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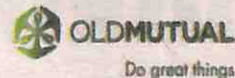
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**WELL SAID:**  
Princess Sikhanyiso commending UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibe after presenting his speech. This was during the HIV Prevention Indaba at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre yesterday. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)  
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# SIKHANYISO CAUTIONS YOUTH OVER CONDOMS

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# JSC MAN HANDLING PM'S DIVORCE APPLICATION

By Linda Jele  
High Court

**PRIME Minister Sibusiso Dlamini has instructed Judicial Service Commission (JSC) member Musa Dlamini to represent him in his divorce against wife Pastor Joy Maziya.**

Dlamini is a lawyer by profession and operates a law firm in Mbabane styled as ML Dlamini Attorneys.

The law firm has been instructed to handle the divorce case by Dlamini where he has applied for a decree of divorce against his wife for alleged malicious dissention.

Dlamini filed the summons before the High Court and gave his wife 14 days to file replying papers in the matter that has been kept a top secret at the High Court.

The court file, the *Swazi Observer* has learnt, is not being kept at the civil registry just like other court cases.

The judicial service commission commissioner was a member of the JSC last year when the former chief justice Michael Ramodibedi was

● The law firm has been instructed to handle the divorce case by Dlamini where he has applied for a decree of divorce against his wife for alleged malicious dissention

impeached for charges of serious misconduct. Ramodibedi was called to appear before the JSC for impeachment and he wanted it to be reconstituted citing a number of issues.

## Biased

He said the commission was going to be biased against him and claimed that Musa was a personal lawyer to the Prime Minister, therefore, his presence in the commission would influence it to reach a partial verdict.

He had accused the prime minister of orchestrating the moves to oust him and the pressing of trumped-up charges, which was a violation of section 414 (4) of the constitution which stipulates that a judge cannot be liable to suit for action taken in the exercise of judicial power.

Ramodibedi lost the application seeking the recusal of the JSC and was eventually dismissed after the commission had recommended to His Majesty the King.

Pastor Joy has filed a notice showing intent to defend the matter and has instructed Rodrigues Attorneys in the matter.

She is expected to file replying papers before the end of this month as she was given 14 days to do so.

She filed the notice of intention to defend on April 8, 2016 which means that she is expected to have filed her papers on or before April 28, 2016.

## Violent

The prime minister has accused his wife of being violent and jealous of his interactions he had with other women.

This included women the prime minister had to work with. In the combined summons, it was alleged that his wife would lose her temper whenever the prime minister interacted with other women.

Efforts to have access to the file hit a snag yesterday and the registry office was reported to only have booked a case number.



**DIVORCING: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini and wife Pastor Joy.**

It was reported that the file was not in the possession of junior staff members.

## Futile

Efforts to get a comment from the Registrar of the High Court Siphiso Mabila proved futile as she did not answer her phone yesterday evening.

Secretary of the law Society Nkosinathi Manzini said he would not be able to comment on the issue for now until the whereabouts of the file was disclosed.

A senior legal practitioner who spoke on condition of anonymity said all court documents became public once they have been registered and allocated a case number.

In the prime minister's summons it was alleged that Maziya

was violent towards the prime minister and their support staff and at some point she used a broomstick to mete out punishment on an assistant.

The PM has also alleged that the pastor once physically assaulted a bodyguard.

Dlamini's life with wife was alleged to have become unbearable as a result of her behaviour. The *Swazi Observer* has learnt that the prime minister has filed amended papers in the case following the filing of Pastor Joy's notice of intention to defend.

Last week, the *Swazi Observer* reported that the Director of the Swaziland National Library Services had fired her police bodyguards and accused them of leaking information to the media.

## Parents need to be involved in condoms issue - SNAT

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**SEEMINGLY, most of the stakeholders involved in giving pupils education in schools are not fans of the idea of distributing condoms for children in schools.**

Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) said they would not commit themselves on the matter all by themselves because pupils did not only belong to them as teachers. SNAT Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga said there were many stakeholders who had to be involved in this matter because children did not only belong to them as teachers, but also to parents at home.

"We think NERCHA should involve all the stakeholders in this matter in order for a decision to be taken collectively. We do appreciate the fact that such matters

should be discussed because they are there and they happen, that it is why even sexual and reproductive lessons are given in schools. We cannot allow condoms to be distributed because as SNAT, we feel such would be legalising sex before marriage," Mhlanga said.

He reminded pupils that it was good for them to take care of themselves because there were negative effects of engaging in sexual activities during the early stages of their lives. He said it was better for them to engage in sexual activities when they were ready to do so. He also advised parents at home to also be mindful of the fact that their children would be sexually active during the course of their lives. He said that was not to say they should just let them engage in such activities but they should also talk about such matters and find ways to overcome such challenges that came with children who in such stages.

## Temporary teachers not paid since January

**POVERTY and hunger seems to be taking its toll among temporary teachers who are said to be working without getting paid since January this year.**

This situation is said to have caused an outcry among the teachers and their relatives.

The quality of education is said to be compromised as the situation continues to affect their morale and are barely able to survive. One organisation that is severely pained by the situation is the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT). SNAT Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga, when contacted by this publication, did confirm that such was the situation in schools.

"Temporary teachers were not paid since January this year. We do not know why this is the case. One concerned relative of one of the teachers came to our office to complain about this situation. She said she was coming from TSC to find out why such is happening," Mhlanga said.

TSC stands for Teaching Service Commission. This is an organisation that is under the ministry of education



**IT'S CONFIRMED: SNAT Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga.**

and training. It is responsible for hiring, disciplining and firing teachers who are found to be misbehaving at work.

All the welfare of teachers are said to be taken care of by this body.

Mhlanga went on to state that the relative was told by TSC staff that she would have to accept the current situation and move on because the staff members were no longer given overtime allowances to deal with such issues.

## Referred

This matter, according to Mhlanga, made SNAT engage the Ministry of Education and Training Principal Pat Muir, who referred them to the ministry of public service and the ministry of public service said the problems rest with TSC.

The secretary general also pointed out that the problem affecting temporary teachers also affected qualified teachers who were not posted into their rightful places in order to get their rightful salaries. Mhlanga said such teachers were the ones who had degrees and went on to obtain a Post Graduate Certificate, in Education (PGCE). He said in around 2010, the teachers were hired on a temporary basis to teach at primary schools.

"We had a problem with this set up because these were qualified teachers.

"We engaged government on the matter to find out why they were not employed permanently because they were qualified.

The response we got from there was that this was because the teachers are qualified to teach in high schools and when there were no vacancies there, they would be temporarily employed in primary schools," Mhlanga said.

The SNAT mouthpiece said there was an agreement between them and government that the teachers had to be paid according to the degrees they held even though they were in primary schools.

Mhlanga said some of these teachers are still underpaid. He said the affected teachers are now tasking SNAT with the responsibility of engaging government on this issue.

"The problem now is that the teachers think we are colluding with government to make sure that they are underpaid yet this is not true," he said.

Ministry of Public Service Principal Secretary Ewart Madlopha, when reached for comment, asked this publication to direct its questions to the ministry of education and training.

"With due respect, please direct your questions to the ministry of education," Madlopha said.

Ministry of Education Principal Secretary Pat Muir could only say he was supposed to meet SNAT today concerning this issue.

"I am seeing SNAT tomorrow (today) morning for further discussions on this issue," Muir said.

Efforts to get comment from TSC Chairman Simanga Mamba were not successful as his phone was either switched off or out of coverage area.

## GUGULETHU'S FUNERAL ON SUNDAY

By Observer reporter  
Mbabane

**INFORMATION and Public Relations Officer of the Municipal Council of Mbabane Gugulethu Hlophe will be buried on Sunday morning at her parental home in Nhlanguano.**

An announcement made by Municipal Council of Mbabane Chief Executive Officer Gideon Mhlango stated that there would be a memorial service at the Mbabane

Alliance Church where she was a member on Saturday at 1pm.

There will be a night vigil in Mahlalini next to Edwaleni High School in Nhlanguano starting at 8pm. The funeral would start at 5am.

## Treatment

Hlophe passed away on Monday night while undergoing treatment at MediSun Clinic, Ezulwini after experiencing respiratory complications.

Hlophe had minor surgery in Nelspruit about three weeks ago.

Gugulethu joined the municipality towards the end of 2013 and won the hearts of many, especially with the vendors who had been removed from the Mbabane Bus Rank.

She always assured them that their issues would be solved and in that way earned respect amongst the vendors who saw her as their saviour.

She was also a board member in the Lujikeleto Sibhaca Competition and very committed to the promotion of the sport.

Hlophe replaced Bongani Dlamini who was appointed to be legal advisor of the council.

# PRINCESS SIKHANYISO CAUTIONS YOUTH ON CONDOMS

the youth have expressed the desire to have condoms freely distributed in schools

## COVER STORY

Stories by Samukelisiwe  
Ginindza  
Ezulwini

**PRINCESS Sikhanyiso is hesitant about the distribution of condoms to the youth.**

She voiced out her worry during the High Level Indaba on HIV Prevention for Young People in Swaziland held at Royal Swazi Convention Centre yesterday.

An advocate of abstinence and Imbali herself, the princess indicated that this was against the values she stands for and supports, that of encouraging the youth, especially females, to abstain from sex until marriage. This was after some of the youth stated that they would love to have condoms freely distributed for

them to ensure an HIV-free generation. "It is sad that Imbali is the most affected with HIV and since the youth forms about 63 percent of the Swazi population, one can always ask if there will ever be the future. Such interventions are good to help ensure that the youth stay free from infections, but I am a bit hesitant about distributing condoms to the youth because even if they are not sexually active yet, they might be tempted to start using them," she said.

She also did, however, made it clear that this was her own opinion, which does not in any way imply that the stakeholders and policy makers who were present have to change their decisions on availing condoms to the youth.

"It is also best that as we ensure that the country is HIV-free by the year 2022 by imparting knowledge through arts and culture to send the message in a lighter way to Swazis,"



**MY TAKE: Inkhosatana Sikhanyiso addressing young people during the HIV and AIDS Indaba at Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre where she was the guest speaker yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)**

she said. The princess also encouraged companies to make use of out of school youth by granting them job shadowing opportunities, which would help stay away from drugs, sex and alcohol.

## 'Increase salaries for home based workers'

**WAKHILE Dlamini, a youth representative for Lubombo schools, urged the ministry of health to review the salaries of home-based care workers.**

He mentioned that this would keep them motivated to do their job effectively and affectionately as they are the most important people in the out-

skirts of the country to reach out to the youth.

"They play a major role as they reach out to many with love and compassion, so by increasing their salaries, you will be showing that you applaud their good job and also urge them to soldier on," he explained.

## Parenting manual to be soon published

**A parenting manual will soon be available to parents across the country, to help them understand young minds better.**

This was confirmed by Khulisa Umntfwana's Stella Lukhele, who mentioned that this manual would instill the character building for children to parents.

"A child needs to be shaped into a better person from a very tender age and it is always the parents' duty to ensure that such is met, not their school teachers or chiefs.

A character is the shield with which a child is protected from factors like peer pressure, as it is the guide that sees him/her shying away from going with the flow," she said. She added that most of the children have dealt with, had complained about their parents, being not able to

communicate well with them, from a young age.

"These children said their parents do not understand their language, nor

do they embrace their growth, so the manual will be for every parent to get through the young people's minds. It is not just for families, but for single parents as well," she said.

This parenting manual is still awaiting to be translated into siSwati to cater for those who cannot understand the English language.

Lukhele revealed that the manual had already been translated into siSwati, but what was delaying them now is the lack of funding, from willing sponsors.



**HERE: Stella Lukhele showing the parental manual.**

## UNAIDS boss Sidibe hails king's commitment

**UNAIDS Executive Director and UN Under Secretary General Michel Sidibe indicated that the success of the HIV prevention for young people in Swaziland was because of His Majesty King Mswati III's long-time commitment to fight HIV and AIDS.**

He mentioned that they had managed to reach out to different chief-

doms due to the support from His Majesty, adding that an HIV-free generation would be achieved by the targeted time because of the King's support.

### Prevention

"Prevention of HIV infection to the youth of Swaziland is one of the central actions which will help the country remain strong," he said.

## ...We want better packaging for ARVs -Youth

**THE youth also indicated their concern in the current packaging of the ARVs, saying it is not only youth unfriendly but also draws attention, which most of the time leads to stigmatisation.**

They said the current packaging would sometimes make a sound from their bags.

They also revealed that the current ARVs are not in a shape that best describes the youth.

Bongiwe Motsa who represented Manzini schools, emphasised that an HIV free generation can be

achieved, if poverty can be dealt with first.

### Poverty

"We all can agree that poverty is tragic and most of the time leads to the youth falling for the wrong crowd, just to make sure they don't go to bed on an empty stomach," she said.

The Ngwane Park High School pupil mentioned that the youth then tended to have sex with older people for monetary and material benefits, which then expose them to HIV infections.

## Textile, cleaners wages increased

By Eddie Abner  
Mbabane

**GOVERNMENT has approved the salary increase of textile and apparel industry workers, including cleaners who will now earn E1 332 per month and E333 weekly.**

This is contained in the Government Gazette Regulation of Wages (textile and apparel industry) order of 2016. The gazette describes a cleaner as an employee who is responsible for the cleaning of a factory, offices, toilets, canteen as well as perform tea making duties.

A driver, on the other hand, means an employee in possession of a current drivers licence who is mainly engaged in conveying messages, delivers and collect goods or mail by vehicle and performs simple routine tasks in an office. The new gazette has been signed by Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula.

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# HIV AND AIDS INDABA AT ROYAL SWAZI SPA CONVENTION CENTRE



**ABSTAIN:** Inkhoshatana Sikhanyiso addressing young people during the HIV and AIDS Indaba at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre, where she was the guest speaker yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**STOP AIDS:** UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibe addressing the gathering during the Indaba.



**CHIT CHAT:** Members of Parliament Sifiso Magagula and Bongani Mdluli in a conversation.



**GOOD TO MEET YOU:** Sidibe greeting acting Prime Minister Paul Dlamini while Hhohho RA Prince Tshekedi and United Nations Resident Coordinator Israel Dessalegne look on.



**SAY CHEESE:** Former NERCHA Director Dr Derek von Wissel listening to speeches while former Health Minister Bennedict Xaba and former MP Vulindlela Msibi share a light moment. They are all actively involved in HIV and AIDS projects.



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**MY POINT IS:** Lindiwe Dlamini from the ministry of education responding to questions related to the ministry.



**JOVIAL:** Stella Lukhele, NERCHA Director Khanya Mabuza, US Ambassador to Swaziland Lisa Peterson and Minister of Health Sibongile Simelane shaking it up during a performance.

# HIV AND AIDS INDABA AT ROYAL SWAZI SPA CONVENTION CENTRE



**ALSO THERE:** Princess Lomajuba, Ambassador Peterson and Lubombo RA Sylvia Mthethwa at the event.



**OFFICIALS:** Senior government officials with some of the UN agencies representatives at the Indaba.



**ALL SMILES:** Nokwazi Mathabela, Allen Waligo and Nontobeko Mbuyane all from NERCHA at the meeting.



**THE FUTURE:** Hip Hop artist KRTC addressing the youth during the event.

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## TIMES EDITOR ARRESTED

By Observer Reporter  
Mbabane

**HARDLY** three months after a reporter from the Times Group of Newspapers was fired for alleged extortion of a client, an editor has been arrested and charged with the same offence.

Times of Swaziland Business Editor Sifiso Sibandze was arrested on Tuesday by the Commercial Crimes Unit of the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) service.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (CPICO) Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the arrest of Sibandze yesterday.

However, when asked further by this newspaper, Mamba did not want to reveal any details

about the matter hence he did not give out details of the person allegedly extorted Sibandze. He said further details would be revealed in court, where Sibandze is expected to appear today.

He is expected to appear at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court.

However, well-placed sources have revealed to this newspaper that Sibandze was arrested with his relative.

They are said to have tried to extort one businessman, whom they contacted through a cell-phone and arranged to meet him at one of the well-known hotels in Mbabane.

The businessman is said to be an owner of one of the hardware stores situated in Mbabane. They are said to have pretended to be investigators from the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and tried to extort the business-



**CONFIRMED: CPICO Superintendent Khulani Mamba.**

man.

Another Times investigative journalist Mbongeni Ndlela was allegedly fired for by Times Group of Newspapers for cases

related to extortion. He is said to have taken the matter to the Conciliation Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC), where he is challenging his employer, the Times Group of Newspapers, for unfair dismissal.

Furthermore, this is happening six months after a sports reporter Sabelo Gwebu, was arrested for public indecency, wherein he was accused of masturbating in public.

Gwebu was arrested in October last year.

He is said to have done that in full view of pupils who are boarders at St Mark's High School. Gwebu, at the time the incident happened, was renting a flat next to St Marks High School. Gwebu appeared before Mbabane Senior Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli.

## Ex-Times Journalist wants E148 000 for unfair dismissal

By Linda Jele  
Mbabane

**FORMER** Times of Swaziland journalist Mbongeni Ndlela wants to be paid E148 000 after he was allegedly dismissed via a text message.

Ndlela alleged that the dismissal was procedurally unfair.

He reported the Times of Swaziland to the Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC) to determine a dispute between the two parties.

He alleged that his services as an employee of the publication terminated after he was charged and convicted of misconduct in

**...claims he was dismissed via SMS**

that he demanded payment from a businessman in order to avoid publishing a story about him.

These are allegations contained in documents filed at CMAC and in the possession of this publication. The Times of Swaziland is yet to file responding papers.

#### Absence

Ndlela claimed that he was only served with an official letter dismissing him 64 days after the text message had been sent to him.

He alleged that during the disciplinary hearing pertaining to the charge preferred against him, he was not allowed legal representation and the hearing proceeded in

his absence.

He alleged that there was no valid reason for his dismissal and applied to the conciliation body to rule that the Times reinstate him or pay him E148 299.52.

The amount comprises E28 510.40 in respect of severance allowance, additional notice amounting to E11 404.16 and payment of E6 058 in lieu of leave. He has also sought an order directing the company to pay him E7 840.50 and E94 086 as notice pay and E400 in respect of monthly performance bonus.

