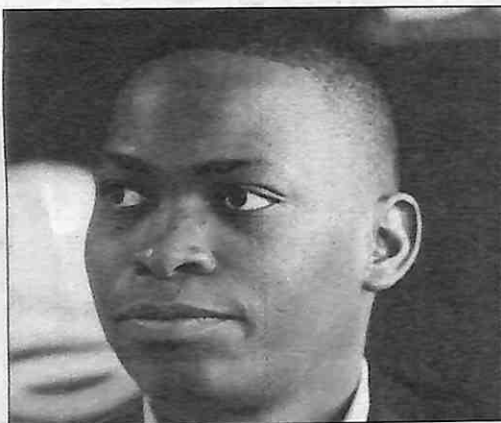
"That is the project we must work on as the ANC. It is not easy because the DA is very confident of retaining the Midvaal."

Modisakeng called on other municipalities to take their cue from the DA-run municipality.

"There is service delivery in Midvaal and service providers are paid on time," Modisakeng said. "We need to learn to do things like they do. We need to give praise where it is due." Midvaal's DA mayor, Bongani Baloyi, said the party would lose the municipality only if the elections were rigged.

"Apart from that, we are confident we will get an increased majority," Baloyi said. There has been growing tension between the DA and ANC over plans to merge three Gauteng municipalities into a metro, which would include Midvaal, the only DA-controlled municipality in the province. Modisakeng reiterated that the ANC backed the merger.

The Citizen



CONFIDENT: Bongani Baloyi.

## PA back in public

JOHANNESBURG - The Patriotic Alliance (PA) came to attention towards the end of 2013 in the Western Cape ahead of the 2014 national and provincial elections and was characterised by its work with gang members there amid their conflict over turf.

Despite many branding it "the gangster party", this was a label the party's members rejected. They instead described themselves as a group "placing the issues of coloured people at the top of the agenda".

Kenny Kunene was the secretary-general of the party until shortly after the May 7 2014 elections, after which he declared that he was leaving politics to focus on business. He had earlier been a founding member of the EFF with Julius Malema and Floyd Shivambu. The party won 0.07% of the national vote as opposed to the more than 6% won by the EFF.

Today, the men and women in lime green called a press conference to announce that a number of smaller parties (the majority of them being those that also promote the interests of coloured people) were joining the PA by acting under the auspices of the party led by its president, McKenzie, a former bank robber, author, motivational speaker and businessman.

The Citizen

## Parties pounce on plan to purchase presidential plane

JOHANNESBURG - The Congress of the People (Cope) yesterday used the "reduced circumstances" of South Africa being "only the third-largest economy in Africa" to urge prudence on the purchase of a "Zuma jet".

"While the minister of defence has scoffed at the figure of R4-billion, she has refused to play open cards with the country in respect of the purchase of a new executive luxury jet," said the party's Dennis Bloem.

COPE called on Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan "to honour his pledge to buy only what National Treasury can afford".

This came after Minister of Defence and Military Veterans Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula told Parliament on Wednesday that the procurement of a new jet for the Presidency will go ahead. "Taxpayers must know whether South Africa, as only the third-largest economy in Africa, will keep appropriate company. In our reduced circumstances,



**HESITANT: A file photo of President Jacob Zuma and his wife Thobeka arriving in Russia on Sunday 8 November 2015 on board the presidential jet Inkwazi and are met by Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov. Minister of Defence and Military Veterans Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula told Parliament on Wednesday 11 May 2016 that the procurement of a new jet for the Presidency. (GCIS)**

affordability is the imperative of the moment," said Bloem.

Bloem said that Mapisa-Nqakula "herself acknowledged that the country has other urgent priorities" and she should "therefore put the purchase of a jet lower down in the list of priorities".

"If there is no spare cash available to purchase an executive jet, it must not be

purchased," he said, adding that the party urged Pravin "to weigh expenditure on a new executive jet".

COPE's call came a day after the Democratic Alliance (DA) called on Zuma himself "to make a public announcement reversing his own government's decision to purchase a new presidential jet".

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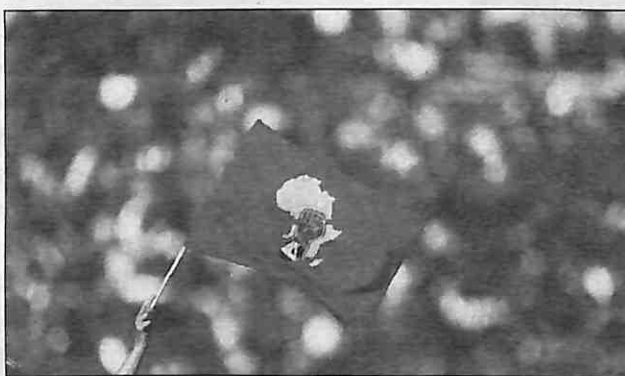
## EFF rubbishes ANC's claims that MK liberated SA

JOHANNESBURG - The people, and not the ANC, liberated South Africa from apartheid rule, the EFF has said.

EFF spokesman Mbuyiseni Ndlozi yesterday rubbished the ruling party's triumphant version of its role in the anti-apartheid struggle and that of its armed wing, Mkhonto weSizwe.

Ndlozi dismissed Mkhonto weSizwe as useless and lacking the courage to do battle with the then SA Defence Force - unlike its counterparts, the Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army, the military wing of Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union, as well as the Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army of Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe African People's Union, which overcame Ian Smith's Rhodesian forces.

ANC secretary-general Gwede Mantashe said yesterday that Western powers were



intent on destabilising liberation movements in southern Africa with the intention of effecting a regime change because they had become powerful governments which they deemed inconvenient to Western interests.

Mantashe - who recently visited Zimbabwe - said similar efforts at regime change were under way in South Africa but were being carried out under the guise of strengthening democratic institutions. He did not provide proof.

Ndlozi said yesterday the South African struggle had

been won not because of the strength of the liberation movement's armed forces, but through protest by unarmed youth and workers.

"It means the people, and not the ANC, liberated South Africa. The people never waited for liberation armies to come and save them from the murderous apartheid regime. Above all, the liberation armies never came, never conducted any war inside the country, except in missions that relied on the very protest ability of our people, Ndlozi said." Times Live

## SA law firm linked over 400 times in Papers

BLOEMFONTEIN - Phatshoane Henney Attorneys, a Bloemfontein based law firm, has been linked to more than 400 entities in the Panama Papers.

A searchable database of the leaked documents, which is hosted by The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ), showed that Phatshoane Henney Attorneys has acted as an intermediary for 436 entities.

The firm told News24 in an e-mailed statement that all of their clients' investments in foreign companies "are in accordance with the applicable exchange control regulations which also require tax clearance certificates".

"Taxes are therefore paid, both in SA and abroad, as and when applicable in terms of the relevant tax legislation," said CEO, Jan Berry.

"We have always and are still advising clients investing significant amounts abroad, not to do so in their personal names in order to avoid various onerous administrative and cost consequences, especially in the event of death," he said.

He said Phatshoane Henney Attorneys are a "leading firm in the field of estate planning and administration and it is therefore expected that we will also have a sizeable number of clients investing abroad".

Phatshoane Henney Attorneys also defended its relationship with Mossack Fonseca, the firm that the 11.5 million confidential documents were leaked from. The leaked documents purport to show how clients hid billions in tax havens. News24

## SAA denies wage deadlock

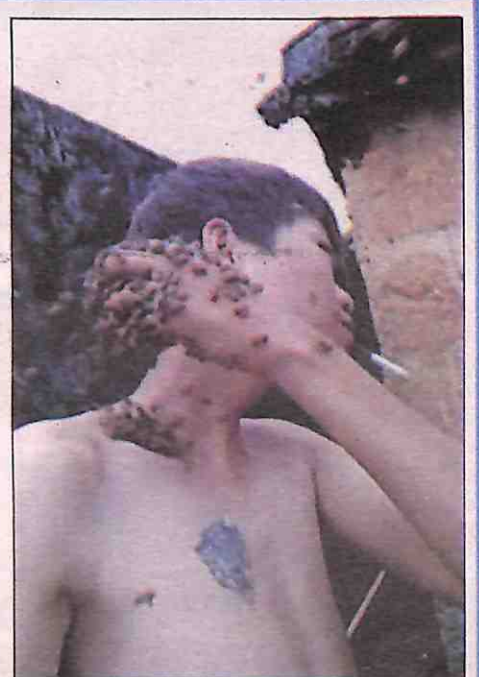
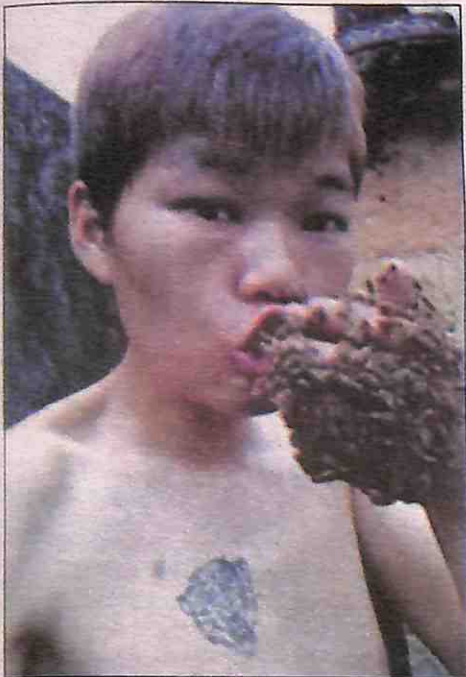
JOHANNESBURG - Wage talks at South African Airways (SAA) are headed towards mediation, while the airline on yesterday moved to distance itself from perceptions it had sufficient cash to meet high wage demands.

United Association of SA (Uasa) sector manager Willie van Eeden said yesterday that unions were currently awaiting a date for talks under the auspices of the Commission for Conciliation Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA). Wage demands remained unchanged, he said.

On Tuesday, unions in wage negotiations with SAA said they had revised upwards their wage demands from single digits to 11%, after the airline's board chair Dudu Myeni said on Friday SAA was financially sound and "had money". Earlier, Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan had said that SAA would not be granted any further government guarantees until a new board and management were appointed. SAA needs this guarantee to sign off on its financial statements for 2014-15. SAA yesterday denied there was a wage deadlock during negotiations, saying Ms Myeni's comments had been limited to the extent to which the airline could continue to operate without reliance on the state. "Comments made that SAA 'has money' did not imply that the airline has now become profitable," the statement read.

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**INVINCIBLE:** It then seems as though he is inhaling the bees as he places a handful next to his mouth.

HOPE YOU'VE HAD YOUR BREAKFAST!

# Young man puts handful of live bees in his MOUTH

● He grabs a handful of bees and shakes them over his bare neck and chest  
● The youth also inhales them into his mouth, choking slightly as he does  
● However it seems as though the bees are not stinging him

**BEIJING -** Of all the things you might put in your mouth, live bees aren't one of them.

But the disgusting factor of this didn't seem to register with this young Chinese man who was filmed throwing the buzzing insects on to his topless body and in to his mouth.

The bizarre video was captured Pu'er, Yunnan Province last Wednesday.

He begins the footage wearing a denim shirt as he reaches up to grab a handful of bees from the top corner of a building.

The youth then proceeds to undo his top button and shake the bees over his neck and

chest as he narrates his actions to the camera.

A later clip shows him half-naked with a cigarette in his mouth... and once again dowsing himself in the flying critters. Strangely he remains nonchalant throughout the ordeal, showing no fear or repugnance whatsoever.

It then seems as though he is inhaling the bees as he places a handful next to his mouth.

After again placing them on his body he can be seen coughing as he chokes slightly on the insects inside his mouth.

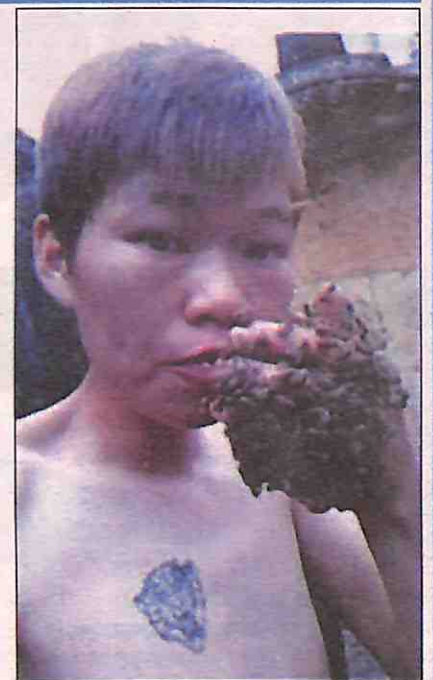
Fortunately the video ends there before the level of revulsion gets too high. However the creatures don't

appear to be stinging him so it is possible they are a harmless type of bee such as a male honeybee or bumble bee - whose sting is so insignificant it cannot pierce human skin.

Most bees will not harm humans unless provoked. The most aggressive stinging insects are vespid wasps - including bald-faced hornets and other yellow jackets. All of these insects aggressively defend their nests.

So next time you have your BBQ in the garden and that one lone pesky bee is bothering you - think of this guy to help put things in perspective!

*Daily Mail*



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## BRIEFS

## Debt restructuring for White House

**ATHENS** - A restructuring of Greece's debt is necessary because otherwise it will not be possible to solve the troubled euro zone member's problems in a sustainable way, the chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers told a German newspaper. "At the moment a restructuring of the Greek debt burden is the most important issue. Without it there won't be a sustainable solution for the problems," Jason Furman said in an interview with Handelsblatt published last night. He also stressed that Greece needed to undertake structural reforms and implement a responsible budgetary policy.

DPA

## US toddler dies in her mom's car

**GLUCKSTADT** - A 2-year-old girl has been found dead inside her mother's car at a Mississippi daycare. According to multiple media reports, Madison County Sheriff Randy Tucker says the mother thought she had taken her child to Little Footprints Learning Center in Gluckstadt, before going to work. When she returned to pick her up, daycare workers told her she hadn't dropped her off. Tucker says the mother immediately became distraught, ran to her car and realised the child was still in her car seat. **AP**

## Philippines' Duterte to visit pope

**MANILA** - Philippine president-elect Rodrigo Duterte is planning to visit the Vatican to make a personal apology to the pope for calling him a "son of a whore", the politician's spokesman said. The mayor repeatedly said he wants to visit the Vatican, win or lose,

not only to pay homage to the pope but he really needs to explain to the pope and ask for forgiveness," Peter Lavina told reporters in the southern city of Davao. **Reuters**



**APOLOGETIC:**  
Philippine president-elect Rodrigo Duterte.

## UN concerned about Austria's law

**GENEVA** - The United Nations' Human Rights chief is concerned about Austria's tough new asylum law, which allows a process under which migrants could be turned away at the border within an hour, he said in an interview. Austria, a country of 8.5 million, has mostly served as a conduit into Germany for refugees and migrants from the Middle East and Africa but it has also absorbed around 100 000 asylum seekers since last summer. After initially welcoming refugees, the government capped the number of asylum claims it would accept this year at 37 500 and has made family reunification harder for migrants.

AFP

## 'More debris' 'almost' from MH370

Two more pieces of debris were all but confirmed Thursday to be from flight MH370, adding fresh clues to the mystery of the Malaysia Airlines plane which is presumed to have crashed at sea. The fragments washed up on beaches in South Africa and Mauritius in March and brought to the Australian Transport Safety Bureau's laboratories for testing. After an expert examination they were found to have "almost certainly" come from the fated Boeing 777 aircraft, which vanished en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on March 8, 2014 with 239 passengers and crew on board. **AFP**



# How the Queen's umbrella 'acted like satellite dish'

**LONDON** - The Queen's unguarded comments about President Xi's 'rude' Chinese team would never have come out without her plastic umbrella, royal sources revealed today.