The matter is pending before CMAC.

## Rand rallies to reach highest point

By Linda Dlamini  
Mbabane

**The Rand** has rallied against the US Dollar to reach its highest point since December 4 2015.

The rand against the dollar yesterday closed at E14.62/\$.

The rand has been gradually appreciating against the green-back for the past four months; the dollar reached a high of E16.85/\$ before the Rand hit back with successive appreciation against the dollar to reach E14.62/\$, for the first time this year. This will come as good news for the government as this will mean its external debt burden will be reduced because the exchange is favourable as its interest payments, which are denominated in US dollars, will come down. According to BusinessDay "the Rand broke through R14.62/\$, an important psychological level due to the local currency's failure to breach the level after two attempts this year.

"The rand traded at its best level against the US dollar since December 2015, following better than anticipated retail sales," BusinessDay reported.



**FORMER** Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Sibusiso Shongwe has been temporarily given his passport and will be leading a delegation from his church to South Africa.

The former minister is currently out on bail after he was arrested on charges of theft, fraud and violating provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

His international passport was handed over to the investigating officer as part of his bail conditions because he was not allowed to leave the country.

He yesterday filed an urgent application seeking an order to have the passport released to him to enable him to attend a church retreat in the Republic of South Africa.

He submitted that he needed easy access to his passport in order to effectively exercise his right to religion. He was represented by lawyer

David Manica from his law firm Sibusiso B Shongwe and Associates in the matter and it was heard by High Court Judge Qinisile Mabuza.

He submitted, in his affidavit, that he had meticulously abided by the bail conditions ever since he regained his liberty after spending over a month behind bars.

He submitted that he had been selected to lead a delegation of congregants to attend a church retreat in Durban, South Africa. He said he was expected to leave the country on April 19 and return on April 24, 2016. He undertook that the international passport would be returned to the police officer tasked with investigating his case, upon his return.

The office of the director of public prosecutions did not oppose the application and it was granted.

Shongwe had also applied for an order directing that he should be given his passport whenever he needed it without having to seek a court order first.

"I submit that I do not intend to burden the court's roll from time to



**TEMPORARY: Former Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Sibusiso Shongwe.**

time with passport interim release applications as such is not a desirous exercise.

"Moreover, such applications are costly and time consuming. I am advised and verily believe to be true that as an officer of this honourable

court I owe a duty to assist this court in its dispensation and administration of justice, hence the present application on the basis of once for all rule," Shongwe stated.

He also submitted that he had a clear right to the international passport because it was issued by government to him, even though it was currently kept by the investigating officer.

Shongwe was formally charged by the office of the Director of Public Prosecution's Nkosinathi Maseko with seven counts of contravening Sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act of 2006.

He was also charged with obstructing the course of justice, theft and fraud. The charges of corruption were related to the politician's alleged involvement in a case where Impunzi Wholesalers and the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) were embroiled in a court battle over tax to be paid for items exported from the Republic of China to the country en-route to South Africa.

## Some MMM Ponzi members remain defiant

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**SOME** members of the MMM Ponzi Scheme are running scared following news that the MMM has collapsed after its founder Russian convict Sergey Mavrodi allegedly went into hiding after announcing that his Bitcoin-based MMM Global scheme had failed and was shutting down.

However, a section of the members are in denial and refuse to believe that the ponzi scheme has collapsed, even after numerous reports which appeared in both South African and Swazi media. These firm believers of the 'donating community' refuse to believe that their hard earned money will never return. Some members are already regretting their decision to invest in the ponzi scheme. "I know that it was too good to be true, but because my friends and my colleagues were yielding benefits from it, I said to myself why not.

"I am even afraid to tell my husband that last month I had joined MMM because he had warned me against joining it, saying these schemes always ended the same way," said one unhappy MMM community member. She said some of her friends had 'donated' large amount of monies, which they have acquired through various loans, hoping the money would be doubled in two months.

"Last week there was a special requiring one to invest any amount that would be almost double in two months. Everyone got excited about this and they put in more money, hoping it will come back with a 40% interest in two months. "This is really sad because deep down I had questions, but was overpowered by the results I was witnessing from the people around. I just hope this is a false alarm, otherwise people will get heart attacks from this thing," he said.

Responses from MMM members who wanted to remain anonymous:

- *Asefuswa lite tsine*, MMM is here to stay.
- I love this scam, its paying me mavros.
- The media is having it all wrong the 30% MMM is still operating the 100% MMM was experimental, but it has failed.

# Cop, lover busted for dagga at police camp

By Jozane Maziya

Mbabane Magistrate's court

**A police officer from the Mbabane Police Post and his girlfriend appeared before the Magistrate's court on two counts of possession of dagga and one of transporting dagga without a valid permit or licence.**

The two accused were reportedly caught in possession of 22 dagga plants and 2.165Kg of dagga in the officer's residence at the Mbabane police camp on April 12.

The officer, Constable Thabiso Shongwe, was also charged with transporting the 22 dagga plants from Mankayane to Mbabane on April 11.

The prosecution led evidence with the testimony of one Richard Dlamini, a taxi driver who told the court how on April 11 the accused Thabiso Shongwe hired him to drive him (Shongwe) and three other men to Mankayane and back to Mbabane.

According to Dlamini, the men loaded and transported the 22 dagga plants in his (Richard) car. The driver also informed the

*...the officer was caught in possession of 22 dagga plants*

court that officer Shongwe's girlfriend (Gabisile Ndzabandzaba) was not present during this trip to Mankayane.

In defence, the accused (Shongwe) told the court that his girlfriend and co-accused (Ndzabandzaba) were not involved in the operation in any way other than having been in the residence when the police arrived and arrested them.

## Location

In her defence, Ndzabandzaba told the court that she had arrived at the residence at 22:00 hours on April 11 and did not find anyone in the residence. She claimed to have not been aware of her boyfriend's location or activities during the time that he was not at the residence.

Ndzabandzaba claimed that she only discovered the dagga operation at 02:00 hours when her boyfriend returned to the police camp with it.

In closing, the prosecution asked the court to consider Shongwe's status as a law enforcement agent who is expected to uphold the law.

The prosecution recommended a severe sentence to deter other officers of the law from partici-

pating in criminal activity.

In mitigation, Shongwe offered an apology to the court and the police force for his actions, saying it was a great embarrassment.

He told the court that he has four children and is responsible for his family household.

Shongwe pleaded with the court to give him an affordable fine because his imprisonment would cause much difficulty to his mother and grandmother, who he said were both on

medication for chronic illnesses and the medication is paid for by him.

Ndzabandzaba told the court that she is sorry for being found in possession while insisting that she had no knowledge of the operation.

Before handing down judgement Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi told Shongwe that "the court has considered that you are an officer of the law, the court cannot treat you as a normal accused."

On the first count, Constable Thabiso Shongwe was fined E5 000 or a five year imprisonment while on

the second count he was fined E2 000 or a two year imprisonment.

For the third count, he was fined E2 000 or two years of imprisonment.

The sentences will run concurrently. This means the officer will pay E5 000 or face five years imprisonment.

Ndzabandzaba was fined E2 000 or two years imprisonment for the first count and was given the same sentence for count two.

However, this sentence was suspended for three years on condition that she is not caught in possession of any illegal substance.



**THERE: Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini with Shiselweni RA Themba Masuku and Mashobeni South Primary School Principal Rudolf Saulos touring the stadium upon arrival.**

## King's birthday rehearsals top notch

By Thandeka Ndlangamandla  
Nhlangano

**MINISTER of Home Affairs Princess Tsandzile said all is set for the King's Birthday celebration to be held at King Sobhuza II Stadium in Nhlangano next week Friday.**

The minister was speaking after witnessing the final rehearsals which were attended by the entire cabinet yesterday at the stadium. In a colourful event, it was obvious that these were the final rehearsals as most of the performances were top notch.

Present during the event were Minister of Home Affairs Princess Tsandzile, Ministers Mduduzi Dlamini, Gideon Dlamini, Winnie Magagula and Edgar Hilary.

Deputy Prime Minister Paul

Dlamini also attended but left early as he had other business to attend to. However, before he left he congratulated the whole committee for the work they had done stating that he was impressed with the preparations. Minister Tsandzile said final rehearsals were meant for them to see if everything was in order and all the preparations for the big day were complete especially the entertainment part as they were the ones mostly performing. The minister stated that she was impressed with yesterday's event as everything went according to plan, adding that they were ready for the big day which will be held on April 22, 2016, which is next week Friday.

She further stated that the stadium will also be done soon as only a few minor touch ups were left but will be ready before the big day.

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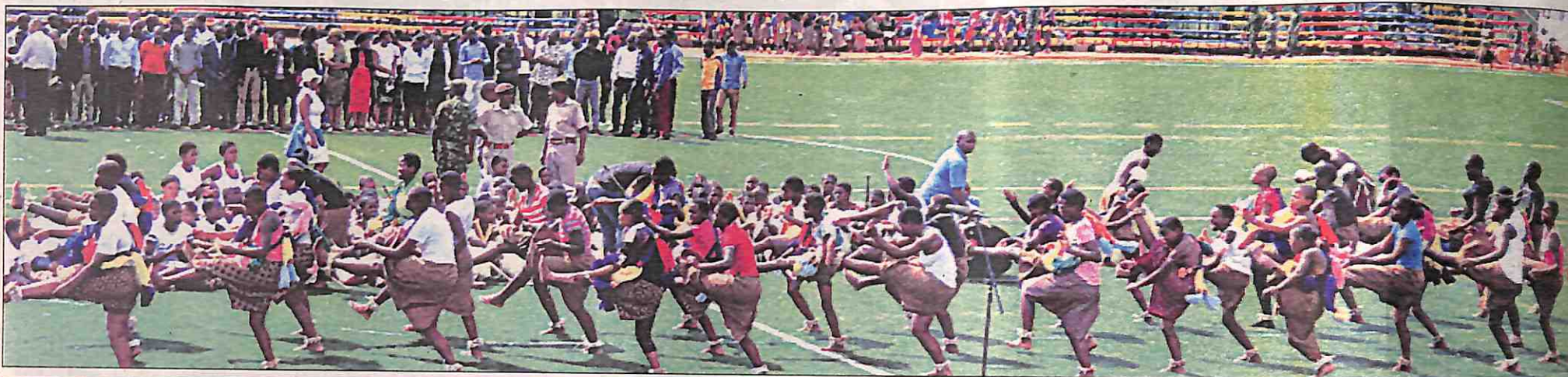
## KING'S BIRTHDAY FINAL REHEARSALS



**FINAL TOUCHES:** Minister of Tinkhundla Mduduzi Dlamini, Minister of Commerce Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini, Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku, Minister of Home Affairs Princess Tsandzile and Senior USDF officer Mashikilisane Fakudze. This was during the King's Birthday's final rehearsal at King Sobhuza II Stadium in Nhlangano yesterday. (Pics: Thandeka Ndlangamandla)



**INSPECTION:** Hlatikulu Swazi National Court Messenger Ndandatho Bhembe inspecting the Guard of Honour on behalf the King during the rehearsals.



**ENGOMENI:** Ingadla group from schools around Shiselweni displaying outstanding performance.



**GOT SKILLS:** Imbali from the Shiselweni region also attended the rehearsals.



**YITHI ABANTU:** Indvuna of Shiselweni II Lutsango Simangele Vilakati represented Her Majesty the Indlovukazi during the rehearsals.



## ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE PASSING AWAY OF MS. GUGULETHU HLOPHE

It is with great sadness for the Mayor, Councillors, Management and Staff of the Municipal Council of Mbabane to announce on behalf of the Hlophe family the untimely passing on of Ms. Gugulethu Hlophe who was the Information & Public Relations Officer of the Council.

**Memorial Service:** Shall be held at the Alliance Church in Mbabane (Somhlolo Road) at 1 pm on Saturday 16th April 2016.

**Night Vigil:** On Saturday evening at 8pm in Mahlalini next to Edwaleni High School, Nhlangano.

**Funeral Service:** Starts at 5 am on Sunday 17th April 2016 at Mahlalini, Nhlangano.

The Council has lost a very key Officer in Ms. Hlophe and is still reeling in shock. May her son, parents, siblings, relatives and friends be comforted at this sad moment.

*Rest in Peace Mabhengu.*

**GIDEON MHLONGO**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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## THE END IS NEAR....

### **SWAZIBANK CUP SEMI-FINALS FIXTURE**

**SOMHLOLO NATIONAL STADIUM 17/04/16 SUNDAY**

**Tambuti FC VS Green Mamba FC 1300hrs**

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# MABAMBA PRIMARY STAFF NOT PAID SINCE DECEMBER

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**MABAMBA Primary support staff has not been paid since last December.**

This means they have been working for last four months without receiving any remuneration. The school is situated in Nhlanguano in the Shiselweni region.

The support staff consists of the school cook, the school security guard and the secretary, who however, is currently on maternity leave.

The staff said the only explanation they have received from their employer for the non-payment of salaries is that there school has no chairman for the school committee. They have been told that the chairman is the only one who has authority to sign cheques.

The school chairman, who previously held the office, resigned from office last year December, which is when they support staff started expe-

riencing problems hence they missed their December salaries.

"The head teacher told us that she is still waiting for the ministry people to come and help in the appointing of a new school's committee. We have been waiting since then.

"This is really sad because when you leave home your family understands that you are going to work and they are expecting food on the table but that does not happen in our scenario, we are as good as unemployed."

"Our kids are languishing in hunger and we cannot even afford to buy soap for washing," said the aggrieved employee.

The head teacher of the school Prudence Mdluli said she is doing everything she can to try mitigate the problem.

"As I speak I am from the regional

education office to ask for help with regard to this issue. As the head teacher I cannot sign any cheques to pay the staff but the signature of an official school's chairman is necessary," she said.

She further said she is hoping the education office will come to the school next week to help with the appointing of the new school's chairman.

Regional Education Officer Thabile Nxumalo said she is aware of the matter and her office will make sure it is sorted.

"We are still to go to the school and sort the issue," she said.

Nxumalo was, however, unclear on the reason why it has taken her office so long to attend to the matter since it also affects the welfare of the support staff of the school.

## Wild soldiers fined E12 000 for bashing defenceless woman

Stories by Wonderboy  
Dlamini  
Siteki

**SIX members of Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) who allegedly went wild and assaulted an unarmed woman with fists and kicks have since been sentenced to six months imprisonment with an option to pay a fine of E2 000 each.**

The military men, namely; Sibongo Sifundza, Zinto Fakudze, Maseru Mliphah, Ndumiso Sigwane, Thokozani Mamba and Wiseman Dlamini are alleged to have unlawfully and intentionally assaulted Khanyisile Mbamali with fists, kicks and batons all over her body, resulting in her sustaining serious injuries. They are all based at Mlindazwe Army Barracks.

The woman's injuries were so serious that she had to be admitted to hospital while doctors monitored her condition.

Yesterday, the soldiers appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso for the commencement of their trial. When the charge sheet was read to them they all pleaded guilty to the offence while each of them conducted his own defence. Their pleas were also accepted by the crown without leading evidence to prove commission of the crime.

The senior magistrate, however, asked the army officers to explain before the court what actually happened on the said day.

The accused persons, speaking separately, stated that they were ordered by their superiors to go and intervene in a fight which was in progress at the complainant's homestead. They alleged that they were informed that some of their colleagues were being assaulted by a group of men at the homestead. The soldiers said that however, on their arrival at the homestead, they discovered that it was just a fight amongst patrons, and the complainant was involved in the fight.

While trying to separate the fighting group of people, the complainant is said to have resisted, something which then earned her a thorough beating by the military men. She had to be hospitalised due to the injuries she sustained.

The accused persons pleaded with the court to be lenient when passing sentence, adding that they did not intend assaulting her. Mavuso, however, condemned the act of the accused persons assaulting civilians while they obligated to protect them. The senior magistrate stated that the accused acted negligently and attacked an unarmed woman.

Mavuso subsequently issued the aforementioned sentence.



## Uncle fined E2 000 for fondling niece

**A man of Maphungwane, who was arrested for fondling a 14-year-old girl under the pretences of demonstrating to her on how men would abuse her, has been sentenced to 12 months imprisonment with an option of E2 000 fine.**

Linda Mamba pleaded not guilty to a charge of indecent assault after he was arrested last year. He was alleged to have assaulted the girl who is regarded as a minor by law by touching her breast and buttocks. The complainant had narrated to court on how she was lured by the accused person into his house before he fondled her.

She stated that Mamba called her while she was passing nearby his home and asked that she prepare him some food. While she was busy preparing the food, the accused allegedly grabbed the girl and started fondling her.

The girl managed to escape from the grip of the accused and

reported the incident to her parents who subsequently reported it to the police.

During the plea of not guilty, Mamba insisted that he was only demonstrating to the girl how she would be abused by men as she had started hanging around with them.

The crown successfully proved its case, and the accused person was found guilty of the charge. Yesterday, he was back in court for sentencing as he has been out on bail. When delivering the sentence, the senior magistrate wondered why the accused had to touch the complainant in order for her to understand what he was actually warning her of. The magistrate stated that it was clear that the accused was on a mission to abuse the girl. The sentence was then delivered, upon which the court further ordered that half of the sentence be suspended for a period of three years.

## Social worker fired for stealing grants

By Sabatha Dlamini  
Mbabane

**A Pigg's Peak based social worker who had developed a tendency to help himself on children's maintenance grants has been fired.**

Director in the Social Welfare Department Moses Dlamini confirmed the dismissal of the officer.

Dlamini said since the dismissal of the officer they had never had the misfortune of seeing money developing legs and mysteriously disappearing. "There was strong suspicion that he was taking the money for his personal use and we were left with no choice but to stop him," said Dlamini.

The officer was reportedly giving himself soft loans

from the money he collected from various parents who were paying for mandatory maintenance grants for their children.

These are mostly men who had been forced by courts or social workers in the Social Welfare Department to maintain their children.

### Amounts

They usually pay money in varying amounts from as little as E300 to as much as E10 000 or even more, depending on the financial capacity of the parent.