The furore centres on a conversation between the Queen and Metropolitan Police Commander Lucy D'Orsi, at the monarch's first garden party of the season at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday.

Her majesty was clutching a clear plastic brolly in the drizzle, but it appears it amplified her comments and sent them towards a microphone belonging to her own personal cameraman.

If her majesty was using a typical umbrella or the sun had been shining her comments would not have surfaced.

An insider told the Telegraph: 'If she had been holding an umbrella



**SATELLITE DISH: Queen Elizabeth II.**

made of fabric, it wouldn't have happened.

'But because it's plastic, it

reflects the sound like a satellite dish.'

The sovereign's uncharacteristically indiscreet remarks were picked up by cameraman Peter Wilkinson.

He unwittingly fed the footage to broadcasters, which aired it on the News at Ten in a report on an earlier diplomatic mishap by the Prime Minister.

Wilkinson has been the Queen's cameraman for 18 years. But he is employed by the BBC, ITV and Sky - and therefore could not choose to edit out the comments even if he had spotted them.

Earlier he had filmed David Cameron filmed telling the monarch that Afghanistan and Nigeria were fantastically corrupt.

Wilkinson had used a sensitive directional microphone to ensure he picked up the Prime Minister's

address at a Palace reception to mark the Queen's 90th birthday.

Hours later her majesty attended the garden party where she spoke openly to Met Commander D'Orsi.

This time Wilkinson had changed his microphone to a less sensitive one he uses for such occasions, but it appears the Queen's umbrella amplified her words towards him.

Chin has censored coverage of the Queen describing senior Chinese officials as 'very rude'.

The usually guarded monarch yesterday found herself at the centre of a diplomatic panic after her candid comments were unwittingly captured by her official cameraman and aired on the BBC.

China responded by censoring reports on the broadcaster's World Service and blocking web pages that mentioned the royal slip-up.

Daily Mail

## Italy gives green light to gay marriages

Milan-Italy's parliament has given the green light to the introduction of gay civil unions, becoming the last major Western country to legally recognise same-sex relationships.

The Roman Catholic Church has strongly opposed the legislation and in January tens of thousands of protesters packed a square in central Rome to demonstrate against the laws.

But Italy's left-wing Prime Minister Matteo Renzi has said it is a key issue for equality and he said on Facebook before the vote on Wednesday that it was a 'day of celebration'.

Politicians in the Chamber of Deputies voted 369-193 in favour of a vote of confidence in Mr Renzi's government, which makes final approval of the civil unions bill automatic.

The bill itself is expected to be passed later today. Although the legislation has been hailed as a civil rights landmark there has been criticism by some gay rights groups who say it still does not give homosexual couples the same rights as heterosexual couples in regards to issues like adoption. **Daily Mail**



**PARTY POOPER:** Heart-stopping moment a runaway driverless tram appears from nowhere to crash into a parade of bikers. In a shocking video the tram crashes into a parade of bikers travelling through the city of Temirtau in Kazakhstan. They were celebrating the Soviet Union's Victory Day over Nazi Germany in WWII. The footage was originally uploaded in 2014 but through social media has resurfaced and been trending online. (Daily Mail)

## Dilma Rousseff suspended

**SAO PAULO** - Less than halfway through her elected mandate, Dilma Rousseff has been stripped of her presidential duties for at least six months after senators voted 55-22 to impeach her and put her on trial.

After what one politician called the "saddest day for Brazil's young democracy", a majority of the senators voted after a late-running impeachment debate that they would vote to suspend the Workers' party leader, putting economic problems, political paralysis and alleged fiscal irregularities ahead of the 54 million votes that

put her in office. Rousseff, Brazil's first female president, will have to step aside for at least six months while she is tried in the upper house for allegedly manipulating government accounts ahead of the previous election. Her judges will be senators, many of whom are accused of more serious crimes.

The decision is likely to be more political than legal. After Rousseff came to power in 2010, she initially enjoyed some of the highest ratings of any leader in the world. But her popularity has slumped along with the economy, now in its deepest recession for decades.

Daily Mail

## 'Trump should be disqualified from race'

**NEW YORK** - Former GOP nominee Mitt Romney slapped Donald Trump for the presumptive Republican nominee's refusal to release his taxes.

'It is disqualifying for a modern-day presidential nominee to refuse to release tax returns to the voters, especially one who has not been subject to public scrutiny in either military or public service,' Romney wrote yesterday in a strongly-worded Facebook post.

Despite pressure, Trump said yesterday that he doesn't expect to release his tax returns before November, citing an ongoing audit

of his finances. Romney concluded from Trump's foot-dragging that there must be 'a bombshell of unusual size' tucked inside.

Romney, a businessman in his own right who lost the presidential election to President Barack Obama in 2012, has used the 'bombshell' line before, attempting to pressure Trump in February to release his income taxes.

At that time the former Massachusetts governor speculated to Fox News that Trump's income may not be as large as the billionaire boasts or he may not have fully paid his taxes. **Daily Mail**



# Swatini Entertainment

## STEPPING OUT

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TO borrow lyrics from one of R Kelly's songs, Thank God it's Friday everyone!

It's a good day to have a very good day! So what does this weekend have in store for you? I know most people, me included, can't stop thinking about the upcoming MTN Bushfire Festival 2016 and the countdown begins. Actually the countdown began a few months ago; however I hope you have already purchased your 10 tickets for your 10 lucky friends right across the Sub Sahara region....sigh.... Anyway back to this weekend. It's on again at the Finesse Restaurant with another one of the popular country tours concepts as 2.0 Experience in collaboration with Pure Groove brings back entertainment right into the heart of town.

A big road show is happening in the Manzini region, at the Mankayane Bus rank, with many drama, poetry and dance acts taking place.

Ezulwini continues to 'bring it' again with its consistent delivery and creativity, two day shows at the ever packed Pub & Grill restaurant, so don't miss out on these, While the Illa pen boys FillupMavuso initiative steamrolls ahead as there would be a launch in the capital in preparations for this most anticipated event.

### ● SWAZILAND COMMUNITY MULTIMEDIA NETWORK ROAD SHOW

**What:** Swaziland Community Multimedia Network Road show  
**Where:** Mankayane, Bus Rank  
**When:** Tomorrow  
**About:** THE Swaziland Community Multimedia Networking, SCMN, together with its partners, would be hosting a road show tomorrow at the Mankayane Bus Rank starting at 10am.

At this road show there would be entertainment by Mshikishi and Nomsa M performing as well as drama by the Arterial Networking drama group and Mankayane arts groups.

Other acts included are; New KaMazay dancers, a hip hop musician who goes by the name of Statar, poetry rendered by Chocolate and Xolani Makhanya.

The road show has further received a boost through companies and organisations who have shown support through buying a stand for E100 at the venue to show case their services throughout the day.

Organisations such as SOS, Save the children, COSPE, CANGO, Red Cross and MvTel have already confirmed their participation and reserved their stands by paying the stipulated fee.

# THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY!



There is no entry fee to attend this event as it is in an open area at the bus rank and the Mankayane Town Board has shown its support for the show. So come and be part of this great initiative.

### ● 2.0 EXPERIENCE MBABANE EDITION

**What:** 2.0 Experience Mbabane Edition

**Where:** Finesse Restaurant, Mbabane

**When:** Today

**About:** YET another fun explosion themed Two point Zero Experience would be taking place at the Finesse restaurant this coming weekend.

2.0 Experience is a two DJ member group and will be collaborating with another five member music group Pure Grooves to host a deep house and underground music party at you favourite restaurant in town today.

Organisers have promised to heat patrons up throughout the cold winter days.

This restaurant is just one of the many stops around the country where this touring team of DJs will be playing their popular deep house tunes as they plan to tour the four regions of the country.

At the Two Point Zero Experience fun lovers and party people would get to see DJs Ca\$h, Wacko, Sbuda, So What, Peanard,

Tilungu, Vuma, Dexter and AceNic. Entry at the door is only E20 and show will commence at 3pm until late. Come on over to your favourite spot in Mbabs City.

### ● PUB & GRILL'S 'DEEP HOUSE NYT' & 'THE VIBE GOES ON'

**What:** 'Deep House nyt' & 'Vibe goes on'

**Where:** Ezulwini

**When:** Today and Tomorrow

**About:** The valley's hottest hotspot will be 'bringing it' this weekend on two consecutive days, with the today's 'Deep House nyt' and 'The Vibe goes on' tomorrow evening. DJs

Calinda and Kronik would be behind the decks tonight, while 1D and Knoxman join the resident DJ tomorrow. Come

witness how real party people do it in the valley.

### ● IMITSANYELO WEFASHION HELPS LAUNCH FILLUPMAVUSO, @ BEVERLY HILLS

**What:** FillUpMavuso Launch, @ Beverly Hills

**Where:** Beverly Hills, Mbabane

**When:** Tomorrow

**About:** The Umtsanyelo WeFashion Front have collaborated with organisers of the upcoming Illa Penboy FillUpMavuso show scheduled to take place at the Mavuso Trade Centre in Manzini on

May 21, to host a launch for the show in Mbabane.

According to organisers of the launch that would be held at Beverly Hills in Mbabane the main objective is to make people aware that #FillUpMavuso is definitely happening.

The launch would be tomorrow afternoon at 2pm. Although a private event, organisers have invited those who can come to pop by! Let's support local content people! The media, Imitsanyelo models, dignitaries, artists will be there as well as the event's sponsors.

### ● CURRENT HITS WITH



LIVE: Illa Pen Boy to perform at Mavuso Trade Fair.

### ● DJ DEBONEG @ PRIMAVERA

**What:** Deboneg at Primavera Lodge

**Where:** Ngwenya/ Oshoek

**When:** Today and Tomorrow

**About:** Everyone has been invited to the party by the border at the venue which is fast becoming popular in that area.

Primavera Lodge with DJ

Deboneg at the helm would bring fun with the latest hits. So if you live in the area or happen to be within the vicinity, come stop by at the venue that begins at 6pm.



# 'MDURA' RAKES IN OVER E20 000 IN ONE MONTH

Stories by Phesheya Kunene

**ABOUT**, a year ago, comedian 'Mdura' could hardly make ends meet.

Besides being buried in academic studies, the stand-up comedian was also trying to make a name for himself in the comedy industry.

Fast forward to today, 'Mdura' whose real name is Mduduzi Dlamini, had every reason to be smiling as he raked in over E20 000 in one month. This money was made in the gigs he honoured in the last four weeks.

It has been confirmed by his management, Tall Tree Talent Agency that the youthful and hilarious comedian had six bookings with three of them being major. These gigs included the King's birthday in Nhlanguano, two MTN Swaziland private shows and Sibane's comedy knockout event, whereby he was the headlining act.

In actual fact, these are the shows that raked in the thousands

for the man of the moment in the comedy world. His management revealed that 'Mdura' made about E10 000 at the King's birthday gig, E3 000 at the MTN Swaziland private shows then scooped a whopping E8 000 at Sibane Hotel comedy knockout. It brings the total amount to E21 000.

It is worth noting that all these monies exclude those he made in shows such as the John Wesley



**MONEY MAKER:** Comedian 'Mdura'.

fundraising dinner, UNISWA campuses events and others as his management was sceptical about sharing such information with the public.

In not so many words 'Mdura' confirmed the news but declined to talk about the exact figures.

"These are all the April gigs I was booked for that turned out fine in terms of revenue and everything else," 'Mdura' stated.

In addition, the fast rising comedian attributed everything to God and proper preparations.

"It is always important to prepare for every show, be it 10 minutes or 45 minutes and also try to be relevant to that audience," he added.

He admitted though that it has not been easy for him as a professional to produce material on weekly basis but he was quick to mention that it has been a worthy learning curve.

"I am not there yet but I believe I am also learning and one show that really pushed my limits was of course the King's garden party," he said.

## All systems go for Mankayane roadshow tomorrow

By Tenele Dlamini

**THE Swaziland Community Multimedia Networking, SCMU, together with its partners, would be hosting a road show tomorrow at the Mankayane Bus Rank starting at 10am.**

This was confirmed by the organisation's National Coordinator Ambrose Zwane who said the event would cater for residents in the Manzini region.

"At this road show, we will have entertainment by Mshikishi, Nomsa M, the Arterial Networking drama group and Mankayane arts groups," said Zwane.

Other acts on the day, according to Zwane would be; New KaMazay dancers, a hip hop musician who goes by the name of Statar, poetry rendered by Chocolate and Xolani Makhanya.

"We have also partnered with Dups Insurance and MvTel for this event. Other partners include Lusweti, Council of Churches, Sikhuphe, the Seventh Day Adventist church, AMICAALL and the Crime Prevention Unit," he said.

The road show has further received a boost through companies and organisations who have shown support through buying a stand for E100 to show case their services throughout the day.



Organisations such as SOS, Save the children, COSPE, CANGO, Red Cross and MvTel have already confirmed their participation. "There is no entry fee for this event as it is in an open area at the bus rank and the Mankayane Town Board has thrown their weight behind the show," he stated.

## Corporate world now coming to the party – Larry

**Larry Mhlanga, his manager, said he was proud of the journey stand-up comedian 'Mdura' has undertaken.**

He did not end there as he said the professionalism shown by the come-

dian has since led to the corporate world showing more respect to the comedy industry.

"We are happy to see him grow, and yes, he did have major shows that had great rewards for him. If you

look at the South African comedy industry, you will see that we are progressing in terms of finances. The corporate world is finally coming into the party and paying what is due," he said.

## Nduduzo Matse's 'New Sounds of Glory' out next week

Stories by Phumelele Mkhonta

**NDUDUZO Matse's new album titled 'New Sounds of Glory' will be released next week.**

The eight track spirit filled album was recorded live in March at Zakhele Free Evangelical

Assemblies Church.

The album features Banele Dlamini on the track 'Forever and Ever', Nondumiso Nhleko in *Bangajika Bantfu*, Matse's brother Lungelo, Women in Praise finalist Lomkhosi Makhubu, Frans Dlamini and South African renowned gospel artist Sipho Makhubane.

Matse also collaborated with the phenomenal Denzel Erasmus, who is a saxophonist from Cape Town.

### Knowledge

According to Matse, those who came to the live CD and DVD recording have knowledge of the quality, depth and atmosphere this project contains.

mental as it confirms the Lord's blessings instilled in us.

"It is also important that we are rooted in the presence of the Lord as such opens doors to success," Matse stated. The album would be available nationwide in all music retail outlets once it has been released.

circumstances and where I am headed.

We tend to forget to thank God of what He has done for us; instead we put our focus in always asking.

This song reminds me how much thanksgiving is funda-

### Lord I am Grateful

"THE track that holds deep meaning to me is 'Lord I'm Grateful' as it reminds me of where I come from, my present



## ...CD/DVD launch in July

**THE 'New Sounds of Glory' DVD and CD launch would be held on July 2.**

Matse promised music lovers a bigger venue this time around so everyone is accommodated since many people were turned back owing to space limitations.

"The launch will be nothing less from what was experienced during the recording as we are taking things to a better and finer level as a lot of musicians from South Africa and Swaziland will be performing. I will make history on this night," Matse stated.

**ANOTHER LEVEL:** Gospel artist Nduduzo Matse.

## High school dancers season one launched

Stories by Phumelele Mkhonta

**SWAZI Roots Entertainment stable is hosting a dancing competition called 'High School Dancers Season 1'.**

This competition would be hosted at Khulani Borneo Hall near St. Michael's High School on May, 21 from 1pm to 5pm. Pupils are expected to pay a joining fee of E70, and this caters for individuals and groups.

Entertainment will be by youth's favourite hip/hop artists Deco and Black Einstein

and on the decks will be DJ BB King and DJ Kini.

According to the founder and Director of Swazi Roots Entertainment, Ncamiso Zwane, this initiative is aiming at spotting talent and investing in it while also rewarding participants.

"We also aim at removing the youth from the streets while entertaining them.