At the Pigg's Peak town based Social Welfare Department, specific days were allocated on which people could make the payments to an appointed government accountant who would in turn issue the paying individual with a receipt.

Because the accountant could not be available every day of the week, this particular officer then allegedly saw an opportunity to collect the money himself on the understanding that he would keep it in a safe lockable place within the department.

### Loaning

But, as it turned out, that was never to be, as the officer started loaning himself with the hope that he would repay the money.

When the time came for the beneficiary of the money to collect it, the officer would then offer excuses as opposed to money, promising to pay it at a later date. It only took one infuriated woman, who said enough was enough and refused to take the excuses anymore, demanding her child's main-

tenance grant on the spot, which the officer could not provide. The woman caused a scene and police had to be called to intervene. This was after more than E1 000 child grant for two months had been paid by the child's father to the woman that could, however, not reach the mother of the child.

The police confirmed taking the officer to his parental home hundreds of kilometres away from Pigg's Peak where his father rescued him from his mess by paying the squandered money on his behalf.

The angry affected woman took it and the Social Welfare Department launched investigations on the matter, whose results saw the implicated officer being sent home.

## Swazi stranded in Peru: Govt invites family for talks

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**THE ministry of foreign affairs and international co-operation is still in the dark about the matter concerning the Swazi lady who is said to be stranded in Peru.**

Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze has urged the relatives of Zodwa Shongwe to come forward to the ministry so that it could be easy to help them.

Gamedze said it would not be easy for the ministry to help them if they did not come forward to them to seek the assistance.

The minister even went to an extent of wondering if this whole thing was true, "I say this because we still do not

know anything about the matter. If the relatives are there, they should come forward to the ministry in order for them to be helped. It would not be easy to help them if they do not come forward," Gamedze said.

He went on to say he was once phoned by someone who was interested in helping the lady to come back home. However, according to the minister, the matter was followed by the ministry with no success because no one was there to help them. Gamedze assured Shongwe's relatives that the ministry would help them, despite what happened in the past.

"We understand that the lady was sentenced and she served for what she did. The relatives must come and we will help them. We do not care about what happened in the past," he said. When this newspaper made a call to

one of the relatives to find out if they did engage the ministry in the matter, she responded by saying they did engage them.

She said what the officials at the ministry told her was that they did not deal with individuals who did not have proof about what they were talking about.

"The only problem we have right now is the documentation from Peru is not yet available," she said. Zodwa Shongwe is said to have been arrested in 2010 in Lima, which is the capital city of Peru. She is said to have been arrested for drug trafficking and she is said to have been arrested in the company of her boyfriend, who is said to be from one of the countries in West Africa. She served her sentence and was released. It was then that she found herself stranded.

# Cheshire Homes applauds DPM on disability policy

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Matsapha

**CHESHIRE** Homes has applauded Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini for piloting the disability policy and operational plan using an inclusive consultative process.

This was revealed by Board Chairperson Themba Dlamini during the Aerobathon launch held at the home for people with disabilities yesterday.

Dlamini stated that the operational plan used was an inclusive consultative process in which Cheshire participated actively. He added that proper implementation of the policy will ensure that His Majesty's Vision 2022 is achieved with a disability integrated society. The chairperson also acknowledged government's subvention and stated that as a home that relied on external funding, they were hoping that government would review its support and come up with a possibility of an incre-



**SPEECH: Phindile Mnisi of Cheshire Homes delivering a speech during the event. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)**

ment that would be in line with the needs of the home.

Dlamini also pointed out that Cheshire owed its continued success to corporate organisations as they were the backbone



**KODAK MOMENTS: Cheshire Homes Swaziland members posing for a group photo with various stakeholders during the Aerobathon launch.**

of the home.

He stated that Cheshire Homes was the only rehabilitation centre in the country, meaning people with disabilities could only be cared for at Cheshire throughout Swaziland.

The board of Cheshire was

hailed as being dedicated to their work, as they run the home with little or no funding at all and sometimes they use their own money and even their resources to make sure that the Swazi people received the service they needed.

## Central Bank doles out E30 000 for Aerobathon

**CENTRAL** Bank has doled out E30 000 for an Aerobathon event launched by Cheshire Homes yesterday.

Executive Director Muzi Dlamini stated that such events were meant to raise funds for the home.

He stated that the organisation had been able to survive for over 30 years without any form of income hence the fundraising event.

He said the event would also help the organisation reach out to the community.

### Hosting

The home will be hosting a number of events which will include an annual fundraising walk on June 26 at Cheshire Homes in Matsapha and a corporate dinner on September 30.

Central Bank's Head of Strategy and Communications Zithulele Gina stated that supporting such initiatives was part of ensuring financial stability because when people get help from Cheshire and go back to being productive, they contribute to the society.

Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) CEO Darius Dloomo pledged that the sporting fraternity would contribute a sum of E10 000 to Cheshire Home Swaziland.

Other sponsors who came through for the home included Dixies Company, which gave out branded T-shirts to those who attended the launch.

## Stop hiding people with disabilities - Cheshire Homes

**CHESHIRE** Homes Executive Director Muzi Dlamini has condemned people who hide family members who live with disabilities.

Dlamini stated that as an organisation that was dealing with people with disabilities, they were not happy that families were hiding people because of their disabilities. He said these people should be brought to

Cheshire where they would get help.

Phindile Mnisi testified that indeed one could get help at Cheshire as she came to the place in 2004 in a wheel-chair, but was now able to walk on her own.

Cheshire Homes offers rehabilitative services to the disabled. The home has been hailed as one of the most important organisations in the country, more especially

when it comes to people who participate in sports.

According to Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council CEO Darius Dloomo, with the country having about 25 sporting associations and countless athletes that are vulnerable to injuries that may lead to disabilities, Cheshire was an organisation that the country needed.

Dloomo stated that currently Cheshire had an informal agreement with (SNSR) and the ministry was working around the clock to have it formalised.

## Drought effects: Theft of maize rife at Maphungwane

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**MAPHUNGWANE** farmers who went all out against the drought that had affected the country and managed to plough their fields are now compelled to spend nights on the fields to keep guard of sneaky thieves.

Stealing of maize from fields and homesteads is reportedly rife in the area as a result of the acute shortages of food in many households. A drastic increase of cases of theft has been reported to the area's *umphakatsi*.

Residents of the area depend largely on subsistence farming, thus the outcry of hunger of result the El Nino phenomena.

It has been gathered that more than half the population of the area now fully depend on handouts from government through the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA).

On numerous occasions, residents have, however, been complaining that the NDMA would take too long before distributing the much needed food. It is for this reason that some of them have found themselves to trespass into other people's fields and steal maize with the sole intention of putting food on the table.

Some would also break into homesteads that have already harvested.

Headman of Bhekizwe community Bhekithemba, Matsenjwa, reported that the

theft of maize in the area had reached an alarming level.

"These days we are having too many cases of theft of maize reported to the *umphakatsi* and this worries us a lot," said Matsenjwa.

Matsenjwa said they were even having difficult meting out punishment to the culprits as it was evident that they were driven by hunger to commit the crimes.

He pointed out that some of those who would be questioned for the theft of maize would either be orphaned or elderly, who were living in extreme poverty.

Maphungwane is one of many areas where most people did not plough their fields in the current season due to the drought.



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Documents will be on sale from LUSIP II Extension, Big Bend office (next to Lismore Lodge) between 0830 hours and 1100 hours from **Wednesday, 13th April 2016 to Wednesday 20th April 2016**. No documents will be sold after the site inspection. A compulsory clarification meeting and site inspection with representatives of the Employer will be at the SWADE Siphofaneni Site Office on **Wednesday, 20th April 2016, starting at 10:00 hrs.**

Completed Tender forms, Bills of Quantities, Certified copy of Tax Clearance, Certified copy of Trading licence, CIC Registration Certificate, Form C and Form J endorsed by the Registrar of Companies must be submitted on the closing date together with the tender document at SWADE Head Office at the 4th Floor Dlan'ubeka Building. All tenders shall be opened at SWADE Head Office.

The **closing date for submission of tenders is Wednesday, 11th May 2016, at 11:00hrs.** Tenders must be sealed and addressed to the Chairman of the Projects & Tender Committee. A tender must remain open for a period of 90 days from closing date for the submission of tenders, during which period the tender may not be amended or withdrawn and may be accepted at any time by SWADE.

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## 12 NATIONAL NEWS

## SD MUST DEVELOP HUMAN CAPITAL IN ICT - AFRALTI

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

SWAZILAND has been advised to take advantage in the development of its human capital in the area of information, communication and technology (ICT).

African Advanced Level telecommunications Institute (AFRALTI) Director Eustace Maboreke said the entity was alert to the fast changing technological advancement and intend to share ideas on these developments. Maboreke was speaking at the official opening of the 51st AFRALTI governing council held at the Happy Valley Hotel which was graced by the Minister of Information, Communication and Technology Dumsani Ndlangamandla. The meeting was hosted by the Swaziland Communications Commission (SCCOM).

"It is our desire that we impart the knowledge and skills to our population for them to remain relevant in the knowledge society.

"We are mindful that our own Institutions of Learning may not adopt as quickly in tandem with the



**REMARKS:** The Minister of ICT Dumsani Ndlangamandla making his remarks at the opening of the the 51st AFRALTI Governing Council. (Pics: Phumelele Zwane)

technological changes because of inertia, and this presents a glorious opportunity for your constitution to fill the knowledge gaps that arise," he said.

#### Support

Maboreke said Swaziland had demonstrated unwavering support of the institute through active participation to AFRALTI programmes, payment of membership's fees.

The country showed stewardship of the institute through its attendance of

and participation in the governing council meeting. AFRALTI was established as an intergovernmental institute to provide advanced level training opportunities to middle and senior level management staff in both technical and managerial positions in the telecommunications sector in the Eastern and Western Africa.

Members from eight countries were present in the meeting and 28 delegates were in attendance at the conference.



**POSE:** The AFRALTI delegation from the eight countries posing with the minister of ICT Dumsani Ndlangamandla for a group photo after the meeting.

## Dual ICT usage is critical - Minister

**MINISTER of Information, Communication and Technology Dumsani Ndlangamandla says the dual use of ICT has become a very critical factor for rapid economic growth and wealth creation.**

He said it also improved the livelihoods of the world's poor.

"In Swaziland, in addition to ICT being taken as an enabler or tool in the service sector and executing government programmes and projects, ICT has been recognised as an industry that can significantly contribute to socio-economic transformation of a nation," he said.

Ndlangamandla said the liberalisation of the ICT markets stimulated

cumulative interacting innovation in the products, services and technologies with a general convergence or blurring of distinctions between platforms, products, and services.

#### Focal

He commended the role of AFRALTI not only on the upskilling of human capital and as a focal point for regional information society initiatives.

Meanwhile, Zambia Information and Communication Technology Authority (ZICTA) Director Thomas Matandala said it had been a year since his country was elected as chair of AFRALTI and as such the time has now come to pass on the mantle to Swaziland.

He said in the last twelve months, two major events have been witnessed in the ICT calendar and they have shaped the world.

These were the Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT) Switch-Over in July, 2015 and World Radio Congress (WRC-15) in November, 2015.

#### Trend

"These two events demonstrate the growing trend towards convergence of ICT's and broadcasting. This is a cause for celebration as it signifies and contributes to the birth of new opportunities.

"Developed countries that made the transitions earlier, have seen tremendous growth and develop-



**ALL EARS:** SCCOM Acting CEO Ozzie Thakatha, Ministry of ICT under secretary Bheki Gama, ZICTA Director Thomas Matandala and AFRALTI's Director Eustace Maboreke at the launch.



**DELEGATES:** The delegation from Zambia and Zimbabwe listening to the proceedings.



**FOCUS:** The delegation from Mozambique attentively listening to the speeches.



**KODAK MOMENT:** Part of the AFRALTI delegation sharing a light moment.

ment to the tune of \$50 billion arising from spectrum management and its eco-system" he said.

Matandala said institutions like AFRALTI need to take a lead role in developing vast resources of human capital and leave a legacy of commitment to an African cause for the future.

He said the shift towards the widespread use of broadband services had also been facilitated through emerging technologies such as LTE. There was also cloud computing and together with LTE, they had

revolutionised the way traditional services were being conceived and delivered such as e-education, e-health and e-government.

"AFRALTI should therefore strive to remain relevant through refocusing on bridging the gap between the education being offered and the practical needs of the industry. In order to achieve this, there is need to continuously rethink its strategy and reshape the human capital element of Africa through spearheading the development of solutions for Africa by Africans," he said.

# STA-SUPPORTED LUPHOHLO RECREATIONAL PARK OPENS SATURDAY

By Nomthandazo Nkambule  
Mbabane

TRUE to their mandate of developing new tourism products and capacitating communities to run and benefit from attractions found on their own backyards, the Swaziland Tourism Authority (STA) is geared up for the official launch of the Luphohlo Recreational Park and it's handing it over to various communities in Siphocosini.

The scenic park is strategically located along the northern bank of Luphohlo Dam, and provides excellent view of the dam and mountain ranges beyond.

The park, which has already been fenced, has ablution facilities as well as several sitting bays built by STA.

Also, a shop that will hire out or sell fishing equipment has also been built at the site.

In an interview on site yesterday, while overseeing the final touch ups in preparation for the official opening ceremony to be presided by Minister of Tourism and



**PREPS:** STA's Nokwanda Dlamini-Masuku (left), Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs' Philile Dlamini, STA's Mliba Mabuza and Nelie Sigwane captured on site at the Luphohlo Recreation Park yesterday. (Pics: Nomthandazo Nkambule)

Environmental Affairs Jabulani Mabuza; STA CEO Eric Maseko said the new venture would have enormous spin-offs for Siphocosini communities.

"This new venture will significantly address current socio-economic problems faced by Siphocosini

community. Some of these, and which are generally inherent with many other communities, include the prevalence of HIV, high unemployment, income inequality and poverty," said Maseko.

Maseko said the launch of this community-tourism project would

create and increase employment opportunities in the community. He said appropriate frameworks that would guide efforts to gender equality and increase opportunities for women and girls' empowerment would also be put in place.

"This community-run venture will

create and expand occupational activities for the youth to encourage positive behaviour change in the community, and will also empower arts and craft groups from the area, as we anticipate massive traffic to the area," said Maseko.

People from surrounding areas, such as Mbabane as well as from other places, for a long time, have yearned for a scenic leisure place that was away, but not far from the urban area, hence the Luphohlo Recreation Park is likely to be an instant hit, said Maseko. STA, said Maseko, was approached by the community about two years ago, to assist set up such a venture. The organisation started building the facilities last year, and will officially hand over the running of the place to a trust set up by the community.

"As much as we funded the project, the local youth also volunteered their time and assisted in the clearing of the land and erecting of the fence, and we are humbled to see such commitment," said Maseko. Meanwhile, Maseko said some of the activities that would form part of Saturday's official launch include fishing, swimming competition by members of the Swaziland Swimming Association, water games for the public, kiddies' games, among others. Maseko encouraged members of the community as well as leisure seekers from surrounding areas and cities to attend Saturday's event and witness the birth of a new leisure hotspot in the country.

## ...About Luphohlo Recreation Park

LUPHOHLO Recreation Centre is found west of Mbabane city, along the road to Mhlambanyatsi.

It is on the banks of the Luphohlo Dam from the northern side of the main road. The dam is owned by the Swaziland Electricity Company, and is primarily used for power generation. The area surrounding the dam and identified for the project is Swazi Nation Land. Siphocosini community, in spite of its close proximity to the capital city Mbabane, is a relatively poor community that offers its people limited livelihood options. Most of the members live a subsistence lifestyle that depends on cattle rearing and/or dry farming for living. Opportunities for livelihood depend on the availability of rains through summer, a situation which



**READY:** Final touch-ups to the public ablution facilities at the Luphohlo Recreation Park.

has become largely unpredictable and undependable.

High and inter-generational unemployment and high concentration of low income households make Siphocosini community as vulnerable as any other in the country. All these tough consequences are putting young people at the centre to bear the most severe impact of poverty, extending opportunities for HIV infection,

increase the risk of food security.

Therefore, a need exist that steps are taken to improve the community, more especially the youths' vulnerable outlook. It is considered that the establishment of the Luphohlo Recreational Park, would significantly address constraints that make the Siphocosini community an economically and socially depressed community.



**VIEW FROM THE PARK:** Luphohlo Dam as seen from the Luphohlo Recreation Park.



UBOMBO SUGAR LIMITED

### TENDER NOTICE (Re-tender)

REQUEST FOR TENDERS FOR: CHECK & REVIEW DESIGNS, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF IRRIGATION SYSTEM AT PHUZUMOYA PROJECT (MKHWELI SCHEME) IN THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND:

**Tender Number: UBO 02/2016 AGRIC**

Ubombo Sugar Limited (USL) has secured funding from the European Union - Swaziland Sugar Facility under contract number DCI-SUCRE/2014/345-759 to implement Ubombo Integrated Small Holder Development Project 4 in the Ubombo cane supply area in Swaziland. Therefore Ubombo Sugar Limited now invites suitably qualified Local and International contractors to tender for: check and review designs, supply and installation of irrigation system of 169.3 ha at Phuzumoya.

The tender documents are obtainable from the Purchasing & Inventory Manager's Secretary (Mill stores) Ubombo Sugar Limited, upon payment of SZL 300.00 which excludes courier delivery cost. Payment is made at the Cashier's Office located at the Ubombo Sugar Limited Main Office, P. O. Box 23, Big Bend. The cashier's office is open Monday to Friday from 08h00 to 11h15 only for the purchase of the tender documents. Documents will be on sale from Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2016 up to the day of compulsory clarification meeting and site visit. Contractors and sub-contractors that have their origin in G20 countries (including South Africa) are not eligible to tender, but materials that have their origin from South Africa can be supplied by eligible contractors and sub-contractors. Please note those materials that originate from other G20 countries (except South Africa) are not allowed. Contractors are supposed to submit proof that they are registered in eligible countries.