We are recommending those who will conform to the theme of the event, which is school uniform," explained Zwane.

Entrance fee will be E15 for pupils and E18 for non-scholars.



## Sex education to be incorporated in future

**ON the other hand Zwane, stated that there were many more competitions to come thus the 'Season 1'.**

"Our aim is to collaborate

with organisations and teach the youth on sex education and other related issues as to help curb the spread of HIV/AIDS and unwanted pregnancies," stated Zwane.





**HONOURED:** Andile Ka-Majola joined by other gospel artists who came through to celebrate with him.

## PHATHWAKAHLE, A DARLING TO KWAZULU NATAL FANS

Stories by Simon Shabangu

**SWAZI** gospel artist Phathwakahle Mabuza seems to be a darling of the people of KwaZulu Natal, Durban, if her performance on Saturday morning is anything to go by.

The artist was a showstopper at Andile Ka-Majola's show held in the city of Durban where he was celebrating his achievement of reaching platinum in sales of his latest album. It was a case of saving the best for last as Phathwakahle was scheduled to be the main artist who performs at the end of the show, in the early hours of the morning.

The artist of the #Sekonakele fame, well known for energetic stage presentation, did not disappoint the people of EThekweni Municipality and surrounding areas, as she delivered just 'what the doctor had ordered'.

She took the stage at around 4:30 in the morning and kept all those present standing on their feet right throughout her hour long performance.

Despite the poor sound system which frequently disrupted her performance, the artist did not disappoint.

She rendered most of the crowd's favourite songs, which kept her hoods of fans singing along while



**I MADE IT:** Gospel Artist Andile Ka-Majola joined by artists Siphos Makhabane, Phathwakahle Mabuza and Andile Mbili as he lifts Platinum Award he achieved by his latest album Chapter7 titled Nanoma Niyangibona. Ka-Majola hosted a thanksgiving for this project in Durban on Friday night. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

others had their eyes glued to the stage as they watched the well rehearsed dance moves by the artist and her all female team of backers.

### Attracted

The wet night in Durban did not prevent many from coming to their numbers and be part of the show, which attracted close to 1 000 music lovers who crammed the marquee planted at the car park behind The Workshop Complex. The crowd

waited all night long despite the rainy weather to witness the local gospel dubbed 'queen of the stage' do what she knows best.

### Darling

Also performing on the night was Siphos Makhabane, aka 'Big Fish' who is also a darling of many in the gospel music industry.

He rendered some of the songs most loved by his fans who sang along as he belted it out.

## Andile Ka-Majola Chapter 7 hits Platinum

It was a night dancing and joy as Andile Ka-Majola celebrated his achievement of reaching platinum (50 000 CD copies sold) for his latest album titled 'Nanoma Niyangibona'.

The artist was presented with the award by Revolver Records, the music stable that distributes his music. Andile thanked the media from all over the country and beyond for supporting his musical career. He also paid tribute to

his fans for making him what he is, adding that if it was not for their support, he would have not attained such a feat.

On the same night, the artist collected donations and clothes to be distributed among the needy people to keep them warm in the winter.

Also a guest at the all night show, which was frequently interrupted by the rain, was the famous Reverend Mpungose who ministered to the gathering.

ering. SABC 1 sopie, Uzalo actor known as 'Ayanda' born Khumbulani Kay Sibiya was also among the special guests on the night.

He was received with loud ululations and applause from the audience when he was introduced. He also delivered a brief motivational talk to the gathering. Present were personalities from different radio stations around KZN and beyond who were also introduced to the gathering.



**LIKE THIS:** Phathwakahle Mabuza in action with her backup singers.



**FAMILY AFFAIR:** Phathwa in action during her performance. Phathwakahle's Manager and husband Gcina Mabuza provided the instrumentation.



**MY VIEW:** Fundiswa, who is the founder of Fundiswa Foundation, addressing the gathering. She is also a continuity presenter with Imbokodo FM.



**WARM WELCOME:** Khumbulani 'Kay' Sibiya aka Andile of Uzalo greeting the crowd. **PRAISING:** Makhabane giving out his best.



**SUPPORT:** A section of the hundreds of people who came through to witness the show.



## HIGHLIGHTS

**The Queen's Worst Year**  
Tonight, 20:00  
ITV Choice (123)

**FRIDAY** the 13th is considered to be an unlucky day in many countries around the world, including South Africa, so it's perhaps pertinent that the British Entertainment channel ITV

Choice (DStv 123) has scheduled the hour-long documentary *The Queen's Worst Year* tonight at 20:00 as part of their Royal Season of programming.



1992 was the Queen's 'annus horribilis' - a year of scandal, tragedy and turmoil for the royal family that stretched the monarchy's credibility to near breaking point. From Fergie's topless scandal to Charles and Di's separation to the Great Fire at Windsor; no one could quite believe the Queen's bad luck. This film argues that the impact of the events of 1992 threw the monarchy into a profound identity crisis. It had long since lost its religious mandate, but in 1992 it lost something almost as profound - its 'fairytale' reputation, its glitz, glamour and romance, its image as the perfect model family. But what would it become instead and how did the Queen weather the storm of 1992 to become more popular than ever in 2016?

**Anacondas: The hunt for the blood...**  
Tomorrow, 18:00  
Studio Universal (112)

**ANACONDAS: The Hunt For The Blood Orchid.**

An expedition seeks a flower that could prolong human life. It runs afoul of monstrous snakes that have already felt its benefits.



**Simon Reeve's Sacred Rivers**  
Tomorrow, 11:10

**BBC World News (400)**



"The Ganges". Simon Reeve explores

the influence three rivers have on the countries they flow through. Along the Ganges, he sees how India's economy has affected its religious culture.

**IAAF Diamond League: Shanghai**  
Tomorrow, 12:45  
SuperSport 9 (209)

**LIVE** from Shanghai Stadium - Shanghai, China. Check out more first-grade sporting fixtures on the supersport website.



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**NEWS**



# Bolduan covers US election

**AS one of the most keenly anticipated US elections in decades draws closer, CNN International (401) is launching a new nightly prime-time show to give the inside track on the campaign.**

'State of the Race' will be a nightly destination for international audiences looking for an in-depth lowdown on the race to the White House and will premiere on Monday at 02:30 CAT.

Anchored from CNN's New York bureau by Kate Bolduan, 'State of the Race' will provide 30 minutes of insight and analysis into a story that the world is watching with intense interest.

Kate Bolduan said: "This has already been a race like no other, and it is clear there is a lot more to come. Every night we're going to bring our international audiences along for the ride - offering the very latest developments from the campaign trail and giving them the inside scoop of what is really going on within the campaigns and in the minds of American voters."



**IN TUNE: Kate Bolduan.**

Bolduan will draw on her extensive experience covering the US House and Senate as a CNN Congressional correspondent, giving her unique insights into the complexities and characteristics of the US political system. She will be joined by a roster of experts from around the country

to analyse, debate and decipher the key issues.

Tony Maddox, EVP and Managing Director of CNN International, said: "Around the world everyone is talking about this US election. As we get into the decisive campaign stages and open up key election battlegrounds, 'State of the Race' will bring an insiders' view from one of CNN's most skilled political journalists. We'll be delivering international audiences all they need to fully understand this vitally important story with intelligence, passion and a little humor, too."

'State of the Race' joins CNN International's line up of election coverage, which includes the weekly Political Mann programme alongside continuing coverage across the network's shows and platforms.

'State of the Race' will air Monday to Friday on CNN (401) at 02:30 CAT.

The launch of 'State of the Race' also comes as independent research reveals CNN to be the

number one international source of US election news.

CNN commissioned independent research company Toluna to assess the viewing habits and opinions of in 23 countries across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and Asia Pacific, as well as in Canada\*.

Asked which international news provider is the leading source of news about the US election, 51% of respondents select CNN as number one - a figure higher than all other news organisations combined and dwarfing others such as BBC (19%), Reuters (five percent) and Sky News (four percent). The study also found huge international interest in the election. 85% view it as important for the world, with 73% saying they are personally interested in US election news.

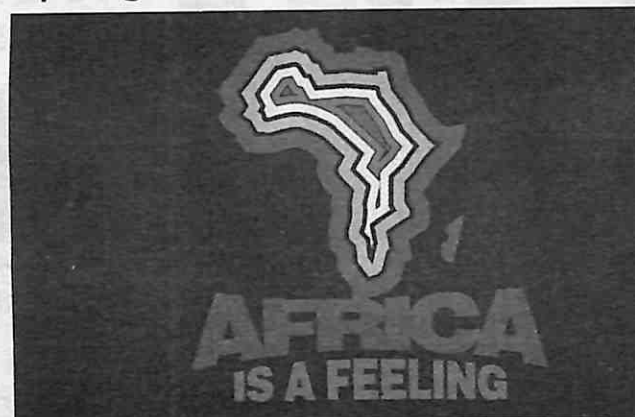
Maddox added: "We've already seen that CNN US's coverage is dominating election viewership in the United States, with record-breaking ratings\*\*, but this survey proves it is the same around the world."

## MultiChoice puts spotlight on Africa's Storytellers

**IT's the hope you feel in a rousing melody on The Voice: Nigeria, the joy in an electrifying ululation on Hotel Majestic, the contentment in a soothing hum of a mother on Tinsel, the love exuded as a couple celebrates their union on Our Perfect Wedding, it's the euphoria of watching the home football team qualify for the AFCON 2017 tournament and the shock of an irreverent joke made by the Zambezi News trio.**

There's no denying that African stories on DStv trigger a variety of feelings and throughout May, MultiChoice Africa will put Africa's compelling storytellers on centre stage to commemorate Africa Day on May 25.

Over the past few years, MultiChoice Africa has observed this occasion by highlighting Africa's notably rich history and by investing in the growth of the continent's entertainment industry through its focus on home-grown channels which is available on the DStv platforms. This is evident in the growing number of locally-produced, quality programmes available on the hyperlocal free-to-air channels and local channels including Zambezi Magic, Mzansi Magic, Mzansi



Bioskop and Mzansi Music and eight Africa Magic channels.

MultiChoice Africa recently celebrated the continent's outstanding on-screen talent at the Africa Magic Viewers' Choice Awards (AMVCAs) in Lagos, Nigeria where 26 winners from Southern, East and West Africa were recognised for their outstanding achievements in the African film and TV industry. Other storytellers that MultiChoice gives recognition to for their stellar work in sharing Africa stories inspired by Africa and its people are the media whom are also acknowledged through the annual CNN MultiChoice African Journalist of the Year Awards for their hard work and commitment to sharing stories that help develop the continent. The organisation also has some exciting initiatives in the pipeline that will

further emphasise MultiChoice's commitment to broadening its strategy of local content discovery and acquisition in Africa.

To keep our subscribers on the cutting-edge of technology, MultiChoice Africa strives to continuously be innovative in its offering. DStv subscribers are able to view programming anytime, anywhere and on device in HD for their convenience and are able to navigate many other features while watching their favourite programmes with value-added services like Catch Up, BoxOffice and DStv Now.

Celebrate the success, achievement and growth of our beautiful continent, by sharing your feelings about Africa using the hashtag #AfricasAFeeeling and don't miss the great selection of African content that is available DStv!

## Dstv audio channels move to new channel numbers

**FROM June 1, 2016, DMX audio and radio channels will move to new channel numbers to create capacity for future channel expansions.**

The DMX audio channels will move from 800 to channel 750 onwards and radio channels from 900 to channel 800 onwards.

These changes will happen automatically - DStv customers don't have to do anything. Any customers who don't see the audio channels on the new channel numbers after 1 June, can simply reboot their decoder.

Current and new audio channel numbers:

Current channel no.

New channel no.

Channel name

801

751

DMX - Adult Contemporary

802

752

DMX - Today's Hits

803

753

DMX - Y2K Hits

804

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DMX - 70's Hits

805

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DMX - 80's Hits

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DMX - Familiar Favourites

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DMX - Soft Hits

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DMX - Love Songs

809



# ★ Celebrity ★ Watch ★

## John Legend lashes out at critics

LOS ANGELES - She came under fire on social media for stepping out to dinner with her husband three weeks after welcoming their daughter Luna. Chrissy Teigen's husband John Legend, 37, came out all guns blazing for Team Teigen on Wednesday.

The 'All Of Me' singer took to Twitter to request that he also shoulders the attacks, which are directed at new mum Chrissy. "Funny there's no dad-shaming," he Tweeted, "When both of us go out to dinner, shame both of us so Chrissy doesn't have to take it all. We'll split it."



**BLAZING: Chrissy Teigen and John Legend.**

He's once again proving himself as a supportive and loving husband.

*Mail Online*

## Khloe shows off her baby blues!

LOS ANGELES - She has worked hard for this body, so she is not about to keep it under wraps. Khloe Kardashian wowed as she left a studio in Los Angeles, California, on Wednesday.

The 32-year-old demanded attention in a skin tight ensemble that highlighted every hard fought for curve. For her day of filming, no doubt pieces to camera for 'Keeping



**FLAUNTING: Khloe Kardashian.**

Up With The Kardashians', the star dressed in an all-blue look. Khloe encased her pert derriere in a high-waisted knee length cobalt skirt, which clung to her form.

Making the look even more eye-popping, the star added a long sleeve turtleneck bodysuit

by Love And Labels in matching blue, which was anything but reserved. *Mail Online*

## Kim, Khloe credit Blac Chyna

LOS ANGELES - There is no denying that his relationship with Blac Chyna has changed Rob Kardashian's life. Since he began dating his now fiancée in January, the formerly reclusive sock designer has come out of hiding, lost weight, and embraced life. And now even his reluctant sisters Kim and Khloe are giving the relationship their backing - albeit in begrudging fashion.

In a new preview clip from 'Keeping Up With The Kardashians', the pair discuss the romance - eventually



**CREDIT: Blac Chyna and Rob Kardashian.**

deciding that it must be a good thing.

*Mail Online*

## Afrotainment looking for dancers!

JOHANNESBURG - Here are some exciting news for all talented dancers out there! Afrotainment is looking for female dancers to support their new R&B / Hip Hop artist.

Auditions will take place at The Bat Centre in Durban tomorrow from 14:00.

If you're around the Durban area, this could be your BIG break!

Good luck!

*Daily Sun*



**SEARCHING: DJ Tira.**

## Victoria Beckham reveals fading tatt

CANNES - From pin-up pop star to serious fashion designer, Victoria Beckham has gone to great lengths to clean up her image over recent years.

And as the former Spice Girl, 42, arrived at the opening gala of the Cannes Film Festival on

Wednesday night, the transformation looked almost complete - with her once garish tattoos nearly faded away entirely.

Perhaps showing how high her stock has risen among the jet-setting elite, Mrs Beckham was invited to be a celebrity guest at the glitzy opening night by festival bosses. *Mail Online*



**HAS BEEN: Victoria Beckham.**

## Minnie takes over New York!

NEW YORK - The lovely Minnie Dlamini takes New York.

She posted a few pictures of herself on Instagram in the 'big apple'.

However, it is not all fun and games. She is also doing a meet-and-greet with fans at a restaurant called: 'Madiba in Brooklyn, New York'.

In the event poster, she is referred to as 'SA's diamond'. That is a great compliment coming from the Americans.

Keep flying Mzansi's flag high Minnie!

*Daily Sun*



**LOVELY: Minnie Dlamini.**

## Serena tries dog food from hotel menu

ROME - Serena Williams was impressed by a gourmet dog food menu at her hotel in Rome, Italy - so much so, that she decided to try it herself.

And unsurprisingly, the 34-year-old revealed in a series of Snapchat videos on Wednesday that she was 'really sick' after tasting her pooch's specially prepared food.

Defending her decision to try one of the doggy room service



**'REALLY SICK': Serena Williams.**

dishes - which backfired in spectacular fashion - Serena explained that it had 'looked good'.