The completed tender documents must be delivered in sealed envelopes showing only the project name and the tender number to the address below:

Ubombo Sugar Ltd, Main Office  
Portion Farm 161, Old Main Road  
PO Box 128, Big Bend, Swaziland  
Telephone +268 2363 8000  
Fax: +268 2363 6924

The deadline for submission of tenders is the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2016 at 1200hrs, local Swaziland time.

A compulsory site inspection will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2016 at 0900hrs. The bidders will assemble at 0900hrs in the Agricultural Development conference room at Ubombo Sugar Limited for a clarification meeting before proceeding to site. Information pertaining to the site visit should be directed to the Project Engineer, Justin Mutiro. Email address: [jmutiro@illovo.co.za](mailto:jmutiro@illovo.co.za) Tel: +268 23636 927/8 copied to the Project Manager, Peter Oldham. Email address: [poldham@illovo.co.za](mailto:poldham@illovo.co.za) Tel: +268 23636 927/8.

Item No.	Contract Name	Tender Number
1	Check & review design, supply and installation of irrigation equipment at Phuzumoya (Mkhweli Scheme) (169.3ha)	UBO 02/2016 AGRIC

# TWO MEN DISOWN BAGS OF DAGGA IN COURT

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Piggs Peak

**TWO men who were allegedly nabbed for the possession of dagga have claimed that the illegal herb they were found with was not theirs but belonged to a third man who ran away.**

The two, Wandile Sifundza from Nyakatfo and Phumelele Masina from Bulandzeni were allegedly found with dagga weighing 6.5 kilograms, at Nkamazi.

They pleaded not guilty before Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini as they claimed that the rightful owner of the dagga ran away from the police.

Arresting officer Constable Sizwe Mazibuko said after being tipped off by the public, he and Sergeant Du Pont, set up a roadblock at Nkamazi intersection.

"My partner and I then saw a 1988 Toyota Corolla sedan silver in colour heading towards us at a high speed. The driver of the car upon seeing us made a sharp left turn onto a gravel road heading towards distant homesteads but before then, we saw a large black refuse bag being thrown out of



**ILLEGAL:** An internet picture of dagga bags.

the left passenger's side window. Upon seeing that we picked up that refuse bag and found a sack smelling of dagga. Upon collection of the sack we proceeded to pursue the car along the gravel road," the police said in court.

Mazibuko went on to say that upon apprehending the car ordering its driver to stop.

"A taxi man named Wandile Sifundza was behind the wheel and in

the back left seat was Phumelele Masina. Both were arrested for dagga possession," the police added in court.

Both Masina and Sifundza pleaded not guilty to all charges further disclaiming the alleged sack of dagga which they claimed belonged to the random hitchhiker.

Magistrate Dlamini postponed the matter till May 23, so as to allow the defence to develop its case.

## Teacher stabbed for punishing a pupil

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Matsapha

**A teacher has been left seriously injured after a woman assaulted him for allegedly beating up her child.**

The woman, Nomcebo Kunene appeared before Magistrate Lucia Lukhele to answer for the charge of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Kunene allegedly stabbed Sive Simelane with a sharp object on the head neck and chest.

### Accused

Simelane who is a teacher by profession, said the bone of contention was that the accused said he had beaten up her child.

He said Kunene found him enjoying drinks with his friends when she accused him.

"Kunene said she will

teach me a lesson so that I never mess with her child again. However, I did not take Kunene's threats seriously until she came back with a broken beer bottle which she used to assault me and I ended up in hospital," Simelane said in court.

Simelane who had visible gashing wounds on his face stated that he was injured on the face and chest adding that he had to spend a night in hospital, was stitched up and released the following day.

The accused pleaded not guilty to the charge.

She said all she did was act in self defence as it was the teacher who hit her with the beer bottle on the face. Kunene told the court that all she did was confront the teacher on why he beat up her child.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Allow Zuma to finish his term - Gauteng ANC leagues

**JOHANNESBURG - Accept President Jacob Zuma's apology and let him finish his term of office, the ANC Gauteng's Youth, Women's and Veterans' leagues said on Wednesday.**

"The right decision as per ANC Gauteng resolution is for President Jacob Zuma to finish his term," ANC Youth League chairperson Matome Chiloane told reporters in Johannesburg.

He warned against creating a trend of removing presidents, saying the ruling party did not need to help the opposition's "dirty agenda".

"We call on society and especially our members to accept the apology, to focus on elections," Chiloane said.

"It takes a real leader to apologise and say 'I have made a mistake'."

On April 1, a day after the Constitutional Court found he failed to uphold the

Constitution, Zuma apologised for the "frustration and confusion" the Nkandla matter had caused.

All three leagues said it was critical to protect the ruling party's unity and vowed to present a united front in Port Elizabeth at the weekend, where Zuma would launch the party's manifesto for the 3 August local government elections.

The leagues downplayed divisions within the Gauteng branch following a statement by Gauteng ANC's PEC on Tuesday, which said Zuma should "do the right thing". The statement, however, stopped short of saying Zuma should step down.

This was despite a source telling News24 and ANC Gauteng chairperson Paul Mashatile telling the Mail & Guardian that the Gauteng ANC PEC had resolved that Zuma should step down.

News24

## Corporal punishment 'forces' pupil to drop out of school

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Mbabane

**TWO male pupils have dropped out of Nkwene High due to harsh corporal punishment at the school.**

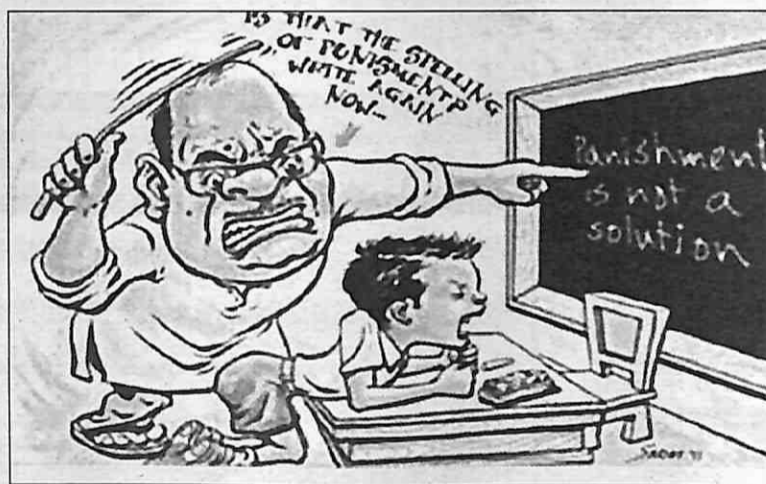
The pupils were doing Form Four and Five respectively.

It is said pupils get punished for offences such as late coming, which is mainly caused by travelling long distances to the school.

10 strokes per pupil, form part of the punishment which proved too much for the young men.

It is said that last year, the deputy headteacher was reported to the Regional Education Officer (REO) as parents raised alarm bells at the school's practises.

"My son dropped out of school after he was suspended for late



coming, for a whole month which resulted in him losing interest in school, one parent lamented.

"The deputy does not care even if you were absent from school because of sickness or compassion. Once a pupil is absent, they get six strokes," a teacher said.

The Swaziland Action Against Abuse (SWAGGA) has been called to address the issue.

Meanwhile, Shiselweni Regional Education Officer Thabile Nxumalo refused to comment, saying this matter has already been settled.

## Kombis, buses impasse over

**THE one week customer and price war between bus and kombi operators is finally over as both factions agreed to a fixed price of E40 to and from Mbabane.**

The week long 'customer war' started last week Monday as kombi drivers and owners felt aggrieved that bus operators were not charging the stipulated E40 to

and from Mbabane.

The buses had started charging only E30 making kombi operations almost non-existent.

In response to this, the kombi drivers and owners started charging only E25 to and from Mbabane, resulting in more customers who were elated with the lower fares.

The 'war' eventually came to a

halt this week as all transport operators had a meeting and agreed to follow the gazetted E40.

Chairman of the Piggs Peak Kombi and bus association Vuyani Dlamini apologised to customers for the week long confusion. "All bus and kombi operators have agreed that the buses will only lower their price by two Emalangeni meaning that a trip to Pigg's peak will cost the customer E38 by bus and E40 by kombi," he said.



**SUPPORTED:** President Jacob Zuma.

# 56-year-old man taken to court for children support

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Piggs peak

A 56-year-old man from Sidvokodvo has taken his three elder children to court for failure to help him take care of his two younger children.

The magistrate's court heard how Muzi Dlamini called his three elder children to court claiming that they did not help him feed his two younger children that belonged to Dumisile Ndwandwe.

Ndwandwe had originally taken Dlamini to court for maintenance and she further said Dlamini owed her E12 000 in child support.

Ndwandwe told the court that Dlamini had not supported his two young children aged seven and four since August 2009.

Dlamini was originally ordered to pay E1 200 per month in child maintenance by the court but failed to do so and was served with a contempt of court charge.

Dlamini then claimed that he had three adult working children from his first wife who did not support him financially.

The court then called the three



adults Nobuhle Dlamini, Sibusiso Dlamini and Nhlanhla Dlamini who all claimed that they had no idea that their father had young children with another woman.

They disputed the fact that they did not help their father financially.

All three produced evidence of how they would support their father who they claim also failed to support one of their younger siblings who was still at school.

After hearing the different testi-

monies from Dlamini's children, Magistrate Simangele Mbatha ordered the old man to apologise for accusing his children of not helping him.

Dlamini was then ordered to produce his payslip and upon further inspection, the magistrate asked him why he was not supporting his younger children yet he earned a reasonable salary.

Dlamini then told the court that he had so many debts from various shacks as he fathered many children, so he had been paying school fees and other bills.

Dlamini was then asked how he would pay the E12 000 child support that he had owed for all these years.

Ndwandwe was also persuaded to assist Dlamini by reducing the monthly child support to only E600 per month instead of the E1 200 to which Ndwandwe agreed.

Dlamini was ordered to pay E600 per month until August 29.

There after Dlamini would pay E800 per month.

He was also sentenced to one year in a correctional facility without the option of a fine for contempt of court.

The sentence was suspended for three years.

## Four prosecutors for the Shiselweni region

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlango

GOVERNMENT has posted about four prosecutors to work in the Shiselweni region.

The posting of the prosecutors in Nhlango is part of the process of filling posts in some areas that are short-staffed.

### Secondment

In the region, all along there were just two prosecutors apart from few individuals who were on secondment as they are officially employed by the police force.

With the two police officers now recalled, this led to the two remaining ones being overworked while there was the long wait for the arrival of new prosecutors who started work a couple of weeks ago.

With the two police officers namely Inspector Fana Bhembe who had served as prosecutor for years and Sergeant Bheki Mkhwatshwa back where they belonged, Senior Crown Counsel in the region Mandla Dlamini and Crown Counsel Patty Hlophe (both recently promoted) had their hands full until the arrival of the four prosecutors.

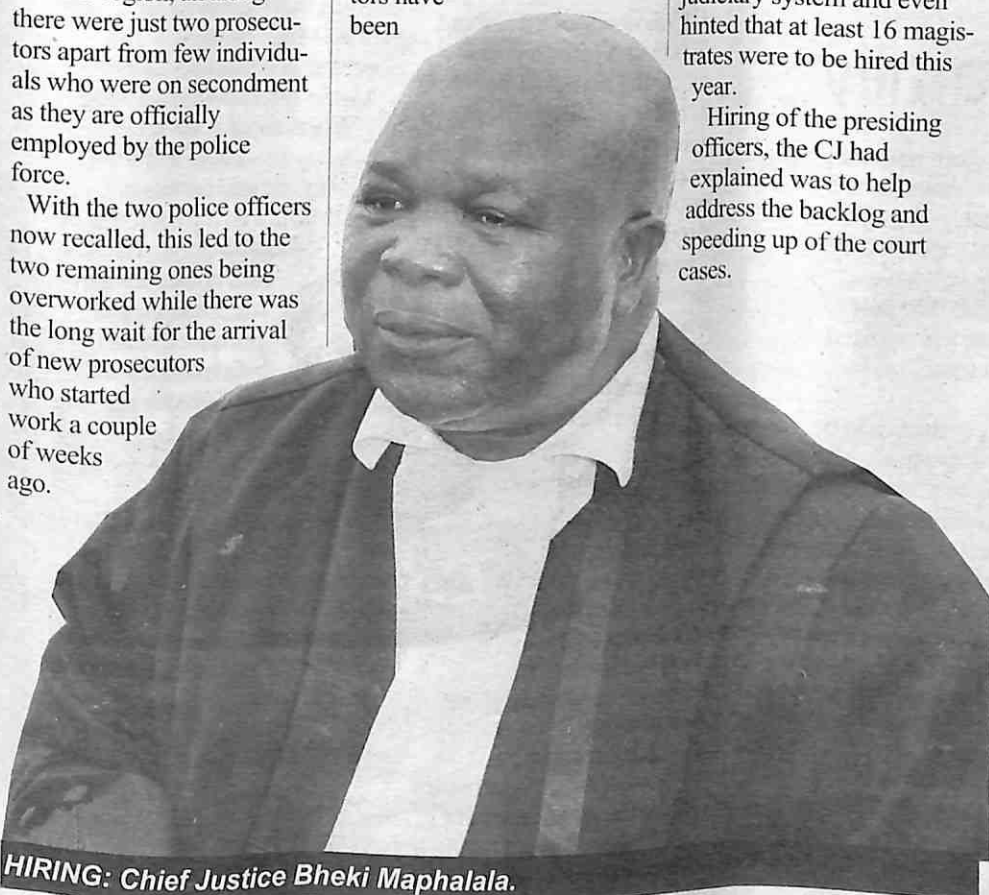
Three of the new prosecutors have been

identified as Lucky Vilakati, Mabengu S. Hlophe and Mduduzi Dlamini. It is believed that amongst the four, one of them would be based at the Hluti magistrate court.

### Pointed

Meanwhile, when he was touring the courts, Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala had pointed out that there were also other vacant posts that need to be filled within the judiciary system and even hinted that at least 16 magistrates were to be hired this year.

Hiring of the presiding officers, the CJ had explained was to help address the backlog and speeding up of the court cases.



HIRING: Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala.

## Social welfare relies on volunteers

By Sabatha Dlamini  
Mbabane

THE social welfare department under the deputy prime minister's office (DPM) is relying heavily on volunteers to transmit much-needed service to the general public.

Currently, four officers are sweating it out for sweet nothing in the ministry, joining the rest of the staff members and knocking off at 1700 hours as though they were employed, yet, in actual fact, they were just volunteering.

Social Welfare Department Director Moses Dlamini said it was a norm within the social work profession that at the last tier of the ladder there would be volunteers.

Dlamini, however, did not go into detail with regards to explaining the terms on which these volunteers were engaged.

He made it clear that they were not paid any salary or even

an allowance for their time and service spent doing government work, with others having been volunteering for the past two years. Most of the officers were hoping that their efforts would be recognised and appreciated by the government so that in the event vacancies opened up, they would be given first preference and be hired.

With the government engaged on a decentralising drive to improve service delivery to the public, more social workers are

needed. Attempts by the department to hire 57 social workers have been thwarted by the Civil Service Commission's (CSC) apparent delay to conclude the recruitment process and appoint deserving officers. Whilst the DPM's Office seeks to employ more officers, government on

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the other hand is struggling to maintain the huge wage bill which is taking a large chunk of the country's gross domestic product. This is much against advice from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for the country to curb the ballooning wage bill.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### RE: PROPOSED DAIRY FARM AT MARULA RANCH PHASE 2

A public notice is hereby published in terms of section 52 of the Environmental Management Act, 2002. Old Mutual Investment Group (Swaziland) Limited has prepared an Environmental Impact Assessment report and formulated a Comprehensive Mitigation Plan for the proposed development of the Dairy farm at Peebles Block and Marula Ranch phase 2.

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. Mbabane National Library
4. Sidvokodvo Primary School
5. Nhlambeni Inkhundla offices
6. Nkonyeni Country Club
7. Riders Ranch
8. Sidvokodvo Police Station

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: 4041719 or email: ceosec@sea.org.sz

The deadline for submission of comments is 18 May 2016\*

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

Ensuring the integration of environmental concerns into Swaziland's development

# FODSWA ENGAGES UMPHAKATSI ON ABUSED **DISABLED** MAN

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

IT seems as if the authorities at Mpolonjeni will have to answer on why they are not protecting Mhawu Gwebu and leave his maize crops to be devoured by cattle owned by his neighbours.

Federation of Organisations of Disabled Persons in Swaziland (FODSWA) President Mandla Methula rebuked the action of the people of Mpolonjeni for ill-treating Gwebu and depriving him of his crops that were meant to take care of him and his family.

"The neighbours of Gwebu should stop ill-treating him in this way because this means they are violating his rights as a citizen of this country," Methula said.

He warned the Mpolonjeni residents that it was dangerous for them to ill-treat Gwebu just because he was disabled.

## Situation

Anyone, Methula said, could possibly find himself in Gwebu's situation or even worse than his situation.

He said if the Mpolonjeni folks were behaving this way, then it meant they were not people who deserved to live in harmony with others in a normal society.

"They might think that they are better, but Gwebu is the real person than them because they are not protecting him like any other citizen living in this country," he said.

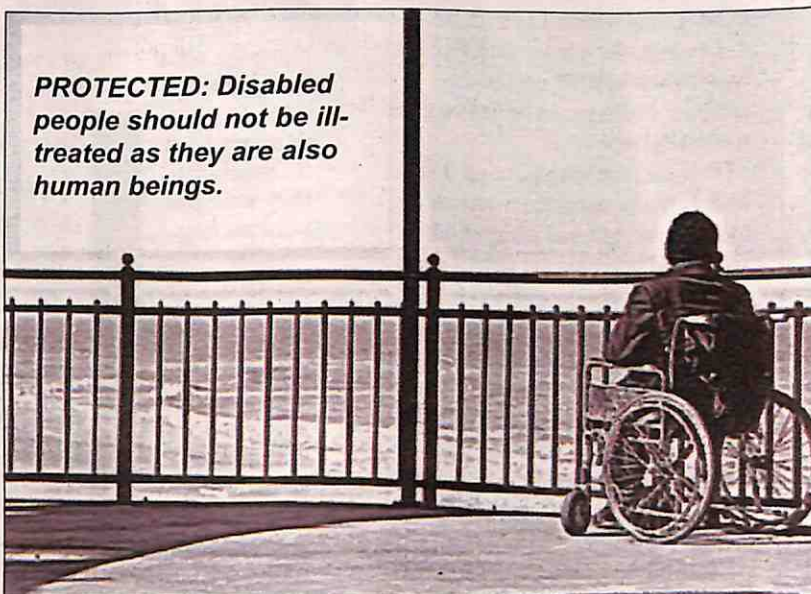
He promised to engage the area's royal kraal (umphakatsi) in the matter to make sure that Gwebu is treated with respect and protected in that area.