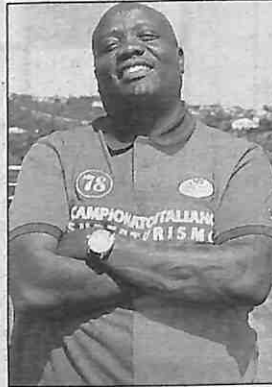
"They have this menu for my dog, because Chip left his food - can you imagine?" she told fans on the social networking site, giving them a glimpse of the

menu which offered pasta and rice dishes at €15 to €18 a plate. *Mail Online*

## L'vovo recording a live DVD!

DURBAN - Kwaito heavy-weight L'vovo Derrango has had hit after another since first appearing on the scene 10 years ago. The star - who rose to fame with his Bayang'sukela single - was discovered by the evergreen Zakes Bantwini.

This song was followed by another single titled 'Resista', on which he collaborated with Zakes, and



**EZASE AFRO: L'vovo Derrango**

the song literally launched the beginning of his rosy music career. And 10 years later, the 'Palesa' hitmaker is still a household name. L'vovo - whose real name is Thokozani

Ndlovu - is set to celebrate the 10-year milestone by recording a live DVD at the Durban Botanical Gardens in

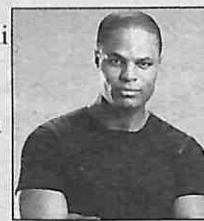
KZN tomorrow. *Daily Sun*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

### ISIBAYA

TODAY

The day has arrived for Zweli to claim his rightful place. Fezile delivers a shocking message to the love of his life



**RECLAIMS: Zweli.**

### ISIDINGO

TODAY

Gabriel tries to manipulate Sizwe into joining his business using Morongwa.

Sam is more determined than ever to pursue her case against Rajesh and HI. Sechaba suspects Kamohelo has ulterior motives for her sudden visit.



**TRIES: Gabriel.**

### Muvhango

TODAY

Thandaza gives Ranthumeng signed divorce papers. Nthabeleng and James reconcile and start over. Thifhelimbili tells Susan that she is seeing Vhangani.

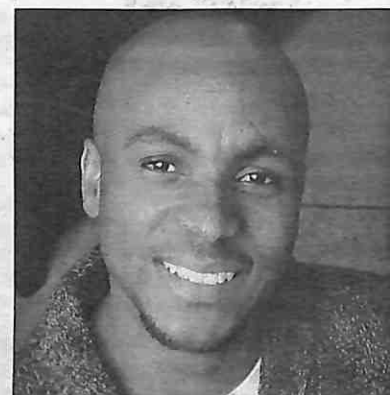


**DIVORCE: Thandaza.**

### RHYTHM CITY

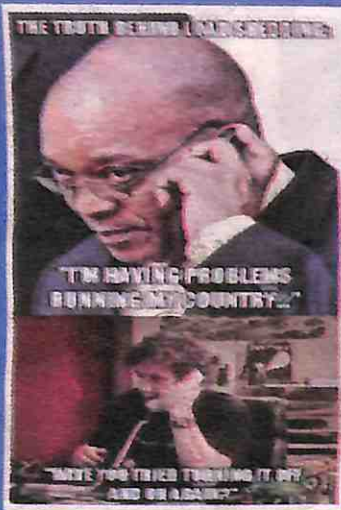
TODAY

Doc announces his engagement to the family. Zolani offers to help Reneilwe go after Doc and Red. Puleng becomes increasingly obsessed with Busi.



**SAVIOUR: Zolani.**





## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

## Capricorn December 22 – January 19-

You may not be like certain comedy entertainers, but you have fine wit. While you can be very serious when appropriate, you tend to lighten the stress by adding a few lighthearted words. Feeding the positive parts of you—you are able to stay on track with your wonderful attitude towards life. In continuing to be successful in your profession and personal life, you must remain flexible. You are very nurturing and could probably be a stay-at-home dad or mom, as well as a workaholic mother or father.



## Aquarius January 20 – February 18 - You

should love being around people today. This may prove to be a great day! Whether you are a substitute teacher or a full-time lecturer, you love politics and may be looking forward to involving yourself in some political involvement this evening. This may be community service or a theology meeting. Whatever the case... You shine through clear communication. This is a rewarding day—there are still many tasks to complete before this day has ended. This evening, you may celebrate someone else's success. Through their success, your little light will also shine.



## Pisces February 19 – March 20- Your health is

good now and you may be feeling on top of the world—this is a good time to begin the habit of physical exercise. Walking will do nicely! Soon, someone may pull you into teaching or taking a creative class, such as a fun cooking class. Work does not end at five o'clock today—a volunteer group may want your attention this evening. This could turn out to be one of those life situations that you will never forget. A little bit of work in this group, maybe with music, physical therapy or animals, will give you more return for your effort than you ever thought possible.



## Aries March 21 – April 19-

The anticipation of a special date this evening makes it hard to concentrate in the workplace today. However, you are nonetheless able to make work your top priority. You are able to create work, talk with representatives and complete tasks successfully. This evening you are home in time to change into that new outfit you have been planning to wear. You can make positive impressions and turn heads at a social affair this evening. Do not hesitate to network in your social surroundings; it will help you to focus and define your own goals.



## Taurus April 20 – May 20- Work progress may

be a bit slow today. It seems as though there are plenty of interruptions. Much power and creative expression can be enjoyed. Don't be afraid to show others what you can do. You may find new ways to advertise or you will write a news release for your company that will create firm profits. By using your creative talents and abilities, you will stand out from the usual and gain some positive recognition. You welcome the chance to let your light shine. Professional attention is possible.



## Gemini May 21 – June 21 - Today is the day

you decide to put an end to some discourse in the office. This could be with anyone from a higher-up, a co-worker or a maintenance person in your office building. Whatever the case, now is the time to improve negative conditions. Tonight may be the big night for a camping trip and this or some other fun activity will be on your mind much of the day. The comradeship, the stars, the campfire, the fish and the coffee made out-of-doors are all parts of this trip. This will be a good time to let yourself feel free and



unencumbered. You will gather fun memories to take you through the rest of this winter.

**Cancer June 22 – July 22 - You are in the mood** to argue with a higher-up in your place of business today. You may, however, be just as determined to maintain control of your emotions—this is good. You will eventually succeed in having the last word. This endeavor to prove a point may turn out to be more positive than it began—perhaps, because of the ability you both have to compromise. You have a tiger in your tank and a desire for all sorts of group activities. If you have neglected your health over the last few months, you would be wise to schedule some checkup appointments.



**Leo July 23 – August 22 - You are lucky** enough to pick and choose when it comes to dating. For now, however, play it low key and let others come to you. One good birth sign for you is your exact opposite on the horoscope chart—someone with whom you may enjoy living life together. Even though this is a workday, your mind may be on finding that right person as a mate. You will manage to get many things accomplished, even though you may again be thinking about how to enhance or achieve a love relationship. Your sense of humor is top-class and any problem today will be met with a bit of your own humor.



**Virgo August 23 – September 22 - You seem a** bit absentminded today. It seems to take extra energy to stay in focus. In order to achieve your goals in the professional or educational activities that you are involved with now, you will need to stay focused. Write down your chores and then move forward. Writing a few notes to yourself may free you from any confusion. You will mentally see things in a better light as well. By late morning, you will have work under control—it does require all of your attention. By late afternoon, a call from a loved one may leave you wanting more. This afternoon, take time to listen to that special person in your life.



## Libra September 23 – October 23 -

You will soon find the right job that will stimulate your mind. Keep on keeping on... There are plenty of rewards ahead—you are one to persevere. When communicating today, work from knowledge as well as a bit of intuition—you will be pleased with the results. There may be a great deal of financial planning at this time. A budget is working and you may reveal to a friend how you manage your money so well. You could teach a class on budgeting.



## Scorpio October 24 – November 21-

Your attitude today is one of gratitude. Everyone seems to be in a state of change or focused on work. Make a concentrated effort to bring and keep a balance in your day. Someone is still trying to get you to loan money or invest with them in the greatest moneymaking deal you will encounter—so they say. It is best that you say no to this most wonderful-sounding proposition and keep busy in other directions.



## Sagittarius November 22 –

**December 21 - You may be** elected to guide a new co-worker today. You acquaint the new person with the surroundings. It is certain that he or she will feel at home right away. If challenged in any way today, you will have to bite your tongue before speaking. Find time to think things through before speaking, if possible—you will be pleased with the results.



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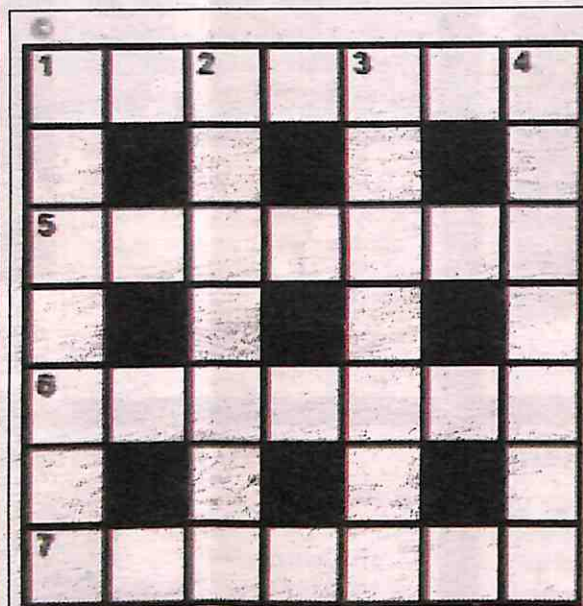
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## MINI CROSSWORD - 04

## PUZZLE CHOICE

## Puzzle Choice



## Down

- Someone in charge
- Excel
- Envisage
- Component

## Across

- Written message
- Give a detailed account
- Igneous rock
- Esteem

## HAPPY MOOD

I'm in great mood tonight because the other day I entered a



competition and I won a years supply of Marmite..... one jar.

## USELESS FACTS

- Grocers don't have to tell you where your salad comes from.
- Chicken today contains 266 percent more fat than it did 40 years ago.
- Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying!
- Smelling bananas and/or green apples (smelling, not eating) can help you lose weight!
- Eating lemons make you live longer.
- Eating one meal of fish a week reduces your chances of getting a heart attack by 50%.

BRAinteasers  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Yesterday's Braiqn Teasers

- What has rivers but no water, forests but no trees, and cities but no people?

A. It's a map.

- In the dark they are found without being fetched, in the light they are lost without being stolen. What are they?

A.Stars.

## Today's Brain Teaser

- Jack tells Jill, "This isn't the \$5 bill you left on the the table. I found it between pages 15 and 16 of Harry Potter."

- How many sides does a heptagon have?



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## 11 DEATHS



Tihlobo nebangani ba **Magareth Zikalala** wase Mhlaleni ka Logoba bayatiswa kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa emhlabeni ekhaya kubo ka Logoba ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 14 May emuva kwemlindzelo nga Lesihlanu. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni waka Zikalala.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Desmond Mdluli** lobekatiwa ngekutsi nguMakhekhe, kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 14 May 2016 eNgwane Park Cemetery ngabo 8am emuva kwemlindzelo. Inkonzo yasekuseni inga 6 am. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngunina egameni lemndeni.



Relatives and friends of **Nonhlanhla Ivy Dlamini** (nee Msibi) are notified of her demise. Funeral will be held on Saturday 14th May at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses (Eveni) and there after Sidwashini cemetery. There will be on night vigil.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Thembanani Zandile Shongwe** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa emhlabeni ekhaya kubo ka Shongwe eLundzi. Ufihlwa ekuseni nga 6 am. Lokhokha simemetelo ngu bhuti wakhe Jabulani Shongwe egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa bantfwabenkosi, tihlobo nebangani nesive sonkhe sase Kutsimuleni kutsi umntfwanenkosi **Mtsakatsi James Dlamini** akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekhakhe ka Gwebu nebaka Cebe Emafutseni. Tihlobo ka Shewula naka Khuphuka. Utawufihlwa ekhaya kakhe Emphelave ngeMgcibelo (13-05-2016) ngelisiko leMalangeni. Kuyalindzelwa ngaLesihlanu. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumntfwanenkosi Lomalombo egameni lemndeni.



**Mavis Nakitsi Malinga** (Tfwala) is late. Funeral will be on 12 May 2016 at Nhlalanga cemetery after a night vigil on Saturday 13 May 2016. Announcement by her children.



Kwatiswa bongani netihlobo ta **Sabelo Dlamini** lobakatiwa nga (Msolwa) ahlala eLudzeludze kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa indlu yaNdialudzaka yonkhe, Baka Dlamini kaLanga eSiteki, Dlamini Siphofaneni, baka Soko ekhabo Make Wakhe, nelicembu lakhe lebhola iBafanabafana FC. Ufihlwa ngeLisontfo mhlaka 15/05/2016 ekwaluseni Matsapha ekhaya kubo, umlindzelo ngeMgcibelo 14/05/2016. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Sibusiso Lolo Dlamini egameni lemndeni waka Dlamini.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Charles Maseko** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Usishiye ngekugula sikhatsi lesifishane. Ufihlwa ekhaya kubo kuMantsholo ngeLisontfo mhlaka 15/05/2016 emva kwemlindzelo ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 14/05/2016. Kwatiswa bekhabonina baka Mabuza eSigombeni nebaka Maseko, bekhabyise ka Gucukana naseManjengeni kutsi nabo babe khona. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Aaron Maseko egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Menzi Dlamini** lobe atiwa ngekutsi ngu **Nkezane** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekhakhe baka Mnisi eMelethi, Benguni baka Gansa kanye nebe mndeni wakhe ka Nkhosi eMvembili kaHhohho. Uyofihlwa endlini yakhe yekugcina



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Baphicile Catherine Dlamini** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa baka Ntozakhe kubo, nebaka Mahlalela eMbuzini ekhakhakhe nebaka Masuku ekhabonina. Utawufihlwa mhlaka 14/05/2016 emuva kwemlindzelo 13/05/2016 Kashali / Engubudla kagogo Masuku. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.



Relatives and friends of **Buhle Tiphelele Fakudze** who attended school at eZulwini Community High, accidentally died on the 6th May 2016. She will be laid to rest at Lubhuku, night vigil 13th May 2016. Rest in peace Ndzabalomuhle. Announcement by Mdlalose J Fakudze his father.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Mandlenkosi Jenali Nhlengetfwa** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa eMcozini (Luve) ngeLisontfo 15/05/2016 ekuseni emva kwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Dumisa Nhlengetfwa egameni lemndeni.

eMandlangemphisi ngeLisontfo 15/05/2016 emuva kwemlindzelo ngeMgcibelo, sithesi kusesitolop ka Dlamini. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubabe lomkhulu Malima Ngenhla.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba gogo **Martha Siphiwe Chibi** (Nee Ginindza) kutsi sewusishiyile emhlabeni ngalokukhulu kutumeka. Kwatiswa bonkhe baka Chibi, baka Tfusi nebaka Ginindza kanya nelibandla lakhe, I Assemblies of God Manzini, imemorial service icala nga 12pm ngaLesihlanu mhlaka 13/05/2016, ka-Lonhlupheko Assemblies of God kulanenzele umlindzelo ekhaya lakhe KuLukhula KuMaphatsindvuku, inkonzo icala nga 9pm, inkonzo yasekuseni icala nga 7:30am ngeMgcibelo 14/05/2016. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Cecil Chibi egameni lemndeni. "Rest in peace Ndlangamandla."



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Winnie Lukhele** ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 14/05/2016 ekuseni emathuneni eMbikwakhe emuva kwemlindzelo ngaLesihlanu eKwaluseni ekhaya lakhe. Memorial service ngaLesihlanu ekhaya lakhe eKwaluseni nga 1pm. Inkonzo yemngcwabo icala nga 5am ekhaya eKwaluseni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni waka Lukhele.