He promised to call the area's headman, Thangithini Mabuza and discuss the matter with him.

He said the Umphakatsi was the one that was supposed to take care of

● *The neighbours of Gwebu should stop ill-treating him in this way because this means they are violating his rights as a citizen of this country*

**PROTECTED:** Disabled people should not be ill-treated as they are also human beings.



Gwebu. He said if the umphakatsi was not taking responsibility in this case, then it meant the authorities of the area did not know what their responsibility was.

## Authorities

The area's caregiver Glenrose Dvuba-Dlamini said she was puzzled by the fact that the authorities in Mpolonjeni were suddenly playing innocent in the matter.

"I have been trying to deal with Gwebu's matter for many years.

## Protection

"I have even formed a right to food group, where we tried to bring to the attention of the authorities the fact that having food is a socio-economic right that needed protection from the authorities, especially for a disabled person like Gwebu.

"I presented the document to umphakatsi, nothing happened," Dube-Dlamini said.

She said Gwebu was fined E3 000

for a cow that died in his field. The cow is said to have been injured when it was found dead in Gwebu's field.

"This happened around 2008 or 2009. Gwebu was accused of having injured the cow and he was taken to the Swazi National Court by its owners.

## Representative

"The court fined him E3 000 and he is said to have paid the money, with the help of his family."

The care giver said she was saddened by the situation. She said she could not believe that the area's Chief's Representative (Mangwana) Jabu Hlophe said the situation had improved.

However, she said she respected her for taking action to better the situation.

"I respect her for doing what she did but the authorities could not support her and she gave up," she said.

## Nhlangano court without water for a whole day

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

THE Nhlangano court building was on Tuesday left without water for almost the whole day following the upgrading of the Benguni Street.

On Tuesday, judiciary officers and other staff members from the justice ministry based in the region had no water.

Some even thought that the infamous Mbabane water rationing had also hit the region. The government employees at the court building had to find alternative place to answer to the call of nature.

After sometime, it was realised that the water services personnel had disconnected the water to the building for the work to progress seamlessly.

There have been interruptions experienced even by other sectors since the project started.

Telephone lines and electricity were some of the services that at

times would be disturbed as a result of the ongoing project.

The tarring of the Benguni Street is a project worth over E6 million and it was expected to be complete by June.

"Water is life as the work we do require us to drink now and again. Court had to adjourn after I realised that there was no water and was not even aware when it will be restored. When such happens, you cannot use the toilets, for instance. We should have at least been alerted that there was to be disruption," said a judiciary officer. Members of the public who had come to the courts for various reasons were also affected by the unavailability of water.

Those who wanted to use toilets were advised to go elsewhere. "We should have at least been alerted that there will be such disruptions and we could have found other alternative such as filling the drums during the temporary disconnection," commented another staff member.



**NECESSITY:** Water is a need for all human beings.

## UNISWA student takes baby daddy to court over laptop

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Matsapha

A University of Swaziland (UNISWA) student has taken the father of her child to court for allegedly damaging her laptop during an argument that ensued between them at Kwaluseni campus.

Menzi Dlamini, who is the accused in the matter, was taken by Nothando Mnisi to court where he was charged with malicious injury to property.

According to court records, on March 14, Dlamini while at UNISWA Kwaluseni campus, smashed an HP laptop worth E5 500 by throwing it on the floor.

During his court appearance at the Matsapha Magistrate Court, Dlamini who is self-employed said the com-

plainant was his wife and had a child together.

The accused informed the court that they lived separately with Mnisi as she was still pursuing her studies at the higher institution of learning.

When asked if the accused was also a student at the university, he said he was not.

Dlamini told the court that he was self-employed as he built houses for a living. Dlamini was remanded back to police custody until next Tuesday pending trial on May 24.

Dlamini asked for bail, which was not

opposed. The magistrate granted the accused bail fixed at E2 000 under the condition that he does not interfere with the complainant and does not commit a similar offence while out on bail.



## Lavumisa ruler thankful to royal family

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Qomintaba

ELDERS of Qomintaba, the main royal residence of Lavumisa ruler Chief Gasa WaNgwane are thankful to Their Majesties for allowing members of the royal family to be part of the recent buganu ceremony.

This year's ceremony, which was held on April 2, was the sixth edition and it was graced by Prince Bukhosi, who delivered a key note address.

Others that participated included leaders of various regiments such as Indvuna Yembali Nonduduzo Zubuko as well as representatives from many other sectors that were associated with cultural activities.

Vusi Ndlovu, who is the senior headman, said they remained indebted to the country's leaders as

the presence of Royalty in the event meant a lot to Lavumisa's leadership.

"We felt honoured and humbled by the presence of royalty at our recent cultural event. They attended the occasion for the very first time since it started six years ago. This year's ceremony is to be remembered as an eventful one, which we are not going to forget," said Ndlovu.

Ndlovu said the presence of members of the Royal family meant a lot to the leadership of Lavumisa and the community in general and it was encouraging.

"I can tell you now that in future this event would be attended by more important people.

"It was indeed a blessing and we still don't have better words to use in thanking the country's authorities for sanctioning the prince to be part of this event. It is now also a chal-

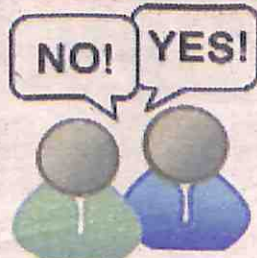
lenge as this means when preparing next year's event, we should make sure we do it thoroughly. As we have seen that we are supported by Royalty, it means we will have a bigger and better event next year. It's a homework to us that we need to up our game next time," said Ndlovu.

Ndlovu said such events should be encouraged in all communities as it was one way of unifying the nation.

"Cultural activities are nation building and it's encouraging to see the Royal family involved even at community level," said Ndlovu.

The headman also thanked the community for being supportive in a number of ways, including during the preparation stage.

"Again, the good behaviour everyone showed should be applauded. Our visitors never complained of anything and this is maturity on the part of the residents," said Ndlovu.



# FEATURES & OPINION

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## MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELO MAHLALELA

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The National HIV and AIDS Information  
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SWAZILAND has a generalized epidemic and identifies women and girls, the youth, sex workers, men who have sex with other men, prisoners and mobile populations as key populations at a higher risk of HIV infection.

Although it is acknowledged that injecting drug users exist, there is limited data on their size and contribution to new HIV infections.

The country has alarming HIV incidence rates of 4% for adolescent girls aged 18-19 years and young women aged 20-24 years (though among adolescent boys aged 18-19 years and young men aged 20-24 years, the HIV incidence is at 1% and 2%, respectively) as indicated by the Swaziland HIV Incidence Measurement Survey (SHIMS).

Despite this concerning statistics, the reality is that the country's youth still represents the collective hope for the future of the entire Swazi nation. Accepting this reality, the National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA) has taken leaf from Franklin D. Roosevelt who said, "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future", and has for the past week, been consulting with young people from the country's four (4) regions with the aim of capturing their voices on what they believe can best address their needs towards ending AIDS by 2022. It is hoped that this will result in a better Swaziland.

Young people are at an increased risk for HIV exposure due in part to multiple transitions (for example, biological and psychological) and

## YOUNG KEY POPULATIONS, CHALLENGES THEY FACE IN HIV RESPONSE



Young people in one of the dialogues held at Sibane Hotel last week.

developmental tasks (e.g. establishing identity) in their period of the life span. Among young people, there are also key populations (to those most likely to be exposed to HIV or to transmit it) that bear disproportionate burdens of HIV and AIDS and are the most vulnerable. Young key populations in Swaziland include mainly, men who have sex with men (MSM), sex workers, and those in correctional facilities. Young key populations are at an increased risk of HIV infection compared to adults, due to cognitive, contextual and structural factors that increase their vulnerability to peer pressure, manipulation and exploitation or abuse by older people.

Even though young key populations' behaviors in the country are stigmatised and illegal, NERCHA realizes that their engagement is critical to a successful HIV response as they are key to the epidemic and key to the response. It is for this reason that, as part of the regional youth consultations, NERCHA with the support of her partners convened a special session to solicit their inputs on Ending AIDS, and their unique role and needs for HIV prevention.

### The global challenges of young MSM

■ They experience life stressors and high levels of victimisation based on sexual identity, that can lead to engagement in higher risk sexual and drug activities – which also makes practicing HIV prevention strategies challenging;

■ Compared to their heterosexual peer, young MSM have been found to have increased risk of depressive symptoms, anxiety disorders, suicidal indication and attempts;

■ Many experience homelessness or unstable housing as a result of being driven out of their family homes. Sometimes the situation extends to schools and institutions of higher learning, where MSM are stigmatised and even expelled for their sexual orientation;

■ Stigmatisation, discrimination and homophobia often leads to difficulty with developing a positive self-identity. Also, because their behaviors are pronounced as illegal, and therefore connote possible legal consequences (such as imprisonment) or fear of punishment, the result is that the young MSM often suffer harassment and delay access to services such as treatment and care.

### The global challenges of young sex workers

■ Unprotected Sex – This is an important factor for negative health outcomes among young people and evidence shows that young age is associated with more frequent unprotected sex among young sex workers, often due to lower levels of education, knowledge and risk perceptions. Imbalance in relationship power hinders ability to negotiate safer sex, compounded by adolescent aspirations for love and protection.

■ Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) – The prevalence of STIs is also higher in younger

sex workers than in older ones. The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is a common STI that causes cervical cancer and other anogenital cancers.

■ Reproductive Health – Unintended pregnancies and therefore risks for both mother and baby, may lead to the termination of pregnancy (which is itself, illegal)

■ Sexual Assault – Young sex workers are likely to require sexual assault services, including access to post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) as issues of violent rape are rampant.

■ Mental Health – The stigma, discrimination, social exclusion and victimisation experienced by young sex workers often substantially leads to cases of depression, suicide, and drug use.

■ Substance Use – Drug use and experimentation are common in adolescence, therefore young sex workers may initiate substance use to self-medicate against anxiety associated with group behaviors, or associated negative experiences. Substance use may increase sexual desire, lower inhibitions and repair decision-making.

### Special Session on HIV prevention for young key populations in Swaziland

The special session held at the George hotel on Friday, 8th April provided a forum for the young key populations to lend their voice to Ending AIDS in the country. Among the many issues they submitted for consideration were:

■ The country has a general lack of commodities needed by key populations in order to practice their

prevention options, which unfortunately plays a major role in the spread of HIV. It was suggested that NERCHA facilitates the purchase of commodities such as flavored condoms, water based lubricants and dental dams to be distributed to the MSM community through their community based organisations that include: House of Our Pride, Rock of Hope and HealthPlus 4 Men.

■ There is also need to fast-track the introduction of the bio-medical prevention approach that is pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP);

■ There is need to ensure the availability of health information that is relevant to the needs of MSM community, including HIV testing services for MSM partners – where there is need to make the tools used for pre-testing accommodative of the MSM community by making the language user friendly.

■ There is need to pay close attention to early childhood care and development as many children show at an early age, an inclination towards gender roles that are perceived to be reserved for the opposite sex, and most often, these children are ridiculed to an extent of making them withdrawn and thus marginalised.

As Kofi Annan said, "Young people should be at the forefront of global changes and innovation. Empowered, they can be agents for development and peace. If, however, they are left on society's margins, all of us will be impoverished. Let us ensure that all young people have every opportunity to participate fully in the lives of their societies."

It is hoped that the National HIV Prevention Indaba for Young People in Swaziland held on Wednesday 13 April, at the Royal Swazi Sun's Convention Centre will provide the catalyst for finally embracing young people's idiom of "nothing for us, without us" and lead to interventions that are informed by young people's stated needs, including young key populations.

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## ON THIS DAY

...APRIL 14

- 1611 - Word "telescope" is 1st used (Prince Federico Cesi).
- 1629 - England & France sign Peace of Susa.
- 1828 - First American Dictionary: its author Noah Webster registers its copyright for publication.
- 1865 - US Secret Service created to fight counterfeiting.
- 1865 - President Abraham Lincoln is shot by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theater.
- 1906 - US President Theodore Roosevelt denounces "muckrakers" in US press, taken from John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress.
- 1910 - President Taft begins tradition of throwing out ball on opening day.
- 1910 - Pan American Union forms.
- 1912 - RMS Titanic hits an iceberg at 11.40pm off Newfoundland.
- 1919 - Following Gandhi's nonviolent methods, Muslim and Hindu protest British rule; British troops fire on the crowds, killing 400.
- 1940 - Allied troops land in Norway.
- 1944 - Gen Eisenhower becomes head commander of allied air fleet.
- 1948 - A flash of light is observed in crater Plato on Moon.
- 1961 - Cuban-American invasion army departs Nicaragua.
- 1962 - Demonstration for sovereign status of New-Guinea in Amsterdam.
- 1962 - Georges Pompidou becomes Prime Minister of France after the resignation of Michel Debré.
- 1967 - General Gnassingbé Eyadéma becomes president of Togo.
- 1971 - President Nixon ends blockade against People's Republic of China.
- 1981 - 1st Space Shuttle-Columbia 1-returns to Earth.
- 1986 - Desmond Tutu elected Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town.
- 1992 - UN imposes embargo against Libya takes effect.
- 1999 - A severe hailstorm strikes Sydney, Australia causing A\$1.7 billion in insured damages, the most costly natural disaster in Australian history.
- 2002 - Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez returns to office two days after being ousted and arrested by the country's military.
- 2003 - US troops in Baghdad capture Abu Abbas, leader of the Palestinian group that killed an American on the hijacked cruise liner the Achille Lauro in 1985.
- 2013 - 20 people are killed in attacks in Mogadishu, Somalia.
- 2013 - Justin Trudeau, son of long-serving Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, is elected leader of the Liberal Party of Canada.
- 2015 - The oldest stone tools, at 3.3 million-years old, are found at Lomekwi 3, Kenya.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



1975 Veronika Zemanová, Czech model



1980 Ben Wells, American actor



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## THE YOUTH AND HEALTH RELATED HUMAN RIGHTS

In a bid to empower local girls so they may avoid falling into the clutches of abuse, child marriages, teenage pregnancy, HIV and AIDS and many social ills that they have to contend with, Women and Law Southern Africa (Swaziland Chapter) in conjunction with the United States Ambassador's Community Grants on Adolescents has embarked on a year long youth empowerment pilot programme to be carried at Emhlangeni area, near Bhunya.

This programme will see the area's youth, especially girls actively taking part in a number of initiatives that will help inform, educate and as well as entertain them on the above mentioned issues and how they can steer clear from falling victims.

The programme that was recently launched at the area will also help increase the adolescents' awareness on health related human rights issues which include stigma and discrimination. It seeks to further ensure meaningful involvement and participation of adolescents in national HIV and AIDS policy formulation while also empowering them with education, knowledge and skills that will enable them to insist on safer sex, prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV.

The adolescents, during the programme will also debate and discuss in order to understand HIV and human rights policies and cultural practices that negatively affect them, while also creating campaigns and building community youth ambassadors for change leadership session at community level.

This is done in appreciation of the fact that an empowered youth is able to delay sex and can stand up against practices that may negatively affect their future like early marriages and gender abuse.

Using vehicles like art, music, poetry and other means to convey positive messages to their elders on how they feel about such scourges, the youths will also conduct sensitisation activities like silent marches at community level to show their disapproval of abuse and violence against children.

They will also strive to provide community HIV and human rights education, establish community girls clubs, for the protection and promotion of adolescents' human rights and access to information and services for treatment and pre-

vention of HIV and conduct listenership and viewership clubs on issues affecting adolescents.

WILSA has established a wide network of paralegals in the country's four regions while also founding community girls clubs that work to promote and protect the rights of young girls



All this is being done under the auspices of the US Ambassador's Community Grants programme on adolescents which is aimed at reducing the vulnerability of such sectors of the populace to HIV infection and its consequences.

It is further aimed at filling the gaps that are so manifest, especially in the country's laws that continuously treat women as second class citizens. Women are not fully protected in the country, despite the fact that the constitution clearly accords them equal status to their male counterparts.

## Response

For example, currently there is no laws that promote a right based response to the HIV epidemic, resulting in a lack of support for health interventions that can create a supportive environment for groups that are vulnerable and affected by HIV including adolescents.

Furthermore, where policy reform has taken place, there are no enforcement and implementation mechanisms that seek to promote and protect human rights in relation to HIV and AIDS. As a result, there is then urgent need to immediately address the issue of human rights in the health care settings, stigma and discrimination and unequal access to care and support for adolescents.

It then becomes prurient that they (adolescents) are primarily educated about HIV related human rights and to actively raise awareness of such issues to ensure a better future for adolescents in the country.

Press reports in the country continue to highlight the rampant cases of abuse and violence meted out against women and girls in the

country despite many efforts to curb this scourge, and as a result, WILSA, through the vehicle of the Ambassador's grant has found it necessary that they empower girls at a relative young age to fully understand and comprehend such issues so they can stand up to perpetrators as they will be armed with knowledge and understanding of their rights.

## Issues

In this manner, they can report such issues even before they even take place to relevant structures which can then ensure that they get justice while the perpetrators are put in their rightful places.

For example, WILSA has established a wide network of paralegals in the country's four regions while also founding community girls clubs that work to promote and protect the rights of young girls. These initiatives are instrumental in reporting child abuse happening in the communities and the paralegals then link WILSA to such cases.