**Mr. Jameson Boniso 'BHA' Makhanya**. It with great sadness that the Makhanya family of Nhlambeni announce the demise of Mr. Jameson Boniso Makhanya popularly known as 'BHA'. A night vigil will be held on Saturday 14 May 2016. Funeral will be 5:30 am at his home at Nhlambeni, Emagumedzeni. Rest in peace Nsongomnyama. Announcement by his elder brother Mzolwane Absalom Makhanya on behalf of the family.



Kwatiswa tihlobo taka **Lukhele eKwaluseni**, baka Dlamini eHerefords, bekhabonina baka Maseko eHerefords. Libandla lakhe kanye nebangani kutsi **Ntombikayise Winnie Lukhele** ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 14/05/2016 ekuseni emathuneni eMbikwakhe emuva kwemlindzelo ngaLesihlanu eKwaluseni ekhaya lakhe. Memorial service ngaLesihlanu ekhaya lakhe eKwaluseni nga 1pm. Inkonzo yemngcwabo icala nga 5am ekhaya eKwaluseni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni waka Lukhele.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Christopher Fakudze** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni, ufihlwa eTimphisini ekhaya kubo mhlaka 15 May 2016 emva kwemlindzelo.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Thabile Manana** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo 14/05/2016 ekhaya kubo emkhitsini emvakwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu babe wakhe Alfred Madlimali Manana egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba make **Hannah LaNkhonyane** inkhosikati ye babe JB Dlamini longasekho kutsi usishiye utofihlwa ekhaya ka Tishela kaLozitha ngeMgcibelo 14/05/2016 emuva kwemlindzelo ngaLesihlanu. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni waka Dlamini.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Jeremiah Mshova Xulu** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa be khakhakhe ka Nkhosi, bekhabonina emankayane ka Mabuza, baka Xulu eMphosi, ka Xulu ka Zombodze emuva nebasemsebentini emakethe ka Mmanzini. Kulindzelwa nga Lesihlanu 13/05/2016 abekwe ngeMgcibelo 14/05/2016 ekuseni. Lokhipha simemetelo ngumnakabo Themba Abraham Xulu ufihlwa ekhaya lakhe eLwandle. Longasekho ngu Jeremiah Mshova Xulu (Makhathini).



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I will surely  
defend my ways to  
his face.



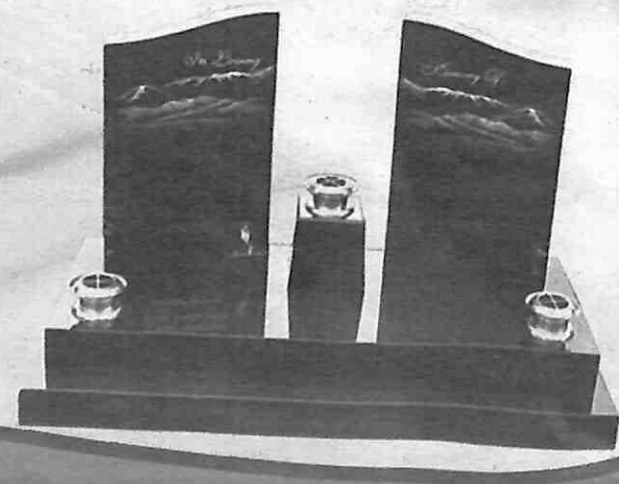
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## ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP

# Allardyce's side secure safety

**LONDON** - Are you watching Newcastle?' the locals asked. Why would they, with the outcome so resoundingly certain. Who wants to witness his own funeral?

Sam Allardyce versus Everton? Well, there was only ever going to be one winner there. And what a win it was. Confident, emphatic; Sunderland were two goals clear by half-time and the third made certain of three points with 34 minutes remaining. Allardyce has done an outstanding job here.

Sunderland were significant odds on for relegation when he took over on October 9, with just three points from eight games. They were a place off the bottom and averaging 0.37 points per match; carry on like that and they would have been gone quicker than Aston Villa. Allardyce has raised that to 1.2 points per game. Had he been in from the start, Sunderland would be where Everton and Watford are now, and comfortable.

In a season when Leicester and Claudio Ranieri have performed the impossible,

*...send Norwich, Newcastle down to the Championship*

Allardyce's more earthbound skill for keeping a bad team from doom - he has maintained his record of never being relegated - is hardly fashionable, but not every year is going to bring miracles and miracle workers.

There will always be a number of clubs that need simple security, and that is what he offers. He is much more than a Red Adair rescue act, though, and the way he has turned this diseased club around, under pressure, and with only one flaky January transfer window to make improvements cannot be underestimated.

So events at the end of last season were for the best after all. Shaking hands with West Ham was right for both parties. They have moved on and so has he - appreciated on Wearside in a way he never was in east London. They love him up here, singing his name - that rarely happened at Upton Park - and parading banners of appreciation around the perimeter.

In turn, he feels that affection, joining the lap of honour at the end with a big, goofy grin and clowning around with those whose support is most vocal. He is their guy. They are ecstatic with the way he has saved them, and the way he has simultaneously condemned Newcastle to a wilderness beyond the richest Premier League in history. *Daily Mail*



**SUPERSAM:** Sunderland manager Allardyce pictured celebrating after full-time as it was confirmed that they would not be relegated this season. (*Daily Mail*)

## Newcastle United prove money can't buy success

**NEWCASTLE** - Newcastle have been relegated to the Championship despite having the second-highest net spend on transfer fees of any club in the Premier League this season.

The reeling North East giants spent more than any other club in the winter transfer window.

Too little, too late was the feeling in when Newcastle spent £28.5million on four players in January - Jonjo Shelvey, Henri Saivet, Andros Townsend and Seydou Doumbia - and so it has proved.

Still, it is remarkable to note - whatever went on in the seasons before - that a club can be relegated over the course of a season in which they have spent £76.3m on players.

Only Manchester City had a higher net spend than Newcastle's £70.1m over the season - as revealed by Sportsmail's Nick Harris in February.

It is no wonder then that serious question marks are hanging over the heads of the men who oversaw that spending; chief scout Graham Carr and their managing director Lee Charnley.

Those signings in full: Georginio Wijnaldum (£14.5m), Aleksandar Mitrovic (£13m), Chancel Mbemba (£8.5m), Ivan Toney (£0.5m), Florian Thauvin (£12m), Saivet (£5m), Shelvey (£12m), Townsend (£12.5m) and Doumbia (loan).

*Daily Mail*



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



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

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

##### PROJECT BACKGROUND

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

##### INVITATION TO TENDER

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

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

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

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

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

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

##### PRELIMINARY CONDITIONS OF TENDER

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

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

For further information contact The Director Institutional Housing Tel: 2405 5000

For: Swaziland National Housing Board

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## National Emergency Response Council On HIV/AIDS

### INVITATION TO TENDER

**CONTRACT TITLE:** Supply, Implementation And Support Services For Microsoft Dynamics NAV 2016, Windows 2014 R2 Infrastructure, SQL Server 2014 R2 SQL Reporting Services And Internet Information Services

#### REFERENCE NO. PP/CONS/003/2016

The NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL FOR HIV & AIDS (NERCHA) invites bids from eligible bidders for the Supply, Implementation And Support Services For Microsoft Dynamics NAV 2016, Windows 2014 R2 Infrastructure, SQL Server 2014 R2 SQL Reporting Services And Internet Information Services.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from: **THE PROCUREMENT MANAGER, NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL FOR HIV & AIDS (NERCHA), PLOT 738 OF FARM 2, EMAJIKA ROAD, MBABANE, THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND, Telephone: (268) 2406 5000, FAX: (268) 406 5004/5/6** and inspect the bidding documents during office hours 08.30 to 16.30 at the address given below.

A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders from the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2016 at the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of E300. The method of payment will be Cash or Bank certified cheque.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **10.00 am on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016.** Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 10am** in the NERCHA Training Room.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid-Securing Declaration as indicated in the Tender document. The address referred to above is;

**Tender Box**  
**C/o Procurement Manager**  
**NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL FOR HIV & AIDS (NERCHA)**  
**PLOT 738 OF FARM 2**  
**EMAJIKA ROAD**  
**MBABANE**  
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Further information can be obtained from:

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## LIVERPOOL HOLD CHELSEA

LIVERPOOL - First he jinked past Adam Lallana, then skipped away from Roberto Firmino.

After that, he flummoxed James Milner and wrong-footed Emre Can before applying the coup de grace.

Using Dejan Lovren as a shield, he opened up his body and unleashed a right-foot shot that zipped into the net, racing past Simon Mignolet before the goalkeeper could react. It was glorious, a moment to illuminate a humdrum game.

It was, quite simply, Eden Hazard at his brilliant best. Too little, too late, many will argue and indeed, it wasn't enough. Substitute Christian Benteke rose in injury time to steal the Belgian's limelight and ensure Liverpool pilfered a point.

'He had a difficult year,' said Guus Hiddink, Chelsea's interim manager.

'He was one of the best last year and this year he is falling into injury, coming back, falling back into injury and that made him vulnerable physically, so you get frustrated.

'The last few weeks he has been working on a programme to be fully fit and now steadily he has got his shape and then you can see what he is able to do. He is conceding a lot of physical contacts but he goes on. He is physically and mentally fit and it is a pleasure to see those sort of players.'

Not so long ago, when the fires were lit by Jose Mourinho and Rafa Benitez, this was the game of the season, with rancour guaranteed on and off the pitch.

Daily Mail

## MARTINEZ SACKED

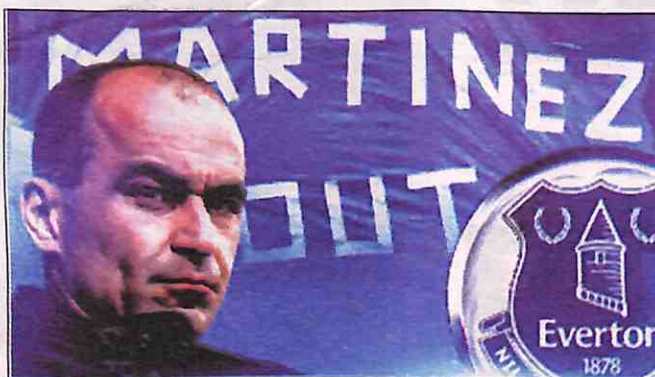
EVERTON - Roberto Martinez has been sacked as Everton manager.

Martinez, who had overseen a run of just one win in the last 10 matches, was relieved of his duties to spare him the ordeal of taking charge of the final match of the campaign against Norwich.

The Catalan, who was appointed in June 2013 after winning the FA Cup with Wigan, lost Everton's supporters and the appetite for a change of manager among the fan base was overwhelming. He reached the point of no return.

Frank de Boer is the early favourite to succeed him after leaving Ajax while his fellow Dutchman Ronald Koeman, in charge of Southampton, is also fancied. David Unsworth, the Everton Under 21s manager, will take charge of the side against Norwich.

The weight of public feeling towards Martinez was something new major investor Farhad Moshiri could no longer ignore and the decision has been taken following Wednesday's 3-0 capitulation at Sunderland.



Everton's players were on a scheduled day off yesterday but Martinez, who usually arrives in for work every day at 8am, did not come into Finch Farm, the club's training base, as normal.

Following the no-show, the players concluded they had lost their manager.

Their end-of-season awards would be staged at St George's Hall in Liverpool city centre last evening and fans were expected to congregate on St George's Plateau to protest about Martinez's performance.

This is not a decision that Everton's board would have wanted to take - they had only sacked one manager since the turn of the century - but results, particularly since the turn of the year, had

been impossible to ignore.

Following defeat at the hands of the Premier League's 17th-placed side Martinez remained defiant about his future - and claimed the FA Cup semi-final defeat by Manchester United had hit them hard.

Asked if he believed he retained his players' support, the former Wigan boss said: "100 per cent - I know the players gave everything they had."

"Since the FA Cup semi-final it has been difficult for us to get that belief and intensity in the league and Sunderland were the opposite - a fully focused team who created a good momentum because they were close to finishing the job."

Daily Mail

## Pochettino signs new Spurs deal

LONDON - Mauricio Pochettino has committed his future to Tottenham Hotspur by signing a new five-and-a-half-year deal that will keep him in north London until 2021.

The Argentine manager verbally agreed to the new contract last month but has now put pen to paper on the long-term deal believed to be worth £5.5million per year.

Spurs announced the news on Twitter yesterday and confirmed that first team coaches Jesus Perez, Miguel D'Agostino and Toni Jimenez had also agreed to contract extensions.

### Huge boost

It will come as a huge boost to Tottenham to tie down their impressive young manager, whose work at White Hart Lane has not gone unnoticed in the boardrooms of top rival clubs.

The 44-year-old and the club have concluded months of negotiations to extend his previous deal that still had three years to run until 2019 and the fresh terms make him the highest paid manager in the club's history.

Pochettino said: 'I could not be happier to sign this new contract. It was an easy decision for my coaching staff and I because we can feel the appreciation of everyone here - there is no better place to be right now.'

Daily Mail

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# Weekend Sports Fixtures

Compiled by Sanele Jele

**MTN Premier League**

Tomorrow at Prince of Wales Ground

Green Mamba	vs	Malanti Chiefs	3:30pm
<b>Sunday at Manzini Club Stadium</b>			
Manzini Sundowns	vs	Bad Boys	1pm
<b>Sunday at Mavuso Sports Centre</b>			
Manzini Wanderers	vs	Red Lions	1pm
Mbabane Highlanders	vs	Midas City	3pm
<b>Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium</b>			
Manzini Sea Birds	vs	Young Buffaloes	1pm
Royal Leopard	vs	Mbabane Swallows	3pm

**MTN National First Division**

Tomorrow at Prince of Wales

Mbabane Citizens	vs	Umbongo Flyers	1:30pm
<b>Tomorrow at Somhlolo National Stadium</b>			
Hellenic	vs	Amalanda	1:30pm
Tambuti	vs	Moneni Pirates	3:30pm
<b>Tomorrow at Tambankulu Stadium</b>			
Sikhalo Se-Afrika	vs	Ludzeludze Brothers	1:30pm
Madlenya	vs	RSSC United	3:30pm
<b>Sunday at Old Trade Fair</b>			
KoNishingila	vs	Manchester United	2:30pm

**Premier Reserve League**

The full fixture

<b>Tomorrow at Somhlolo National Stadium</b>			
Green Mamba	vs	Malanti Chiefs	9:30am
Mbabane Highlanders	vs	Midas City	11:30am
<b>Tomorrow at Old Trade Fair</b>			
Manzini Sundowns	vs	Bad Boys	10am
Manzini Sea Birds	vs	Young Buffaloes	12pm
<b>Sunday at Old Trade Fair</b>			
Manzini Wanderers	vs	Red Lions	10:30am
<b>Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium</b>			
Royal Leopard	vs	Mbabane Swallows	11am

**SRIC Darts E50 000 League**

Tomorrow at Zakhele Hall at 4pm

RSSC	vs	Mbabane CC
Kilowatts B	vs	Correctional
RSP	vs	Ecco Water
Manzini CC	vs	Makie
Scandza	vs	Kilowatts Ladies
Umcobhe	vs	Kilowatts A
<b>Tomorrow at Zakhele Hall at 6pm</b>		
RSSC	vs	Correctional
Manzini CC	vs	Kilowatts B
Scandza	vs	RSP
Kilowatts A	vs	Kilowatts Ladies
Railway	vs	Mbabane City Council

**Sigcaweni Football League**

Tomorrow at Enhlanhlani

Sisonke	vs	Lubhuku	1pm
D.XI	vs	Thuluzobona	3pm
<b>Tomorrow at Enhlanhlani</b>			
Hotspur	vs	Classic	11pm
Lovers	vs	Heroes	1pm
Killer Wizards	vs	T.K.Zee	3pm

**Hhohho Regional Football Association**

Regional Play-offs

Northern Zone

Sunday at Killamey Sports Ground

Super Aces	vs	Young Rovers	10am
Nkonjaneni	vs	Soccer Rose	12pm
Pachanga	vs	Ntabezimpisi	2pm

Southern Zone

Sunday at Prince of Wales

PMT	vs	Nhlokomeni Cosmos	10am
Billy Ocean	vs	Burning Spear	12pm
Shooting stars	vs	Sunrise	2pm

**Milky Max Mbabane Juniors League E10 000 U13**

Tomorrow at United Sports Ground

Umbelebele	vs	Sidwashini	8:30am
Hurricane	vs	Umbelebele	9:30am
Sidwashini	vs	Dark City	10:30am
Dark City	vs	Swallows	11:30am
Sidwashini	vs	Mphalati	12:30pm

**Mandla Mahewu Mbabane Juniors' League E 5 000**

Tomorrow at Police Sports Ground

Mpolonjeni	vs	Lusoti(U15)	8:30am
M Swallows	vs	Y Cannibals (U15)	9:30am
Hurricane	vs	SOS(U17)	10:30am
Luphohlo	vs	Super Sport (U20)	11:30am
Mpolonjeni	vs	The wallers (U20)	12:30pm

Tomorrow at Msunduzi Sports Ground

Hellenic	vs	M Celtics (U20)	8:30am
Sivutsa	vs	R Dynamos (U17)	9:30am
M Celtics	vs	Red Stars (U20)	10:30am
Hellenic	vs	Sivutsa (U20)	11:30am

Tomorrow at Sidwashini Sports Ground

All Stars	vs	M Citizens (U17)	8:30am
New Stars	vs	Mphalati (U20)	9:30am
Imbumbi	vs	M Citizens (U17)	10:30am
All Stars	vs	Express(U17)	11:30am
Volcano	vs	Umbelebele(U20)	12:30pm
Flying Stars	vs	Dynamos(U20)	13:30pm

Chaps Soka Nawe Soccer Challenge Hhohho Fa Cup

**Tomorrow at Khilani Sports Ground**

Zibonele	vs	Ntabezimpisi 1	9am
Soccer Rose	vs	Ntabezimpisi 2	11am

**Tomorrow at Khilani Sports Ground**

Pachanga	vs	Bush Bucks	1pm
Mbashi	vs	Zinyane All Stars	3pm

**Lubombo Regional Football Association**

Today at Mayaluka Stadium

Red Lions	vs	Mangwanyane	7pm
Ilovo	vs	Samampela	9pm

**Tomorrow at Siphoso Sports Ground**

ChesterVile	vs	Shewula Classic	12:30pm
CPL	vs	Lubhuku	2:30pm

**Sunday at Mayaluka Stadium**

Ntengenyane	vs	Richmond Aces	12:30pm
Liverpool	vs	Young Aces	2:30pm

**Sunday at Tabankulu Stadium**

Equator	vs	Rail United	12:30pm
Darkies	vs	Arsenal	2:30pm

**Manzini Super League**

Tomorrow at Ludzeludze Sports Ground

Ludzeludze Killers	vs	Luve Cosmos	3:15pm
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**Tomorrow at Dwaleni Sports Ground**

Star Point	vs	Milling Hotspurs	3pm
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**Sunday at Zakhele Sports Ground**

Sisonkhe	vs	Hub Sundowns	3pm
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**Sunday at Ludzeludze Sports Ground**

Gooveni Trompies	vs	FC North	1pm
Sacramento	vs	M. Rovers	3pm

**Sunday at Nkonga Sports Ground**

Bhulda Celtics	vs	Seven Dreams	3pm
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**Sunday at Mphalane Sports Ground**

Taliban	vs	Amajita	3pm
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**Sunday at Golden Sports Ground**

Malkems	vs	Stumbo's XI	3pm
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**Days & Doors S&S Malkems Knockout Tournament**

Tomorrow at Mahlanya Sports Ground

Ngodini	vs	Izinyokanyoka	1:30pm
Home Boys	vs	Current Toasters	3:15pm

**Sunday at Golden Sports Ground**

Vickery Nomads	vs	Cutter Cosmos	9am
Golden Arrows	vs	Mahlanya United	11am
Skom Boys	vs	Power Sparks	1pm

**Sunday at Mahlanya Sports Ground**

Red Swallows	vs	IyashisaBhe	12pm
Malandela's	vs	Troublemakers	2pm

**Sunday at Ntandozi Sports Ground**

Usuthu Rangers	vs	Phondo	12pm
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Ntandozi	vs	Geben	2pm
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**Sunday at Luyengo Sports Ground**

Moonjane Arsenal	vs	Ritz All Stars	2pm
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**Sunday at Dwaleni Sports Ground**

Happy Masters	vs	Ndinda Volcanoes	2pm
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**Sunday at Khalang'ile Sports Ground**

United Brothers	vs	Mphini	12pm
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Vuka Aces	vs	Don Don	2pm
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**Save Mor Kwaluseni knockout tournament****Sunday at TB Centre 2 Sports Ground**

Sigombeni Sockers	vs	Fashion International	12pm
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Nhlambeni Real Heroes	vs	Ntunja Arsenal	2pm
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**Sunday at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground**

Kudzeni United	vs	BafanaBafana	12pm
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Boyane Young Aces	vs	Swazi Wire	2pm
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**Usuthu Promotion League****Tomorrow at LaMgabi Sports Ground**

Superstars	vs	Neverloose	1:30 p.m
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Buffaloes	vs	Commandos	3:15 pm
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**Sunday at LaMgabi Sports Ground**

Luhleko Classic	vs	Peacemakers	9am
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Othandweni Swallows	vs	Youngstars	11am
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Neverloose	vs	Buffaloes	1pm
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Zamalek	vs	Commandos	3pm
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**Sunday at Bhunya Sports Ground**

Black Aces	vs	Luhleko Revengers	1pm
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Africa 2010	vs	Superstars	3pm
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**Mkhiweni Promotion League****Tomorrow at Nkhundleni Sports Ground**

Colani United	vs	All Stars	1:30pm
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Luve Stars	vs	Step Ahead	3:15pm
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**Tomorrow at Mliba Sports Ground**

Manchester	vs	Bantu City	2pm
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**Tomorrow at Mcozini Sports Ground**

Sangotfo	vs	Mantshonga	1:30pm
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Blue Birds	vs	Liverpool	3:15pm
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**Sunday at Nkhundleni Sports Ground**

Luve Classic	vs	Mbashi Brothers	1pm
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Ngonini Young Aces	vs	Manchester	3pm
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**Sunday at Mliba Sports Ground**

White Killers	vs	Blue Birds	1pm
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**Sunday at Mcozini Sports Ground**

Zama United	vs	LuvuSuncity	1pm
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All Stars	vs	Step Ahead	3pm
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**Landziwe Kukhanyeni E10 000 knockout****Sunday at Bhikinkhosi Sports Ground**

Bhekinkhosi	vs	Nyakeni Cosmos	12pm
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Submarine	vs	Louis XIV	2pm
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## Swaziland dominates inter-roads games

By Sanele Jele

**SPORTS - TEAM Swaziland dominated the recently ended Inter-Roads games played at Mavuso Sports Centre.**

The games are hosted annually with three countries in Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland participating. The country hosted the games this year.

These games see staff members from the ministry of public works engage in different sporting activities. These are; soccer, netball, volleyball, darts and pool, among others.

Team Swaziland came tops during a prize presentation held at Esibayeni Lodge.

The local team excelled in three categories, namely, soccer, netball and volleyball.

In soccer category, Team Swaziland won 4-2 against Lesotho and 2-1 against Botswana.

For their achievement, they received a trophy and gold medals with runners-up Botswana getting silver medals.

In the netball category, Swaziland were also crowned champions after beating Lesotho 38-12 and Botswana 28-12, respectively.

The local team again beat both oppo-



**WINNERS: Ministry of public works and transport's soccer team celebrates after being crowned The Inter-Roads winner in their category, during the prize presentation at Esibayeni Lodge.**

nents in the volleyball category to claim the top spot.

Botswana were crowned champions in the darts category while Lesotho received gold in the pool category.

Speaking after the games, Ministry of Public Works Senior Roads Engineer Linda Magagula said the games were a success.

"I want to thank everyone for the huge success of the games. We also

thank our visitors for honouring the invite.

The games are meant to create a platform where we share ideas amongst the staff members from these three countries.

They are also meant to make friendships and help the staff exercise as most of the time they are at work. We want to congratulate Team Swaziland for hoisting the country's flag high."

## All set for Logico Swazi Cycling Festival today

By Sanele Jele

**CYLCING - THE Logico Swazi Cycling Festival will today see cyclists taking part in the mountain bike event specifically designed to promote family participation and fun.**

This was revealed by Logico Sales Director Andrew Van Rensburg yesterday.

"Tomorrow is the Lumo Night Fun Ride as well as registration from 3pm onwards.

The big races being the 40km and 75km will be starting from 7am tomorrow morning.

**Start**

There will be an interlude for lunch and then the family events will start at 3pm, allowing time for mothers and fathers riding the big events to freshen up, recover and then ride with their children in the family

rides," Rensburg said.

The director said the event would be held at the Malkems Country Club.

"There will be lots of great food and beverages on offer as well as live music throughout the day.

In addition to this, a BMX pump track has been built for all to enjoy and there will be a few market stalls as well as kids entertainment.

**Draw**

All participants will be entered into a lucky draw free of charge for a 'Titan Fat Bike'."

Entrance fee is E20 for adults and E10 for children.

Registering for the event will be done today and tomorrow, starting from 6am to 7am for cyclists taking part in the 75km/40km and 12pm - 2pm for those doing the 6/12/24km events.



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courtesy of Kick-Off website.

## 'Danny the Dodger' absent from another FIFA meeting

CAPE TOWN - The Democratic Alliance says it has established that Danny Jordaan will once again miss an important FIFA gathering, the 66th FIFA Congress which to kick off in Mexico City on yesterday.

"This will be the third FIFA meeting Jordaan has missed since the US attorney-general identified two South Africans as co-conspirators in the 2010 World Cup bribery allegations," DA spokesman on sports and recreation Solly Malatsi said.

Jordaan had already told BBC World Football and New Africa journalist, Osasu Obayiywana, that he was "very unlikely" to attend the FIFA congress in Mexico City, which was meant to take place yesterday and today, Malatsi stated.



THE DODGER:  
Danny Jordaan.

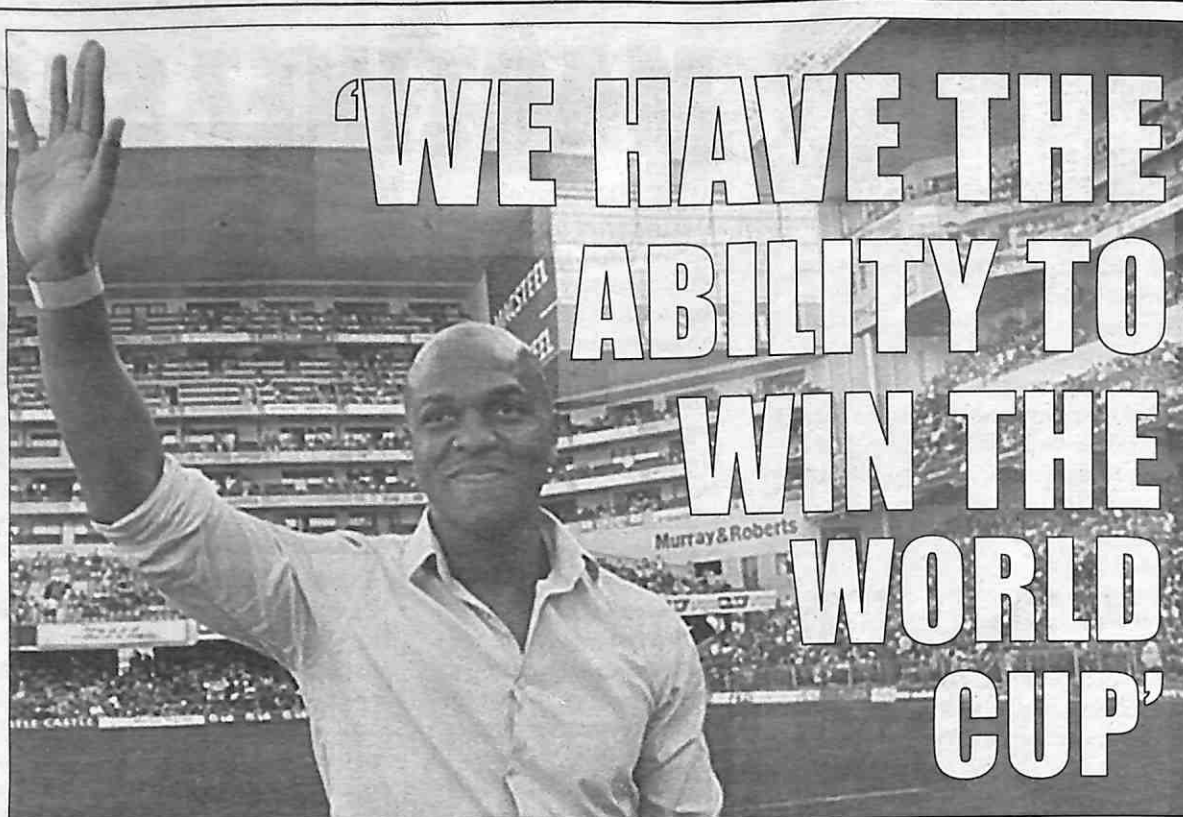
"Obiyaywana also said that responding to the allegations made about an alleged \$10m bribe to Jack Warner would be 'a distraction at this time' and that he (Jordaan) had been asked by the ANC to concen-

trate on the August mayoral elections," Malatsi asserted.

"It is now clear that Jordaan has conveniently abandoned many of his FIFA-related international commitments as SAFA President. It is time for the rest of the leadership of SAFA to initiate a motion of no confidence against Jordaan since he no longer has time to fulfil his obligations.

"He must stop using his mayoral obligations as an excuse for his no shows at FIFA meetings and to neglect his SAFA duties," Malatsi added.

*Times Live*



# 'WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO WIN THE WORLD CUP'

JOHANNESBURG - Quinton Fortune says new administration for the South African Football Association could change the country's fortunes.

The former Bafana-Bafana midfielder is calling for a complete overhaul at SAFA, saying the move could unlock young talent that could lead the country to world football glory. Fortune told Eyewitness News that the current administration must step aside.

"We need to get rid of them, clean the slate, put in football people, people that understand the game. The values need to change with our football association. I'm so passionate about this because I know what we (Bafana Bafana) are capable of doing," said Fortune.

The former Manchester United player added that if there are no mindset changes, nothing will change.

"Until that changes and the mindset changes, I'm afraid we going to be in this position that we are in now for a very long time," he explained.

Being a player who played at the highest level for almost 20 years, he believes that Bafana are capable of being the best in the world.

"We (South Africa) have the talent and the ability to win the World Cup, not compete in the World Cup, but win the World Cup," added the former Atlético Madrid player.

Fortune said the likes of Lucas Radebe, Delron Buckley, Shaun Bartlett, and Bradley Carnell could

be ideal candidates for SAFA administration.

"If someone has played the game, I'm sure I want to use that person because he understands the trade, he understands what the players think, and he understands what is needed. You have to create the environment that players want to play for the national team," Fortune said.

Fortune used FC Twente's Kamohelo Mokotjo as an example of SAFA's shaky administration.

The 25-year-old Mokotjo played for all SAFA's junior teams, and is a star player in the Dutch Eredivisie - but for some reason, Shakes Mashaba did not use him enough, which subsequently prompted him to reconsider his availability for Bafana call-ups. *The Citizen*

## Your PSL Awards date and venue announced

JOHANNESBURG - The Premier Soccer League has announced the venue and date of this year's end-of-season PSL Awards.