Through working with the paralegals, the young girls are educated on gender based violence and child abuse. The paralegals also work with families to ensure that the rights of girls are protected and fulfilled.

During the launch of the project, WILSA appealed to parents to release their adolescent children to partake in such activities as they were intended to ensure that they grow up to be empowered and informed citizens, and as a result can ably negotiate or even demand their rights among them safer sex, resistance to spousal abuse and many other issues that currently put women at a disadvantage.

But most importantly, such activities have a big role to play in the development of the community as a community that is free from

abuse and violence can thrive and even attract economic benefits for itself. As parents, we should ask ourselves what role we played if our children grow up to become abusers.

"We must ensure that children achieve their full potential and do not grow up to be wayward citizens. You can play this role by allowing the children to take part in such initiatives as they are for the betterment of their future," WILSA Director Xolani Hlatshwayo said.

She observed that these and so many other similar activities had a great potential to alleviate social ills like unemployment, HIV and AIDS, the *tibi tendu* syndrome and many others which have held the country backwards denying it of so many opportunities.

"As WILSA, we hope we will get your support in helping the children who are the future of this country to grow up and become respectable citizens that will neither condone nor practice gender abuse and violence against women and girls," she said.

## Initiatives

She said such an initiative was not only targeting school going children, but even those who were out of school after having completed and were awaiting opportunities to further their education. She also noted that the local umphakatsi, when it was informed about the project stressed the importance of seeing whatever that was taught being practiced in the wider community, adding that they fully embraced the project and acknowledged its importance.

"But most of all, such an initiative will strive to nurture independent women who will stand up for themselves even when they have lost their spouses. Women who will bring up children that will respect gender equity and rid the community of stigma, discrimination and other social ills which have since taken root in our society.

We believe there is no better way than to spread this gospel among our adolescents so they can grow up having fully embraced it and fully practice what they have learnt even during adulthood," she said.

The project is aimed at children from 10 to 18 years of age even though those who are above that but are still not employed are also welcome as there will also be an economical empowerment component in the year long programme.

# LIBERIAN TEACHERS THREATEN STRIKE OVER PROPOSED PROGRAMME

● Liberian school teachers are now threatening a nationwide strike if their government goes ahead with a proposed public-private education partnership

BY JAMES BUTTY

A battle is shaping up in the West African nation of Liberia over a proposed overhaul of the education system that the nation's teachers union has rejected.

Liberian school teachers are now threatening a nationwide strike if their government goes ahead with a proposed public-private education partnership. Samuel Johnson, senior secretary general of the National Teachers Association of Liberia says the teachers approved the strike resolution on Tuesday.

The government has signed a memorandum of understanding with Bridge International Academies, a low-cost nursery and primary private schools system that uses a technology-based approach to provide standardized education to students in developing countries.

**Poor student performance**  
Liberia's education minister, George Werner, told VOA the government is not privatizing the nation's public education system. Rather he said it is entering into a public-private partnership for education because the current poor performance level of Liberian schools requires drastic action.

But Johnson said the proposed partnership is not feasible, sustainable, and it violates Liberia's constitution and education laws.

**Lack of high tech infrastructure**

"Based on our research, we told him [Mr. Werner] that it was not feasible to have this Bridge International Academies come teach children using digital tablets.

Less than three percent of our population in Liberia has access to electricity. Also, we don't have Internet facilities in most of our schools. Kenya has a more advanced technology than us. They have 24-



Liberian school pupils.

**"The statistics are grim for us; we do not have sufficient trained and qualified teachers; our teacher attendance is poor, and the learning outcome for every student is dismal. So what we are trying to do is to leverage the best of the private sector in terms of management systems and accountability and governance to improve all of these elements and accelerate learning outcomes for our children wherever they are" Werner said.**

hour electricity and yet Bridge International Academies is under performing there," Johnson said.

Werner disagrees and says Liberia has the institutional set up for this technology-based type of learning.

"There are many parts of the country, from Maryland to Montserrado, to Grand Gedeh, Nimba, and Lofa, and Cape Mount where we have Internet connectivity. We haven't covered the country in full, but we are well on our way to doing so," Werner said.

**Low graduation rate**

About 1.5 million children are enrolled in primary school in Liberia, but the government said only 20 percent of the children complete 12th grade. Liberia's protracted civil war in the 1990s has also taken its toll on the nation's education system. In 2013, nearly 25,000 students failed the University of Liberia entrance exams.

Education Minister Werner said the government cannot continue to have students trapped in schools that are not working for them.

"The statistics are grim for us; we do not have sufficient trained and qualified teachers; our teacher attendance is poor, and the learning outcome for every student is dismal. So what we are trying to do is to leverage the best of the private sector in terms of management systems and accountabil-

ity and governance to improve all of these elements and accelerate learning outcomes for our children wherever they are," Werner said.

**Teachers want more support**

But Johnson said Liberia cannot continue to run its school system on a trial and error basis. He said there's no plan for sustainability of the partnership after the five-years being proposed for the pilot project. In addition, Johnson said the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf government is slated to leave office in two years.

Johnson rejected criticism that teachers are resisting change and that they are partly to blame for the underperforming of Liberia school children. He said the problem is the lack of training and equipment and general overall funding for the current education system.

"Right now there are no textbooks in most of the schools. The very University of Liberia that is supposed to be training teachers to go and teach at the high school level, the labs are not equipped; the majority of our high schools do not have access to laboratory for students to be able to do research; biology, chemistry, and physics teachers find it very difficult. This is why most of the students are failing. But they are trying to deviate and find scapegoats, us," Johnson said.

**Pilot program**

The pilot project will start with about 50 schools. Teacher's lesson guide subject areas include: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Moral Education, according to the Memorandum of Understanding. Each teacher will be supplied with an e-reader tablet running Bridge's suite of operating systems and applications to which all lessons and the teacher resource library will be published.

But Johnson said the teachers have asked the national legislature to stop the education minister from implementing this project.

"We have taken the issue to the national legislature because it's a violation of our constitution, Article 6, and the education laws. We are waiting for reaction from the national legislature."

Johnson said the National Teachers Association of Liberia will call for a nationwide strike if the education minister continues to push for implementation of the public-private partnership in education.

"If he does not listen, that's the next option. There will be a nationwide strike if they continue to impose something that we know is the feasible, not sustainable, and it is a violation of our constitution and education laws," Johnson said.

## Wit & Wisdom

1. "A blanket could be used for anti-population-control purposes. Get naked and get under the blanket and I'll show you how it works."

— Jarod Kintz

2. What he was in FACT doing was moving the dirt around with a broom, to give it a change of scenery and a chance to make new friends."

— Terry Pratchett

3. "Get going. Move forward. Aim High. Plan a takeoff. Don't just sit on the runway and hope someone will come along and push the airplane. It simply won't happen. Change your attitude and gain some altitude. Believe me, you'll love it up here."

— Donald J. Trump

4. "Some people grumble that roses have thorns; I am grateful that thorns have roses." — Alphonse Karr

5. "Sometimes it takes a heartbreak to shake us awake & help us see we are worth so much more than we're settling for." — Mandy Hale

6. "Minds are like flowers, they only open when the time is right."

— Stephen Richards

7. "The discontent and frustration that you feel is entirely your own creation." — Stephen Richards

8. "Single" is an opportunity to live life on your own terms and not apologise." — Mandy Hale

9. "It's OKAY to be scared. Being scared means you're about to do something really, really brave."

— Mandy Hale

10. "When you're comfortable and content with who you are, the voices of others who try and define, control or direct you are not important."

— Rachel Robins

11. "Choice forms the divider which is responsible for the formation of all futures that can be possible."

— Stephen Richards

12. "To win the big stakes in this changed world, you must catch the spirit of the great pioneers of the past, whose dreams have given to civilisation all that it has of value, the spirit that serves as the life-blood of our own country — your opportunity and mine, to develop and market our talents." — Napoleon Hill

13. "Appreciate every little beautiful moment in every day of your life. Give it a try and you'll see the world from another perspective." — Thea Kristine May

14. "Success teaches us nothing; only failure teaches." — Hyman G. Rickover

15. "Don't step backward toward nothing, step forward toward something, better awkward steps forward, than coward steps backward." — Victoria Addino

16. "Saying thanks to the world, and acknowledging your own accomplishments, is a great way to feel good and stay positive." — Rachel Robins

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Prime Rate	10%
<b>First National bank</b>	
Inflation Rate	7.3%
<b>Central Statistical Office</b>	
Mortgage Rate	8.75%
<b>Swaziland Building Society</b>	
Bank Rate	6.5%
<b>Central Bank</b>	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
<b>Engen Garage</b>	

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Moving Forward

## SD reserves drop by 3.1% to E8.5 billion

By Manqoba Makhubu

**THE country's gross official reserves decreased by 3.1 percent from E8.8 billion in February 2016 to E8.5 billion at the end of March, 2016.**

The Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) attributed the decrease to payment of government's budgetary obligations.

Foreign exchange reserves are an important indicator of a country's ability to repay foreign debt in the short term and are used for currency defence. Reserves are also one of the factors used to determine a country's credit rating.

According to the CBS monthly statistical release the reserves were enough to cover an estimated 3.8 months of imports, slightly below the 3.9 months observed in February 2016, but somewhat higher than the 3.5 months

observed in the same month last year.

"When valued in special drawing rights, reserves amounted to SDR409.6 million reflecting a month on month increase of 3.1 percent, but they were 15.1 percent lower than recorded in March 2015," reads the report.

As of March 2016, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) had created and allocated to its members 204.1 billion SDRs, which was equivalent to about E4 218 billion (\$285 billion).

### Reserves

In January 2016, the CBS reported that the country's gross domestic reserves amounted to about E9.4 billion, saying that at this level the gross official reserves were enough to cover 4.2 months of estimated imports.

This means that between January and March 2016, gross official reserves decreased from

E9.4 billion to 8.5 billion, which is almost E1 billion.

Meanwhile, the CBS reported that credit to businesses amounted to E5.1 billion, 3.8 percent lower than in January 2016, and 9.7 percent lower than in February 2016.

### Reflected

"The mostly fall in credit to businesses was mainly reflected in the manufacturing sector (largely sugar and molasses as well as textiles and wearing apparels sub-sectors) which contracted by 24.2 percent," reads the report as part.

Other sectors which depicted a slow down included mining and quarrying, at -4.3 percent, real estate -3.9 percent, community social and personal services -3.6 percent, as well as construction -3.3 percent.

However, according to the report credit to the transport and communications as well as the

distribution and tourism sectors reflected growth of eight percent and 2.9 percent respectively.

The report said broad money supply or demand deposits at commercial banks, and any monies held in easily accessible accounts amounted to about E13 billion, which was 2.7 percent lower than in February 2016, but 14.2 percent higher than in the same month in 2015.

The growth of money supply is an important factor not only for acceleration of economic development, but also for price stability in the economy.

Thus, increase in money supply affected vitally the rate of economic growth. In fact it was now regarded as a legitimate instrument of economic growth, kept within proper limits it could accelerate economic growth, but exceeding of the limits might retard it.

## SEDCO fruit tree programme to enable circulation of about E73m

By Linda Dlamini

**SMALL Enterprises Development Company Limited (SEDCO) has encouraged Swazi households to take up fruit tree growing as it is a very lucrative business that could benefit households.**

Speaking during a seminar on the National Integrated Tinkhundla Fruit Tree Development Programme held yesterday at Esibayeni Lodge, SEDCO Managing Director Dorrington Matiwane said the programme seeks to stimulate local production of fruit tree development currently satisfied through imports to the value of E73 million.

"Imagine what could happen if that E73 million was to circulate in the country instead of being used to purchase imports" he said.

The managing director said the goals of the programme were the creation of critical mass of fruits through promoting profitable smallholder orchards.

"To equip children in schools and under care of national care points and churches with skills on fruit production for self reliance," he said.

"To facilitate the diffusion and adoption of new technologies for the production of value added products from fruits," he added.

Matiwane said this in turn would unlock agricultural and other business opportunities that could be carried out at household



**PRESENTATION: SEDCO Managing Director Dorrington Matiwane making his presentation about the National Intergrated Tinkhundla Fruit Tree Development Programme at the Sensitisation workshop for Members of Parliament at Sibayeni Lodge yesterday. (Pics: Mangaliso Dlamini)**



**REMARKS: SEDCO Board Chairperson Sharon Maziya making her remarks.**

level and awaken the spirit of entrepreneurship in the Kingdom.

He said this programme lever-

aged on the fact that a majority of Swazi households have the potential to participate in fruit production.

The programme was launched in October 2014 and the resource mobilisation for the programme was launched by Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini in May 2015, as a result sponsorships to the equivalent of 6 250 fruit seedlings had since been secured from various anchor sponsors.

Matiwane said the programme promotes collective production and marketing through the cluster approach.

"The programme is partly government and partly sponsor funded, and so can be best understood as a multi-stakeholder driven initiative," he said.

He said the programme utilised readily available resources economically to make profit by leveraging the prospects for exporting and processing of fruits.

However, he said they faced a number of limitations on the implementation of the programme which included amongst others resource mobilisation.

"Limited resources is slowing down the pace of implementation, however we believe that resource mobilization through public private partnerships is the way forward to alleviating limited resources problems," he said.

He added that local capacity to supply high value seedlings was also a challenge; therefore he said they intended to create a business model for viable business nurseries and further build capacity for Swazis to venture into the project.

# More than 200 entrants for 2015/16 Kickstart competition

By Manqoba Makhubu

SWAZILAND Beverages (SB) will next week announce the 60 finalists of the Kickstart competition who will receive training on putting together a business plan from over 200 entrants.

The eventual winners of the competition would be announced around July, 2016.

SB Corporate Affairs Officer Thandwa Dlamini said the company was thrilled to be contributing yet again to the establishment of innovative businesses that would boost the economy and life style of the nation.

"We are pleased to have received more than 200 applications this year and we are working with seven well established and experienced judges who are now scrutinising each business proposal and identifying the applicants who will move to the training and presentation phase," she said. She said the selection criteria was centred on the level of innovation and sustainability of the business proposal.

After the selection of the top 60, the entrepreneurs would receive an intensive business skills training which

serves as an introduction to business development, there after, they would be expected to present their business plans to the panel of judges.

Swaziland Beverages operates its corporate social investment (CSI) initiatives through a program called PROSPER which is responsible for the birth of Kick-start.

Dlamini said the company believed that shared prosperity was both the route to success for SB, and the core of their contribution to society, therefore they integrated societal issues into their business through five shared imperatives within the PROSPER program.

The company launched the Kick-start programme in 2010 as a platform to stimulate sustainable enterprise development amongst the youth aged between 18 and 35.

It was aimed to instil a culture of entrepreneurship and supporting youth owned businesses with the intention of growing them into high impact suppliers.

Since its inception, the competition has become one of the most prominent entrepreneurship development projects undertaken by a private sector company in the Kingdom, it has empowered more than 80 young people

with business skills and has enabled 24 fledging small businesses to be set up.

SB gives support to the winning businesses in the form of grants to "KickStart" their businesses or business ideas; however these are not in cash rather they purchase fixed assets for the business.

The company further provides ongoing business mentorship, which takes place over a period of 12 months.

"The focus is clearly on creating sustainable businesses and allowing budding entrepreneurs to develop their ideas into reality. On-going mentoring and monitoring of KickStart winners allows for an evolutionary improvement in their business practices, including performance management," said Dlamini.

## 2015/16 Panel of Judges

1. Nelisiwe Mabuza-Mkhabela
2. Pinkie Kunene-Magagula
3. Phumelele Motsa
4. Martin Dlamini
5. Barnabas Mhlango
6. Michael Zwane
7. Claudia Castellanos Roques

## There is need for policies that will promote wealth creation

By Linda Dlamini

COMMISSIONER of cooperatives Nonhlanhla Mnisi says the country needs to have an enabling cooperative societies policy and Act which will promote wealth creation and entrepreneurship as well as reduction of poverty and the unemployment rate.

Speaking during a seminar on the National Integrated Tinkhundla Fruit Tree Development Programme held yesterday at Esibayeni Lodge Mnisi said this would improve the support of small and medium enterprises in the country.

"To have pieces of Legislations like these that are in line with international standards is of great significance to the country as it fosters economic growth by virtue of attracting foreign direct investors who are attracted to an environment of entrepreneurship as it is through this that innovation is spurred," she said.

**PRESENT: Lubulini Member of Paliament Muzi Gwebu and Nkilonko Member of Pailiament Hans Steffen.**

Currently the policy and legislations in place are the Cooperative Policy, 2000 and Cooperative Societies Act No.5 2003.

Mnisi said both these policies were

not user friendly.

"The Policy does not spell out what we want to achieve and where we want to be as a cooperative movement," she said.



ATTENTIVELY: A section of dignitaries following the proceedings.

## ESWATINI KITCHEN CALLS FOR TOMATO SUPPLIERS

Stories by Sikhulisile Vilakati

**ESWATINI kitchen has opened new opportunity for farmers as the company requires a huge supply of gem tomatoes.**

Gem or Roma tomatoes are a new hybrid popularly used both for canning and producing tomato paste because of their slender and firm nature.

The company's Procurement and Extension Manager Vusie Nkambule said the company required more of these tomatoes for their tomato sauce production.

"We require those who produce those kinds of tomatoes to contact us," he said.

He said the current drought had resulted in a supply shortage of tomatoes in the country, their supply had also been strained.

Nkambule invited farmers who had the tomatoes to contact them so as to make arrangements and also verify if their

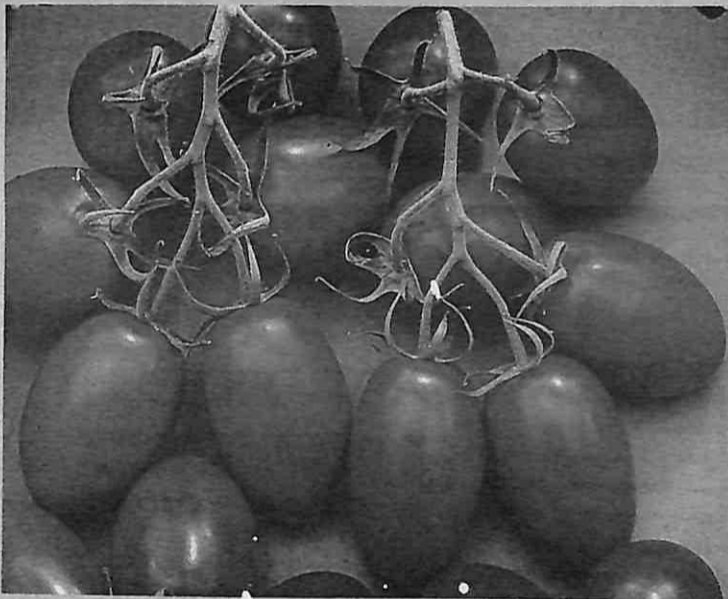
production met the required standards, since the company had passed a food safety certificate, the FSSC 22000 Food Safety System Certification which provided a framework for the effective management for food safety responsibilities.

"It is fully recognised by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) and is based on existing ISO Standards. It reflects company's or organization's robust Food Safety Management Systems that meets the requirements of customers and consumers," said Nkambule.

He said since they have attained the ISO certification they had to ensure that they get every produce from farmers that met the required standards.

"By engaging local farmers we also want to support local production and reduce importation," he said.

The company reportedly exports its products to about 15 international destinations including Europe, The United States of America (USA), Australia and Japan.



## ...Company received close to seven tonnes of honey last year

**LAST year Eswatini Kitchen received less than seven tonnes of honey.**

Eswatini Kitchen Procurement and Extension Manager Vusie Nkambule said the company has been a good market for honey bee farmers and would continue to support local honey producing farmers.

"We will continue to provide trainings for bee farmers, which cover food safety where we will teach them on how they should handle their harvesting and keep their honey clean all at times," he said.

As the nearing winter season is normally the harvesting period for bee keepers, Nkambule said all their systems were in place and ready to procure honey from local beekeepers.

He said their main market for honey was basically Japan,

where they required thousand tonnes of honey. However, he said their supply had been far below average to reach the required amount of honey.

"We urge beekeepers to come forward so that we can make arrangements on how we can work together," he said.

"We also want to have programs that would assist farmers to reach our requirement standards so that they can be able to sell their Honey to us," he added.

Nkambule said they will continue buying honey from farmers and provide them with clean white 20litres buckets so that farmers could use them to pack their harvested honey.

"By providing clean buckets we want to prevent contamination from the used containers where you find that the container had muck," he said.

# MTN's Nhleko plans exit amid Nigeria fine optimism

CAPE TOWN - MTN [JSE:MTN] Group Executive Chair Phuthuma Nhleko, who returned to lead the African wireless company's negotiations over a record \$3.9bn fine in Nigeria, is moving forward with plans to step down in May, according to a person familiar with the matter, a sign he's confident a resolution will be reached by then.

Nhleko won't step away from his operational role until he comes to an agreement with the Nigerian attorney general, said the person, who asked not to be identified because the plans are private.

In November, the chair agreed to run MTN for six months in order to 'proactively deal' with Nigerian

authorities after chief executive Sifiso Dabengwa resigned, Nhleko said at the time.

The plan for an on-time departure suggests an end is in sight for a murky, months-long crisis that's gutted the share value of Johannesburg-based MTN by one-third. Getting it solved has been the top priority of Nhleko, who ran MTN as CEO for almost nine years until 2011.

The company proposed a \$1.5bn package in March that included 150 billion naira (\$754m) in cash plus incentives. The Nigerian government hasn't formally responded, though some lawmakers have called for even bigger fines. The government hasn't taken a position on the MTN offer

and is still fielding responses from stakeholders, Abubakar Malami, Nigeria's minister of justice and attorney general, said at a parliament hearing on Tuesday.

## Position

"No negotiation has taken place yet," Malami said. "We asked that MTN should put their position on paper, which they did, and we circulated to stakeholders."

MTN spokesperson Chris Maroleng declined to comment.

There's a shortlist of three candidates to become the new CEO, according to the person familiar with the matter. Two are from within MTN and one is external, the person said.

MTN was hit by the penalty in October for missing a government deadline to disconnect 5.1 million subscribers who were declared unregistered following a crackdown on security in the country.

The fine was later reduced by 25% from an original \$5.2bn. While the lower amount equates to almost three times MTN's 2015 net income, a spokesperson for the West African country's House of Representatives said in March the original levy should be doubled to \$10bn.

In its annual results issued on March 3, MTN said it was engaged with Nigerian authorities as it seeks an amicable resolution, and that traders in its securities should exer-



**STEPPING DOWN:** MTN Group Executive Chair Phuthuma Nhleko.

cise caution until the matter is resolved.

The company paid 50 billion naira to a government "recovery account" in February toward an eventual settlement, a payment that has been criticised by some lawmakers. The board plans to appoint a new group CEO in the second quarter.

*Bloomberg News*

## No BRICS bank job for Nene after all

JOHANNESBURG - As applications for the job Nhlanhla Nene was promised appear to be closed, the fired former finance minister seems to have moved on.

Speaking to eNCA earlier this week, Nene revealed that he had taken a job in the private sector, but was keeping mum about the details.

After being replaced by two ministers within a week last December by President Jacob Zuma, Nene was announced as South Africa's nominee to head the Africa regional centre for the Brics-operated New Development Bank (NDB) in Johannesburg.

Four months later, the bank has yet to announce whether the position has been filled. But Nene is waiting no longer. He told eNCA his 'gardening leave' would soon come to an end.

The EFF has accused Zuma of misleading the nation with regards to Nene's axing. "The EFF notes reports that former finance minister Nhlanhla Nene has accepted a job offer in the private sector as a clear indication that Zuma deliberately misled and deceived the nation," said the party.

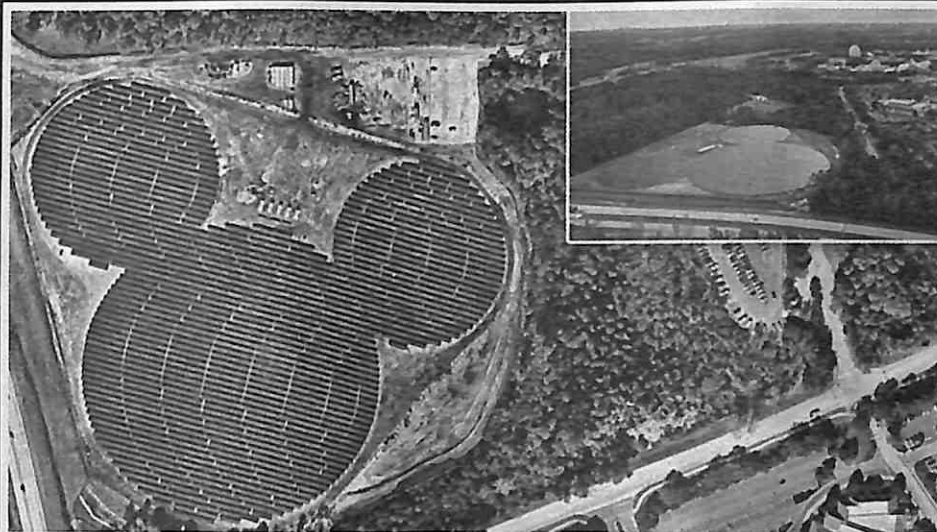
"The president removed him, yet the country has learned that Nene will now be working in the private sector and not as head of the BRICS Bank, as Zuma explained."

This was, according to the EFF, a further demonstration that Zuma did not take his oath of office seriously and disregarded the intelligence of the people of South Africa.

*The Citizen*



**NO JOB:** Nhlanhla Nene.



**SOLAR FARM:** A 22-acre solar farm in the shape of Mickey Mouse's head has been unveiled at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida. Duke Energy is leasing the land from Disney and powering the resort and other hotels in the area in exchange. With 48,000 solar panels, the massive solar farm can be seen from space, Disney officials claimed. The project is the latest eco-friendly venture for both companies, as Duke Energy plans to build more farms. Disney is looking to boost its environmental credentials and plans to switch the company's buses to a lower-emission fuel. (Daily Mail)

## Without an auditor, Oakbay faces being delisted

JOHANNESBURG - The Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) is keeping 'a close eye' on Oakbay Investments to ensure it complies with legislation governing listed companies after KPMG has refused to audit the company in future.

Brothers Atul and Varun Gupta were directors of Oakbay until they stepped down last Friday.

Auditors KPMG severed their relationship with Oakbay Investments as the risk of being associated with the company due to the controversy surrounding the Guptas was too great.

Reports have alleged that the brothers have held influ-

ence over politicians, and have been said to have offered ministerial positions.

As Oakbay is a listed company, it has to be audited annually in terms of JSE listing requirements and the Companies Act.

Andre Visser, general manager of Issuer Regulation at the JSE, said: Listed companies need the services of an auditor when they issue their annual financial statement once per annum and in certain cases for interim and provisional financial statements. "This ensures that the information is reliable to assist investors make informed investment decisions." Without annual audits, the JSE would be

legally obliged to delist them from the exchange, he explained. It is unclear if Oakbay has been able to find new auditors as its CEO, Nazeem Howa, had not responded to queries. Visser said: "The JSE is keeping a close eye on the Oakbay group's compliance with the listings requirements and will ensure that the appropriate announcements are made." Three banks have also stopped offering services to the Guptas and their companies. Asked if it would consider reopening banking accounts with Oakbay Investments following the brothers' resignations, FNB remained mum. *TMG Digital/The Times*

## SA households getting poorer, may become govt's problem

JOHANNESBURG - South African households are poorer than they were two years ago and if the economic conditions remain difficult, the middle class might be forced to seek assistance from government.

A study done by Momentum and the University of South Africa (UNISA) showed that the real net wealth of local households in 2015 has decreased by R6 302 to R386 115 since 2013.

"This was mainly due to a decline in real assets per household (that decreased to an estimated R466 948 in 2015 from R480 558 at the end of 2014) and an increase in the number of households," read the study released yesterday.

"Momentum/UNISA estimates that real household net wealth decreased to R6.287-trillion in the fourth quarter of 2015 - this is R45.1-billion lower than a year before in quarter four of 2014.

"This decrease means that real household net wealth contracted in three of the four quarters of 2015 - and ended the year at a level just above that registered in quarter one of 2014."

According to the study, the decline meant that households needed to continue cutting their expenses. Households would also be forced to review their future lifestyle expectations by adjusting their saving and retirement targets, it was recommended.

*TMG Digital/Sowetan*



**RIVIEW:** Households would also be forced to review their future lifestyle expectations by adjusting their saving and retirement targets, it was recommended. (Thinkstock)

# MMM: PYRAMID SCHEME, STOKVEL OR WEALTH REVOLUTION?

CAPE TOWN – If MMM Global SA is a stokvel and not a pyramid scheme, as claimed by some of its members on Tuesday, then it needs to be a member of the National Stokvel Association of South Africa (NASASA) or a similar body and conform to its rules.

That's the message from the National Consumer Commission's (NCC) Trevor Hattingh, who investigated the alleged pyramid scheme in 2015.

"In 2015 the NCC conducted an assessment of the business models and practices of MMM together with that of eight other savings or investment schemes," Hattingh told Fin24. "The purpose of this assessment was to establish if any of the schemes were contravening the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act."

"The NCC has been working with the South African Police Service on this matter and therefore on completion of its initial role (assessment), handed it over to the SAPS (Hawks) for further assessment."

"We found something, but we're not going to disclose that," he told the Cape Times. "We're still working with the Hawks."

"There is an inquiry that has been opened," said Hawks spokesperson Hangwani Mulaudzi, according to the Cape Times on Wednesday. "We're having a slight challenge in the fact that the scheme is being run through the internet."

"We've enlisted the help of the (police's) cybercrimes unit and the Financial Intelligence Centre. Another challenge is that we have not received any complaints from the investors. We want to encourage them to come forward."

After news emerged that MMM Global's Republic of Bitcoin collapsed over the weekend, the South African wing of MMM said its system is not a Ponzi or pyramid scheme and is not affected by the crash.

The SA platform said its members are encouraged to donate money to others by rewarding them with the bitcoin-linked virtual currency, mavros, in return, which they can withdraw in rands. They can apparently get 30% return on their rand investment by doing so. According



NEEDED: Russian convict and founder of MMM Sergey Mavrodi.



to a City Press report on Sunday on MMM, the Consumer Protection Act describes a pyramid scheme as any business model that promises an investor an annual interest rate of 20% above the repo rate, which is currently at 7%.

MMM Global SA participant M Makgato told Fin24 on Tuesday that MMM "is not an investment, it's a stokvel where people donate money to each other."

There's no day where (Russian MMM founder Sergey) Mavrodi gets access to the money because the money is within the members."

Another local MMM member N Zondi wrote: "MMM has never been an investment and is 100% transparent to place it as a strong WARNING on every of its websites that it is NOT an investment. MMM solely is a donation platform whose success/failure relies solely on its participants providing and getting help from themselves."

"In MMM, we say THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES. But no one will join you if they know they will get nothing back in return."

"It is a normal thing for every company/organisation to continuously get inflows (new clients, product sales, advertisement, marketing teams) to ensure it continuously 'LIVE'."

"The same applies in MMM. If everyone wants to be paid it is simple!! We need to keep the donation fuel on (old participants re-donating and new participants donating) at all times."

"So if we all want to be paid - consistent, knowledge-based ideology sharing must NEVER seize!! The day it seizes - then the 'NO GUARANTEE' clause becomes applicable!" News24

## Box where people save their money

MMM SA said 'it's a kind of common storage box where people save their money and then take it when needed'.

"There is no central account, where all the system money flows to ... All the money is only on the banking accounts of the participants themselves!"

As MMM is strongly opposed to conventional banking and regulations, it is unlikely it can fall under a stokvel. So if it's not a stokvel, then what is it?

According to Financial Times journalist Izabella Kaminska, "in its previous incarnations, the

MMM scheme depended on its own parallel currency, the mavros, for storing and clearing value. The latest MMM Global scheme (which collapsed on the weekend), however, turned to bitcoin for both payments processing and value preservation. Mavrodi has in the past claimed that the MMM scheme has been

a key influencer of the bitcoin price. So far the price of bitcoin appears to be unaffected."

City Press consumer journalist Maya Fisher-French said that, based on the information provided on the website, MMM Global SA follows a classic pyramid structure.

"The participants (of MMM SA) derive their income or returns primarily for the recruitment of new members."

In other words, the returns are not based on investments or the selling of any product, but on money paid by new people joining.

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The philosophy is that you offer assistance by paying a joining fee.

Using a simplistic example, if all members pay R1 000 to join and the monthly return is 20% (R200), then as a new member, you pay R1 000 to 'assist' other members.

This R1 000 would be divided among five existing members, giving them each R200. The next month, you receive 'assistance' and a portion of the next new members' joining fee is

allocated to your account.

In this basic example, you would need one new member per five existing members to keep the scheme afloat just to meet a 20% return – let alone the 100% return. For example, once there are 10 000 members, for each

member to receive their 20%, a further 2 000 members would have to be recruited the next month.

As they join, so the speed of recruitment has to increase.

Now you have 12 000 existing members and need 2 400 new members the next month, 2 880 the following month and then 3 456 new members, and so on.

This is a compounding effect and hard to maintain.

MMM uses a virtual currency called mavro (based on the surname of the founder), which is purchased via the official virtual Bitcoin currency." News24

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## However, is it possible than MMM is neither a stokvel nor a pyramid scheme?

MMM believes that 'there is a lie around us,' it states on its website. 'A huge, continuous, monstrous, embellishing lie.'

Its message is clear: 'A new fair financial system will be established! Financial Apocalypse! That's the only thing that can break our financial chains and save us all.'

South Africa's

high unemployment rate and high levels of poverty could not be a more perfect place for such a message.

The concern, however, is that if MMM is a pyramid scheme, then when the mavros run out and the MMM members stop donating money, the poor will be the first to lose out.

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## ...IF IT'S A STOKVEL

HATTINGH told Fin24 that if MMM is a stokvel then it must be a member of NASASA, or a similar body, approved by the registrar of banks, in writing.

"Stokvels are regulated in South Africa, and are therefore legal," he said. "There are certain requirements involved for approval such as having a constitution, having a scheme bank account and being a member of NASASA."

"Because stokvels are legal and regulated in South Africa, their par-

ticipants have recourse in the event that anything should go wrong with it."

The MMM SA website describes its scheme in a way that resembles a stokvel, which is "a society formed to hold regular parties that are funded by the members and generate profits for the hosts."

Khaya Buthelezi's tweet shows how the bitcoin rewards system works: while you all are dissing #MMM. Check the statement from a colleague. ??????

# Focus on SA scene

## ANCWL PROTECTS ZUMA, ATTACKS MANUEL, RAMOS'

JOHANNESBURG - Trevor Manuel, his "match made in heaven" with Mario Ramos, and their wedding at one of Anton Rupert's "lavish vineyards in Stellenbosch" were raised in the African National Congress Women's League's (ANCWL) statement of support for President Jacob Zuma.

It also, while calling Public Protector advocate Thuli Madonsela "honourable", said it demands "a more objective and less populist person who will campaign against government and its people but defend principles of the structures".

In the statement, secretary-general Meekgo Matuba said the league had "forgiven our leader" and it remains "remain resolute to

defend and guard the revolution against those who master behind the scenes in dividing and ruling the people of South Africa led by the African National Congress".

In what appeared to be an outlet for frustration "boiling quietly inside", Matuba on Tuesday said: "Some of us knew the day would come for truth to burst, in as much as it was heaped up." The truth, Matuba ventured, was "that our war for equality and economic prosperity is still brewing".

"It remains a mystery as to what extent the rule of law applies and

to whom.

"It remains unjust that, after 22 years of dispensation, we still find unfair, unjust rule of the many institutions that have sucked us of ourselves and even continues to cause deep, scarred divisions amongst us."