The awards ceremony will be held at Emperors Palace in Kempton Park on Monday



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night, May 30 according to the PSL's website.

The PSL has also confirmed that the nominees for the PSL Awards will be unveiled on May 23 at the PSL headquarters in Parktown.

*The Citizen*

### ALL THE PSL AWARDS CATEGORIES:

- Footballer of the Season
- Absa Premiership Player's Player of the Season
- Absa Premiership Goalkeeper of the Season
- Absa Premiership Young Player of the Season
- Absa Premiership Defender of the Season
- Absa Premiership Midfielder of the Season
- Absa Premiership Coach of the Season
- Absa Premiership Absa-lutely Awesome Goal of the Season
- Absa Premiership Top Goal-scorer of the Season
- MTN8 Last Man Standing
- Telkom Knockout Player of the Tournament
- Nedbank Cup Player of the Tournament
- Nedbank Cup Most Improved Player of the Tournament
- NFD Top Goal-scorer of the Season
- Referee of the Season
- Assistant Referee of the Season
- MultiChoice Diski Challenge Player of the Season

## CAF competitions to expand

MONROVIA - The group stage of the annual CAF Champions League and CAF Confederation Cup competitions will increase from eight clubs to 16 from 2017, it was announced on Wednesday.

CAF President Issa Hayatou told a meeting of officials from the African football governing body in Mexico City that the new format will feature four four-club mini-leagues.

Since the creation of the flagship CAF Champions League in

1997, there have been two groups of four clubs.

Initially, the mini-league winners qualified for the final. Semifinals were introduced from 2001, allowing group runners-up to also be involved in the penultimate stage.

The Confederation Cup is the second-tier African club competition with a similar format to the Champions League.

CAF officials are in Mexico to attend a FIFA congress.

*AFP*

## BUCS SIGN CHIPPA'S DEFENDER

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates have signed James Okwuosa from Chippa United. The Nigerian defender, who has been a transfer target for Bucs for some time in recent seasons, has been highly impressive for Chippa under Dan Malesela.

The centre back was one of the top performers for the Chilli Boys in their 2-0 win over Pirates at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium last night.

The 25-year-old has missed only one game for Chippa this season through suspension, and has been one of their most influential players in regard to helping

the Port Elizabeth outfit remain in the top eight of the Absa Premiership for the better part of the 2015/16 season.

"It's a done deal. James Okwuosa has signed for Orlando Pirates. He will be playing for Pirates next season," a source told the Siya crew.

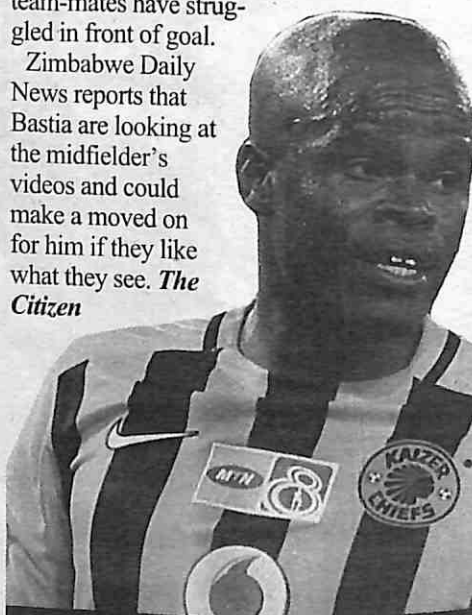
Okwuosa is expected to fill in the gap left by the retired Siyabonga Sangweni in the Pirates squad. The other players expected to be unveiled are top goal scorer Thabiso Kutumela from Baroka FC, as well as Zimbabwean midfielder Marshall Munetsi. *Soccer Laduma*

## Katsande attracts interest from French team

JOHANNESBURG - French Ligue 1 side Bastia are believed to have shown interest in Kaizer Chiefs midfielder Willard Katsande.

Chiefs' midfield anchor has been solid for Amakhosi for four seasons since arriving from Ajax Cape Town. Zimbabwe's national team captain is Chiefs' top goal scorer as his team-mates have struggled in front of goal.

Zimbabwe Daily News reports that Bastia are looking at the midfielder's videos and could make a move on for him if they like what they see. *The Citizen*



SOLID: Kaizer Chiefs midfielder Willard Katsande.



## INTER-ROADS GAMES PRIZE PRESENTATION



**CHAMPIONS:** Ministry of public works and transport's soccer team displaying their medals after winning the Inter-Roads games in their category, during the prize presentation event at Esibayeni Lodge on Saturday evening.  
(Pics: Sanele Jele)



**CLOUD IX:** Ministry of public works's Netball team celebrates after being crowned the Inter-Roads winners in the Netball division.



**OVER THE MOON:** The ministry of public works' Volleyball team ecstatic after being crowned the Inter-Roads winners in this category.



**GUEST:** The Chief Roads Engineer Vincent Dlamini delivering his speech.



**THANK YOU:** Botswana delegation manager being honoured for winning the Darts division.

**ALL YOURS:** Dlamini handing over one of the gifts to the Inter-Roads participants from Botswana.



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# MANDLA MAHEWU MBABANE REGIONAL LEAGUE A DIVISION PRIZE PRESENTATION



**CHAMPS:** PMT posing for the lenses after being officially crowned champions of the Mandla Mahewu Mbabane Regional League A Division during the prize presentation ceremony held at Sigwaca House on Tuesday. (Pics: Sanele Jele).



**HERE YOU GO:** SBIS journalist Mabandla Bhembe receiving the station's award for positive coverage of the games.



**MY VIEW:** NFAS executive member Sonnboy Mabuza was the guest speaker.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** Mandla Mahewu's Aaron Dlamini handing over the trophy to Double Action captain Muntu Dlamini while HRFA Chairman Comfort Shongwe looks on.



**MAINTAINING ORDER:** MC of the day Bongani Makhanya reads the next winner on the night.



**PRESENT:** Ministry of Health Senior Programme Officer Vusi Maziya and HRFA Vice President Brilliant Motsa.



**MEMORABLE LEAGUE:** Mbabane Regional League Chairman Elliot Mkhathshwa gestures during the interview.



**APPRECIATES:** HRFA Chairman Comfort Shongwe addressing the gathering.

**AWARDED:** HRFA Development Officer Sibonangaye Dlamini receives his token of appreciation from Mandla Mahewu's Financial Manager Aaron Dlamini.



**THE BEST:** PMT coach Isaac Sihlongonyane being congratulated by the sponsor's representative.





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# DU'S CORNER

'THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT'

...WITH  
DUMSANE SIBANDZE

PLS Youth Development  
Communications Manager



AS football people, we take off our hats to His Majesty King Mswati III for showing so much love for his people, as you travel the world for one intention, being that of changing the lives of your people for the better.

We thank you for attending our SwaziBank Cup finals, we are so humbled Your Majesty, which is why we say *Bayethe Ngwenyama*.

## ● TO HIS EXCELLENCY PM SIBUSISO DLAMINI

We thank you Your Excellency for supporting sports in this country in particular football. We thank you for attending our final; we can only hope you continue doing same with other Premier League tournaments.

## ● TO SWAZI BANK MANAGING DIRECTOR

Years later, the SwaziBank Cup is going stronger and getting better by each year. From like no other to 'Eita dah' all the way to 'Iminwephezulu, you name it, this tournament has never lost its pulsating touch to the thousands of local football faithfuls.

The SwaziBank Cup has never disappointed in the big stage and Swazi football people can attest to that. Over the years, the SwaziBank Cup has taken over the void and filled us with vibe and turbo charged emotional filled flair that was left by the now defunct Trade Fair Cup. We congratulate you Babe MD, your management and staff, feel proud you have made it.

## ● TO MINISTER OF SPORTS, DAVID 'CRUISER' NGCAMPHALALA

# SWAZIBANK CUP MAJESTIC INDEED



**CHAMPIONS:** His Majesty King Mswati III presenting the trophy to Mbabane Swallows at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday. Swallows beat Green Mamba 2-1 in the SwaziBank Cup final.

Mhlonishwa your experience and guidance came in handy as you attended not only the finals but the entire tournament. We thank you minister and hope you do same in future. Please minister convey our sincere thanks and gratitude to your colleagues in cabinet and parliament for the wonderful support, to our young talent, it was very humbling indeed.

## ● THE PLS EXECUTIVE

We thank the PLS Chairman Victor Gamedze, his executive and the entire staff for making themselves available at all times, as the development department we thank the chairman for his visionary and guidance for this young league

which has become the buzzword in football circles in this country and abroad.

## ● MBABANE SWALLOWS AND GREEN MAMBA

Congratulations are in order for Mbabane Swallows and Green Mamba for bringing happiness to their throngs of supporters and know that you deserve all the accolades. It calls for hard-work and proper planning to attain good results.

## ● TO THE ELITE PROS

To all team Public Relations Officers, I say you are champions. You made a difference and left a big mark. 'Sidlala Kanje'.

## ● MEDIA

Without our valuable partners being the local media, we would not have achieved our goals as the development department of the premier league.

## ● FROM PLS CEO

The CEO John Mazibuko is thanking all the teams, who took part in the SwaziBank Cup. Reports are saying the teams behaved well throughout tournament to the final and we are grateful for that. He went on to congratulate all the winners and said they worked hard for their achievements. Mazibuko believes the media is an important stakeholder

in local games and hope they will never get tired to support all PLS activities as they have been doing. Not forgetting to congratulate Young Buffaloes junior team and Green Mamba junior teams for their wonderful display of football during the finals.

## ● MY CORNER WITHIN MY CORNER

**My corner:** If you were to be honoured to be in a breakfast meeting with 10 football minds other than the brilliant PLS executive, which 10 would you dine with talking serious football matters?

**Dumsani:** That's a difficult one, we have so many great minds in this country. You are now pushing me to a tight corner. Well well well:

**The National Football Association President – Senator Adam Mtsetfwa**

**The PLS Chairman – Victor Gamedze**

Dr. Thambo Gina

Veli Dlamini

Desmond Oswin

Zweli Jele

Senator Ngom'uyayona Gamedze

Thulani Hlandze

Sandile Dlamini

Timothy Ginindza

I would have loved to at least have 30 names so that even yours is mentioned as you are a great mind.

## PLS RESERVE LEAGUE: IT'S FOUR GAMES TO GO

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER - WITH the MTN Premier League and National First Division playing their last games over the weekend, the PLS Reserve League has four games to go with Royal Leopard leading the chasing pack.**

There are must watch games on Sunday where log leaders Leopard will lock horns with Mbabane Swallows at Somhlolo National Stadium while Manzini Wanderers will host Red Lions at

the Old Trade Fair.

Somhlolo National Stadium will host a double header tomorrow with Green Mamba taking on Malanti Chiefs while Mbabane Highlanders have a date with Midas City.

### Interesting

The Old Trade Fair will also host another interesting double header tomorrow where fourth-placed Manzini Sundowns will clash with Bad Boys. Sea Birds will host current Swazi Bank Champions Young Buffaloes in the other match at the same venue.

### THE FULL FIXTURE

**Tomorrow at Somhlolo National Stadium**

Green Mamba vs Malanti Chiefs 9:30am  
Mbabane Highlanders vs Midas City 11:30am

**Tomorrow at Old Trade Fair**

Manzini Sundowns vs Bad Boys 10am  
Manzini Sea Birds vs Young Buffaloes 12pm

**Sunday at Old Trade Fair**

Manzini Wanderers vs Red Lions 10:30am

**Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium**

Royal Leopard vs Mbabane Swallows 11am

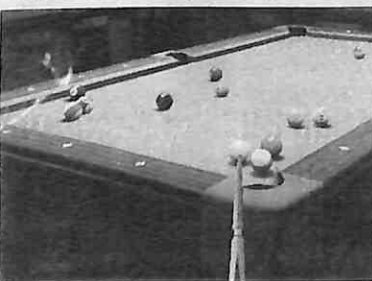
## Previc, SRIC lead in Business League

By Qondile Ntiwane

**GOLF – PREVIC still leads the pack in the Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) Business League with 21 points.**

The company was tied on three points with the Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) during the Pool A league games played at the Royal Swazi Sun on Wednesday.

Taking the second spot in this pool were Pots Construction and Africa Chicks with 19 points while the Swaziland Golf Union (SGU) team is fourth with 18 points. In pool B, it is league sponsors SRIC, who are leading with 27 points and are followed by Swaziland Beverages with 24 points after recording a 6-0 victory against Standard Bank and Nhleko QS, respectively. Tournament Coordinator Banele Mthethwa confirmed the results yesterday.



### THE RESULTS

SEC	3	Previc	3
Royal Swazi	3	Pots Construction	3
MTN	3	Liberty	3
Ladies	0	Africa Chicks	6
Easigas	3	Go Big	3
RSP	3	SGU Team	3
SRIC	6	Standard Bank	0
Kukhanya	4	Galp	1
African Alliance	6	Manyatsi Nhleko Q S	0
Ecsponent	2	Irish Swazi Enterprises	2
Swd Beverages	2	Central Bank	2

### LOG STANDINGS

#### POOL A

1 Previc	21pts
2 Pots Construction	19pts
2 Africa Chicks	19pts
4 SGU team	18pts
5 Go Big	15pts
5 RSP	15pts
7 Liberty	14pts
8 Easigas	12pts
8 SEC	12pts
8 MTN	12pts
11 Royal Swazi	6pts
12 Ladies	4pts

#### POOL B

1 SRIC	27pts
2 Swaziland Beverages	24pts
3 African Alliance	23pts
4 Central Bank	17pts
5 Standard Bank	14pts
6 Manyatsi Nhleko Q S	12pts
7 Ecsponent	11pts
8 Irish Swazi Enterprises	9pts
9 Kukhanya	4pts
10 Galp	1pt



# SWAZIBANK CUP PRIZE PRESENTATION NEXT FRIDAY

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – THE SwaziBank Cup, 'Sidlala Kanje' prize presentation will be held next Friday.**

The presentation, to be held at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre, will see Mbabane Swallows being officially crowned the champions of the E2.3 million sponsored tournament.

Swallows beat Correctional Services outfit Green Mamba 2-1 during the finals of the tournament played at the Somhlolo National Stadium last Sunday.

The Mbabane giants will be presented their E1million cheque while the runners-up will receive their E350 000 prize.

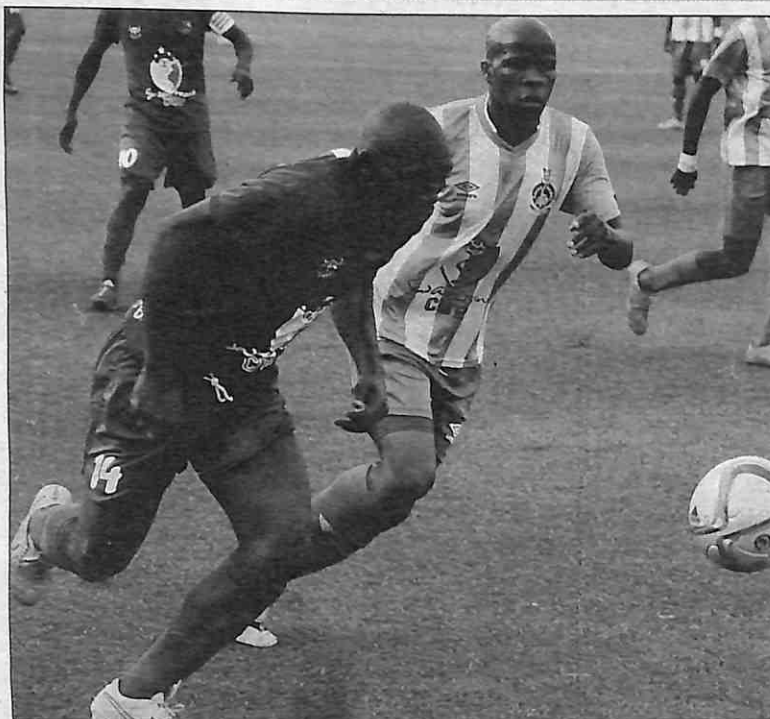
SwaziBank PRO Pshesheya Vilakati said the event would start at 6pm. He said the event would also include the presentation of individual awards.

## Handing

"We will also witness the handing over of awards such as player of the series, top goal scorer, coach of the tournament, players of the match (from quarter-finals to the final stage), media and best PRO."

"Teams that exited the tournament in the first round, second round, quarter-finals and semifinals will also receive their cash prizes," he

*... attendance to the event is strictly by invitation and invited guests are urged to be prompt*



**LET'S GO: Mbabane Swallows' Sabelo Ndzinisa challenging Green Mamba's Siyabonga Mdluli during the SwaziBank Cup Final on Sunday. The Cup's presentation will be held next Friday at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre.**

said.

Vilakati said attending the event was strictly by invitation and that

those invited are urged to keep time in order for the programme to continue as scheduled.

## Sihlangu's 2-0 victory one of 'COSAFU Classics'

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – THE national team Sihlangu's 2-0 victory against Zimbabwe in 2002 has been described as one of the COSAFU Castle Cup's Classics.**

The two sides met in the quarterfinals of the tournament played in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Information sourced from the COSAFU website is that the clash was one of the great shocks in the early years of the COSAFU Castle Cup and still remains one of the biggest upsets in the competition's near two-decade history.

"At the time it was arguably the biggest victory in the history of the Swaziland national side, which was then ranked number 132 in the world, but came away with a victory against a home team placed 67 positions above them. It was the first time Swaziland had beaten Zimbabwe and the first away win for the Swazis in six years of competing in the annual southern African championship.

"Strikers Siza 'King Pele' Dlamini and Sibusiso 'Spoko' Dlamini both scored in the second half against a Zimbabwean side featuring five overseas-

based professionals in their starting line-up."

Siza Dlamini burst through the midfield and shrugged off several defenders, running half the length of the pitch before chipping over Zimbabwe's goalkeeper Tapuwa Kapini for the opening goal on the hour mark.

Zimbabwe's English-based captain Peter Ndlovu and striker Benjani Mwaruware, who back then played in Switzerland with

Grasshoppers, carved out several chances for the hosts in the opening 15 minutes.

But as the game progressed Swaziland gained in confidence and sealed a remarkable victory in stoppage time when Sibusiso Dlamini outsped the goalkeeper to a loose ball and scored into an empty net from a tight angle," reads part of the statement.

Swaziland are said to have advanced to the semifinals to meet South Africa, where they were beaten 4-1 by the eventual champions.

Interestingly, Sihlangu have been drawn against Zimbabwe, Seychelles and Madagascar in Group A and will play the Zimbabwean Warriors in their first game of the regional tournament this year.



## SEA BIRDS WANT TOP EIGHT FINISH

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – DESPITE the relegation axe hovering over them, Manzini Sea Birds are hoping for a top eight finish in the MTN Premier League.**

The Manzini based outfit will meet army side Young Buffaloes in their closing game of the MTN League at the Somhlolo National Stadium on

Sunday, starting at 1pm.

The team is currently placed third from the bottom with 21 points.

Interviewed yesterday, the team's PRO Sifiso Masuku said they would be all out for a win during the game.

"We are looking to finish in the top eight. We are aware that we are also not spared from relegation but we will be all out come Sunday. This game is a must win for us, especially with the relegation aspect to consider," he said.

The PRO said all players would be available for the clash except for central defender Bheki Dlamini, who had been ruled out due to an injury.

"All players will be available for selection and they really want this game. The spirit at camp is very high and will be gunning for nothing but the maximum points. We are inviting our supporters to come in great numbers to rally behind the boys, who will need their support," he said.

## Sundowns to confirm appeal

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – MANZINI Sundowns will wait until after the MTN Premier League curtain closes before confirming their appeal with the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Appeals Board.**

Manzini Sundowns lost the protest where they were challenging the authenticity of their MTN League game against Red Lions and intend appealing the verdict.

Interviewed yesterday, Manzini Sundowns PRO said they had since handed the written verdict to their attorneys to look into the matter.

"We are not in a hurry to lodge

the appeal because we are still within the rules to do so even next week. The verdict is with our lawyers and we will wait for them to let us know the next step. Otherwise, we are continuing with this because we strongly believe we have a strong case," he said.

The merits of the case were not as the matter was dismissed on a technicality after Sundowns failed to produce evidence when confirming the protest about two weeks ago.

Sundowns had lodged the protest on ground that the game, which they lost 0-1, was played outside the rules and regulations of the tournament after it started an hour and 45 minutes later than the 1pm initially scheduled kick-off time.

## KoNtshingila/Man U game moved to Old Trade Fair

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – THE relegation battle match pitting KoNtshingila and Manchester United has been moved to the Old Trade Fair Ground.**

This is according to the amended fixture released yesterday by Premier League of Swaziland CEO John Mazibuko. The game was initially scheduled to play at Manzini Club on Saturday at 2:30pm but the venue and time has been changed to Old Trade Fair. It will now play at 1:30pm on Sunday.

Noteworthy is that all the fixtures are not affected.

Notwithstanding promotion to the MTN Premier League next season, arch rivals Moneni Pirates and Tambuti have one less score to settle

### THE FULL FIXTURE:

<b>Saturday at Prince of Wales</b>		
Mbabane Citizens	vs Ubombo Flyers	1:30pm
<b>Saturday at Somhlolo National Stadium</b>		
Hellenic	vs Amalanda	1:30pm
Tambuti	vs Moneni Pirates	3:30pm
<b>Old Trade Fair Ground</b>		
KoNtshingila	vs Man United	2:30pm
<b>Tambankulu Stadium</b>		
Ludzeludze Brothers	vs Sikhalo Se-Afrika	1:30pm
Madlenya	vs RSSC United	3:30pm

in the MTN National First Division.

Two points separate the two adversaries in the NFD league table with Tambuti sitting at the top of the log with 57 points. Tambuti are favourites to win the title as they boast a two points lead and two goal difference advantage while Pirates need to get all maximum points and close the goal difference deficit to stand a chance.

The game will be played at Somhlolo National Stadium on

Saturday afternoon. Tambuti bagged all three points in their first round meeting, handing the Moneni side their first defeat in the campaign. The battle for survival is still on at the bottom of the log as only the top three teams are spared from the relegation strain.

Only three points separate fourth placed Mbabane

Citizens from Ubombo Flyers and Amalanda, who are sitting four and five places from basement, respectively. Mathematically, Citizens are not spared from the relegation dilemma as a loss could put them in an awkward position but fortunately they are enjoying a massive goal difference. Manchester United and KoNtshingila have officially been relegated from the NFD to the Super League.

### MATCH STATISTICS

Sunday, May 5, 2002 – Harare

Zimbabwe (0)0

Swaziland (0) 2

Goals: 0-1 Siza Dlamini 60'; 0-2 Sibusiso Dlamini 89'

Ref.: Louis Simisse (Mauritius)

Cautions: Dumisani Mpofu 64'; Mxolisi Mthethwa 42'

Man of the match: Sibusiso Dlamini (Swaziland)

**Zimbabwe:** Tapuwa Kapini, James Matola, Dickson Choto, David Sengu, Dumisani Mpofu, Esrom Nyandoro, Misheck Makota (Lenny Gwata 51'), Master Masiku (Francis Chandida 64' [Samson Choruwa 75']), Shingai Kaondera, Benjamin Mwaruware, Peter Ndlovu. Coach: Wieslaw Grabowski.

**Swaziland:** Linoh Magagula, Bongani Masangane, Jerry Gamedze, Mlungisi Ngubane, Mxolisi Mthethwa, Joe Simelane, Sbonsio Maseko, Sibusiso Dlamini, Dennis Masina (Patrick Mkhwanazi 84'), Siza Dlamini, Mfanizile Dlamini. Coach: Dumisa Mahlalela.



## I am not AWOL – 'Ace'

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER – FORMER Red Lions coach Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini has reacted angrily to the suggestion that he has not reported back to work after the team's 0-5 loss against Correctional Services side Green Mamba.**

The mentor has made it clear that the club's management was aware of his departure.

Dlamini made this revelation when interviewed yesterday regarding his disappearance from the club.

"I think I made myself clear here, I did explain why I left Red Lions in that post-match interview with both the print and electronic media. I was live on television when I made that announcement and do not understand why people would then say I have gone AWOL," Dlamini said vehemently.

'Ace' publicly declared during a post match interview a fortnight ago that he would leave the team following their dismal display.

"Please let us not make this an issue. I am no longer with Red Lions and I'm sure they know that," Dlamini said.

Meanwhile, the team's Public Relations Officer Comfort Shongwe said Dlamini had gone AWOL.

"The coach is AWOL; we have no idea where he is right now as he did not report to us when he left. We are not that much worried about him not being with us because the team is now in the capable hands of our assistant coach in Christian Thwala and Technical Director Dumisani Mhlana," Shongwe said.

The PRO said their focus was now on their last match of the current campaign. He then assured their supporters that the team will not be relegated.

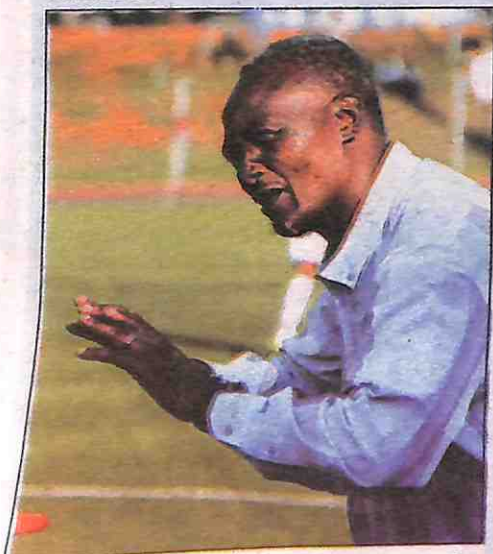
"We will be playing in the elite league next season and are determined to do that at the expense of Manzini Wanderers on Sunday. The team is prepared for the last match and the spirit is high ahead of the encounter. We have a full squad, no injuries or serving players, we are ready for Wanderers and must win this match at all costs to avoid relegation."

'Amabhubezi' are currently perched on position 10 with 21 points after 21 games in the log table.

They need a win to avoid the dreaded relegation axe.

Three other teams in Manzini Sea Birds, Manzini Sundowns and Bad Boys are also in danger of relegation should they drop points in their last game. Malanti Chiefs have already been relegated.

Interestingly, Sundowns will lock horns with Bad Boys while Sea Birds will hope to snatch three points from Young Buffaloes.

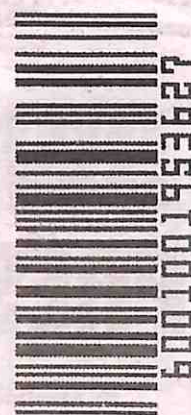


**DENIES: Former Red Lions coach Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini.**

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## ANXIOUS MOMENTS AS 'BIRDS', LEOPARD GAME **DRAWS** NEARER

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – MTN Premier League log leaders Royal Leopard players can hardly enjoy sleep ahead of their crunch encounter against Mbabane Swallows on Sunday.**

The police side will meet rivals Mbabane Swallows in a must win clash if defending the league championship title is anything to go by. The two sides will lock horns at the Somhlolo National Stadium and kick-off time is 3pm.

The team's PRO Frank Hurube said the game against Mbabane Swallows had got them worried to the extent their anxiety was killing them.

"This is an important game and it has everybody worried. We knew it would come but it is not as easy."

### Played

We have played Mbabane Swallows and won once against them in five games and that on its own should tell you something about the magnitude of the

- Police side praying hard to beat Swallows on Sunday
- Goalkeeper Mphikeleli Dlamini ruled out of clash
- This is match is a title decider



**IT'S CRUNCH TIME: Royal Leopard will face Mbabane Swallows in what will be the league decider.**

### MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Royal Leopard	21	12	7	2	31	16	15	43
Mbabane Highlanders	21	13	3	5	32	18	14	42
Young Buffaloes	21	11	5	4	31	16	15	39
Mbabane Swallows	21	10	7	4	47	19	28	37
Midas City	21	10	4	7	22	19	3	34
Green Mamba	21	6	9	7	35	28	7	27
Manzini Wanderers	21	6	6	9	21	31	-10	25
Manzini Sundowns	21	5	6	9	16	20	-4	21

game. It is a must win for us on many aspects and we are praying very hard, we can't even

relax or sleep. Infact we have to fast for this match," he said. The PRO, however, stated that

they were preparing hard for the game as the players wanted nothing less than a win.

### Prepared

"Our players know the importance of this game and must be prepared psychologically. They know we have to win at all costs, he said.

Hurube said they would be at full strength on the day except for goalkeeper Mphikeleli 'Rabo' Dlamini, who is out with an injury.

Royal Leopard are at the top of the log with 43 points, a point ahead of second-placed Mbabane Highlanders, who play Midas City in their closing game of the season at Mavuso Sports Centre, also on Sunday.

### The MTN Premier League fixture:

**Tomorrow**  
Prince of Wales Ground  
Green Mamba vs Malanti Chiefs 3:30pm

**Sunday**  
Manzini Club Stadium  
Mzn Sundowns vs Bad Boys 1pm  
Mavuso Sports Centre  
Manzini Wanderers vs Red Lions 1pm  
Mbn Highlanders vs Midas City 3pm  
Somhlolo National Stadium  
Manzini Sea Birds vs Young Buffaloes 1pm  
Royal Leopard vs Mbn Swallows 3pm

## Green Mamba want E12 000 court order set-aside

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – CORRECTIONAL Services outfit Green Mamba were at the High Court to rescind an order granted in favour of their former assistant coach Bheki Simelane, who is demanding E12 000 from the team.**

An affidavit filed by the team's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Thame Phakathi, who is represented by Advocate Mduzuzi Mabala acting on the instruction of N. Ndlangamandla and S. Jele Attorneys, is seeking for the order granted by the court on March 17 to be set aside until the finalisation of this application.

The team has filed an urgent application seeking that the order be rescinded or set aside as the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS), cited as the second respondents in the matter, now wants to garnishee their SwaziBank Cup gate takings, which he said would be to their great prejudice.

"Pending finalisation of the application, I

- team has filed urgent application with the court praying for the Order to be rescinded as its effect will see their SwaziBank Cup gate collections being garnished by the PLS
- Argue Simelane is demanding E48 000 in same application at CMAC

humbly request for a stay of the execution order. On the April 27, the applicant received an order from this honourable court directing that the applicants pays the first respondent Bheki Simelane a sum of E12 000 in respect of outstanding salaries for the months of October, November, December, January," reads part of the affidavit.

In his defence, Phakathi said the order sought by Simelane was granted erroneously after the first respondent failed to adhere to the provisions of Part VII of the Industrial Relations Act 2005 (as amended).

He stated that Simelane should have reported a dispute with the Conciliation Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC) before the matter could

be deliberated at the High Court, especially because he has since reported the matter with CMAC. The CEO mentioned that he had a reasonable explanation for his default and further has bona fide defence to Simelane's claim.

"I further believe this application is bona fide and is not made with the intention to delay the proceedings. The Applicant has every intention of having Simelane back at work since he was never dismissed from his employment," he said.

Phakathi submitted that should the matter take its normal course, the Applicant would not have been afforded substantial redress at a hearing in due course as by then the matter would have been over taken by events as the deductions would have been effected on the gate takings yet Simelane also has an application before CMAC where he is demanding E48 000.