Despite

Matuba said, that despite Madonsela's having "proclaimed to investigate" the "CIEX report commissioned by the apartheid government which implicates Absa (Bankorp) in apartheid corruption worth more than R3-billion... to this day apartheid crimes remain unpunished and

Absa Bank continues to operate with no penalties attached". She noted that "the Rembrandt Group headed by Anton Rupert... also called for President Jacob Zuma to resign after the Constitutional Court ruling made by Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng" as did former Finance Minister Trevor Manuel.

"Many forget, or perhaps are not aware, that in the early 2000s, Barclays Group Ltd started negotiating with our government to buy Absa Bank Limited," said Matuba, adding that "there was an outcry" as "Barclays was involved in funding the apartheid military with billions to kill ANC operatives, PAC/Azapo combatants and civilians". *News24*



**STRONG FACIE CASE:** Democratic Alliance Leader Mmusi Maimane.

### 'Hansard excerpts a strong prima facie case that Zuma misled Parly'

CAPE TOWN - Saying that "lying to the National Assembly is a very serious breach of the Rules of Parliament", Democratic Alliance leader Mmusi Maimane called for a "multi-party parliamentary committee to investigate whether President Jacob Zuma misled" the house about Nkandla.

"While the president is not a member of Parliament per se, he is most certainly bound by the rules of the National Assembly when he appears in the house," the opposition leader said last night.

Maimane said Zuma had, "in a number of oral question sessions... between 2012 and 2015, ...refused to acknowledge that anything wrong had been done at Nkandla, suggesting that he had paid for the upgrades with a private mortgage, and that all of the upgrades were planned privately by his family".

His request to the speaker for a probe contained a "number of excerpts from the (parliamentary record) Hansard... for consideration".

These excerpts, he claimed, made it "clear... that there is at least a strong prima facie case that the president deliberately misled the National Assembly, to avoid scrutiny on the Nkandla matter".

"President Zuma has been running from the Nkandla saga for the better part of five years, dodging accountability, and refusing the take responsibility for the fact the he unduly benefited from public money to the tune of R250-million," Maimane said.

"While the African National Congress constantly protect this one man from accountability, I am committed to ensuring that no person can be above the law at the expense of the South African people, whether that be the president or not. *News24*

## ANC Women's League attacks Public Protector

JOHANNESBURG - In its continued defence of President Jacob Zuma, the ANC Women's League (ANCWL) took aim at his detractors in an open letter on Wednesday; specifically Public Protector Thuli Madonsela.

After accusing religious leaders of "political opportunism" when they called for Zuma to step down, the ANCWL zoomed in on former finance minister Trevor Manuel, his wife and Barclays Africa Group CEO Maria Ramos, and the Ruperts.

"We, the ANC Women's League remain steadfast in the course to stand and lead at the front to protect the African National Congress," secretary general Meekgo Matuba said in a statement.

Matuba said the ANCWL was critical of Madonsela personally, but still respected the office.

She claimed that in 2011, Madonsela proclaimed to investigate the Ciex report, which was commissioned by the apartheid government and implicated Absa bank in corruption. However, nothing had come of this investigation.

"We demand a more objective and less populist person who will not campaign against government and its people, but defend principles of the structures," Matuba said of Madonsela.

Anton Rupert had called for Zuma to resign following the Constitutional Court judgment which found he violated the Constitution for ignoring Madonsela's remedial action on his private Nkandla homestead.

Matuba claimed Rupert's Rembrandt Group had gained unlawfully from the apartheid government. *News24*

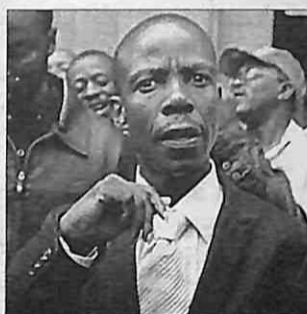
## 'I never went to heaven' - Prophet Mboro

JOHANNESBURG - Prophet Paseka Motsoeneng, also known as Prophet Mboro, has rejected claims that he went to heaven on Easter Sunday and had pictures taken with Jesus Christ.

Motsoeneng said because he had not yet died, there was no reason for him to have visited heaven. "If I had pictures of heaven, my whole family and church would have seen it. I would never insult Jesus like that," he said last night.

Pictures alleging to be of Motsoeneng in heaven reportedly appeared on a Facebook page created under his name. Someone claiming to be his spokesperson also allegedly said the pictures were for sale.

Motsoeneng has since reportedly said he was unaware of the person purporting to be his



**DENIES:** Prophet Mboro.

spokesperson.

Last night the Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities (CRL Rights Commission) laid criminal charges against Motsoeneng.

It said he had failed to comply with a summons to hand over audited financial statements during their investiga-

tion into him and his church, the Incredible Happenings Ministries, for commercialisation of religion.

The CRL reportedly said that reports circulating on social media about pictures of him in heaven were blasphemous and brought Christianity into disrepute. CRL Rights Commission chairperson, Thoko Mkhwanazi-Xaluva, said when the church's money was deposited into a personal account, the public had a right to know what happened to those funds.

"He is creating the image that he has something to hide... why doesn't he want to reveal the information that is required of him? He said his church is not a registered non-profit organisation," Mkhwanazi-Xaluva said.

*News24*

## GET REAL, AA TELLS SANRAL, OUTA

JOHANNESBURG - The Automobile Association has weighed in on the war of words that has erupted between Sanral and Outa, saying that the cost of the e-toll project is not the immediate issue.

After all, the money has been spent already, and all the mud-slinging, spin-doctoring and name-calling in the world won't make the Gauteng Freeway Improvement Project any cheaper.

The more urgent issue for Gauteng motorists, the association says, is the need to resolve the ongoing impasse regarding non-payment of e-tolls, especially in light of Sanral's recent

threats to issue summons to individuals and companies.

Outa firm on road rip-off claim  
"The issues raised by the Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse, and the subsequent response by the South African National Roads Agency Limited, are important, and speak to significant matters of collusion, price fixing, and corruption," it added, "but the association believes this is not the most immediate and pressing concern to South African motorists, especially those in Gauteng who use the GFIP roads."

"We acknowledge that the payment of e-tolls

is legislated but we cannot ignore the fact that a significant number of Gauteng road users are not paying their e-toll accounts.

"We believe this issue will eventually end in court where a decision on the validity of the debts is made."

### Motorists

This is what Gauteng motorists are concerned about now, and efforts to resolve this should be a priority for all concerned," the AA noted. The association reiterated its position that reserving a dedicated portion of the fuel levy was still the best funding model to pay for the GFIP, as the cost would not be amplified by administration and collection costs.

"We have said this many times before: the funding of roads is not the issue. *Iol*

# 'SOME PEOPLE LAUGH AT ME - OTHERS ASK TO BE BLESSED'

...meet the devout Muslim, 13, suffering from 'Werewolf Syndrome' who is revered by villagers in Indonesia as a GOD

**JAKARTA** - An Indonesian teenager suffering from a rare condition known as 'Werewolf Syndrome' has rejected medical treatment and says villagers revere him as a Hindu God.

Muhammad Raihan, 13, is covered in hair up to three inches long across all parts of his body, including his face and back.

But the student, who also faces name-calling from some peers who liken him to Hindu monkey god Hanuman, claims it is a blessing from God.

Muhammad Raihan, 13, suffers from a condition known as 'Werewolf Syndrome' which sees him covered with an unusual amount of hair.

The devout Muslim from Indonesia claims his appearance is a blessing from God and refuses to be medicated.

He says some in the village laugh at him, but many others consider him a god and ask to be given a blessing.

The devout Muslim, who lives with his widowed mum and four siblings in Mamburing village in North Kalimantan, said: "I am not bothered with such attention - some people laugh at me, others just come to me for a blessing."

"Sometime people would flock to my house from far-off villages to just have a glimpse of me. They think I am a god or have special powers, but this attention is okay because I know I look different."

His mother Pardan, who lost her husband Muslihah 10 months ago, took him to several doctors but she stopped medication after they said his hair would only grow longer and thicker with age.



**WEREWOLF SYNDROME:** Muhammad Raihan (pictured left and right), 13, is covered in hair up to three inches long across all parts of his body, including his face and back, but is revered as a god among the locals in his native village in Indonesia. The devout Muslim, who suffers from a rare genetic condition known as 'Werewolf Syndrome', claims his appearance is a blessing and hopes to one day become a cleric. (Daily Mail)

The 45-year-old said. "He had more hair on his body than my elder son but I was not worried as every child is different. However my concern grew when the hair grew longer and thicker."

"His father and I were worried about the excessive hair growth and took him to several doctors but none could treat him."

"Some did offer laser surgery but it was beyond our financial capacity so we stopped."

Pardan has instead instilled confi-

dence and faith in God in Raihan.

She says: "He is a gift of God and we believe his appearance is the will of Allah."

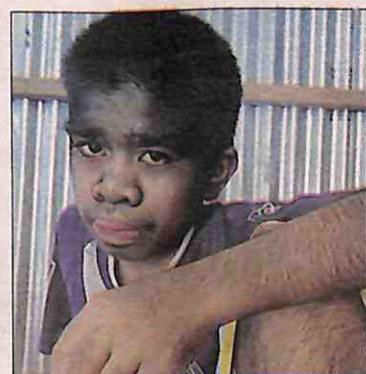
I have taught him to never complain about his condition but instead accept it with grace."

And for Raihan, who shares a room with his unaffected siblings, he feels blessed to have a distinct appearance

and wishes to serve as a mosque cleric in thanks.

"I am blessed by God and this makes me happy. I am his favourite child and want to serve him my whole life. "I don't want any medical treatment because I'm happy this way" The condition means all parts of the 13-year-old's body - including his head and back - are covered in hair. *Daily Mail*

- Muhammad Raihan has a genetic condition known as 'Werewolf Syndrome'
- Hair up to three inches long covers his face, neck, back, stomach and legs
- But the teenager does not mind his appearance as it is 'the will of Allah'
- The devout Muslim is revered as a Hindu god by many in his home village



**LAUGHING AT ME:** He says some in the village laugh at him, but many others consider him a god and ask to be given a blessing.



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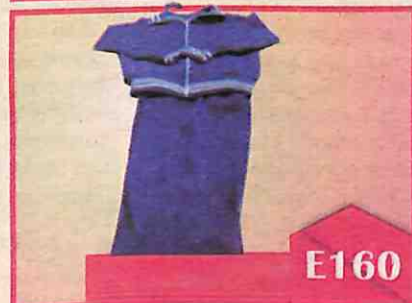
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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Namibia deports 32 Zimbabweans

**WINDHOEK** - Namibia has deported 32 Zimbabwean nationals who were arrested for offences which include illegal entry and working illegally in the country. The 32 were transported from Katima Mulilo to the Zimbabwean resort town of Victoria Falls by the Namibian Ministry of Home Affairs. They were immediately arrested on arrival by Zimbabwean authorities and slapped with a common charge of exiting the country illegally through ungazetted points. All of them pleaded guilty to the crimes which were committed between 2008 and February 2016. *Afp*

## Egyptian hijacker claims Cyprus asylum

**NICOSIA, CYPRUS** - A man accused of hijacking an EgyptAir plane and diverting it to Cyprus is expected to fight his extradition from the Mediterranean island after claiming asylum, authorities said. Authorities said that Seif al-Din Mohamed Mostafa, 58, is fighting his extradition by also applying for asylum to stay on the island. His asylum request is being reviewed by the immigration department while extradition proceedings go ahead. The suspect has asked for asylum and this procedure will run in parallel with the court hearing on extradition, an official source told AFP. *AP*

## Five killed in market attack

## NAIROBI -

Gunmen in Burundi killed at least five people and wounded seven when they opened fire on a market late on Monday, government officials said, the latest attack in the troubled country. The attack by unidentified insurgents took place in Burundi's eastern Ruyigi region, close to the border with Tanzania, local government district head Aloys Ngenzirabona said on Tuesday. "These criminals fired into the crowd before fleeing, they left a total of five dead and seven wounded," he said. *Afp*

## Kenya 'used tear gas against Taiwanese'

**TAIPEI** - Kenyan police broke through a police station wall and threw tear gas to force a second group of Taiwanese on to a plane bound for China on Tuesday, Taiwan's foreign ministry said, in a bizarre diplomatic row in which Taiwan has accused China of abduction. But a senior Kenyan official said the people were in Kenya illegally and were being sent back to where they had come from. Taiwan on Monday accused China, which regards the self-ruled island as a breakaway province, of kidnapping eight of its nationals, who it said had been acquitted in a cyber crime case in Kenya. *Reuters*

## I feel sorry for ANC Women's League

**JOHANNESBURG** - The ANCWL should focus on fighting for gender equality and inclusive development, instead of fighting wars which were not its own, Public Protector Thuli Madonsela told News24 on yesterday. "I really just think they are being misled. I think a lot of them are being used as proxies and I really feel sorry for them," she said after the ANC Women's League criticised her investigation of an apartheid-era banking scandal. Women shouldn't just be fighting for gender equality, they should be fighting for making sure that the state of South Africa is advancing everyone. *Afp*



## CHIBOK - Boko Haram may have abducted children and young women in Cameroon for sex exploitation and suicide bombing.

Internally displaced persons were also vulnerable to human trafficking by militant groups.

Yazan Imra, 18, was abducted from the Nigeria-Cameroon border town of Gambarou and taken to one of the terrorists' hideouts. For two years, Imra was sexually abused and is now a mother of a 16 month-old baby. She doesn't know the father of her child.

Since the insurgency began in the early 2000, thousands of young girls and boys have been abducted by Boko Haram militants. Many have been forcefully recruited as suicide bombers, domestic workers and many as sex slaves. "Boys serve as domestic workers and also trained on the

## 'BOKO HARAM ABDUCTED WOMEN, GIRLS FOR SEX'

use of guns and explosives," Imra told DW. "Girls we were sexually exploited and we also worked as cooks for the fighters," she added.

In the meeting of police chiefs in Cameroon's capital Yaounde last Friday (08.04.2016), it was revealed that thousands of women, children and men were trafficked from Cameroon, Central African Republic (CAR), Gabon, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Equatorial Guinea. The head of Interpol office for central African states,

Lawrence Oben Enow, confirmed that the victims were later turned into combatants, sex slaves and spies for the Islamist group.

## Rebels

"Women and children are either sold to rebels in the Central African Republic and Boko Haram terrorists in northern Cameroon or forced to join them," Enow said.

The United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), said in December 2015 that Boko Haram related violence

across the Lake Chad Basin has led to the increased number of refugees in the region.

At least 75 000 worst affected Nigerians are still hosted in Cameroon's Far North region and 82 000 internally displaced people affected by the spillover of the conflict to Cameroon since 2013.

The UN's children education fund UNICEF says more than 1 million children in northeastern Nigeria and its neighbouring countries cannot attend school due to insurgency. *All Africa*

## Girls in Nigeria are becoming killers

**ABUJA** - Girls captured by Boko Haram in Nigeria are volunteering to become suicide bombers because they can no longer bear the sexual abuse and constant hunger they suffer as prisoners.

Many of the young women take the shocking decision as a last resort to try and escape the jihadi group, even if it costs them their life.

Women who managed to escape Boko Haram have revealed that the young bombers don't believe in the radical ideology of the group but rather they want to run away from the nightmare conditions.

They would ask, "Who wants to be a suicide bomber?" The girls would shout, 'me, me, me.' They were fighting to do the suicide bombings,' Fati, a survivor of



**AIM: Abubakar Shekau who calls himself the 'Emir' of Nigerian Islamist group Boko Haram has spoken of his aim to create a Caliphate in Africa. (Daily Mail)**

Boko Haram, told CNN.

Fati said the militants turned up at her village, demanding to take the young girls to marry them off to their fighters. When the girls said they were too young, they

were seized by force.

She said some of the young girls living in Boko Haram's base in the Sambisa forest were from the large group of schoolgirls taken from Chibok.

She recalled the terrifying conditions inside the camps, which were regularly attacked by the Nigerian army, forcing the Islamists to move on a regular basis.

Boko Haram child suicide bombings have surged 11-fold in West Africa over the last year, with children as young as 8, mostly girls, detonating bombs in schools and markets.

Suicide bombings have spread beyond Nigeria's borders, with an increasing number of deadly attacks carried out by children with explosives hidden under their clothes or in baskets.

"The use of children, especially girls, as so-called suicide bombers has become a defining and alarming feature of this conflict," said Laurent Duvillier, regional spokesman for UNICEF.

"It's basically turning the children against their own communities by strapping bombs around their bodies," he said. *Daily Mail*

## Zim veterans withdraw Mugabe leadership mandate

**HARARE** - A group of war veterans claiming to be members of the Zimbabwe National Liberation Army (ZANLA) High Command and General Staff, said they were renouncing the Mgagao Declaration which ushered in President Robert Mugabe as the President of ZANU in 1976, saying they no longer recognised him as their leader.

The group, led by Parker Chipoyera, said it was the war veterans at Mgagao training camp in Tanzania who had agreed to endorse Mugabe as president in 1976 after falling out with then Zanu President, Ndabaningi Sithole. Thus, they claimed, they were entitled to withdraw the mandate from the nonagenarian leader.

"It is abundantly clear that Robert Mugabe was not elected, but selected to lead Zimbabwe's Armed Struggle.

## Empowerment law confusing investors

**HARARE** - Zimbabwe's black empowerment policy that aims to transfer majority shares from foreign-owned firms to locals is confusing potential investors and makes it hard to compete for foreign investment, President Robert Mugabe said.

The southern African nation passed an Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment Act in 2008, which forces foreign companies, including mines and banks, to transfer at least 51 percent shares to black

Zimbabweans.

But implementing the law has been steeped in controversy, with Mugabe's ministers often issuing conflicting statements on its implementation, further spooking foreign investors. For example, the finance minister said on April 2 foreign banks in Zimbabwe had submitted credible plans to comply with the empowerment law, conflicting the youth and empowerment minister who had said banks had not complied. *Reuters*

We, the war veterans who agreed to the authorship of the Mgagao document and appended our signatures to it, now withdraw the mandate we gave Robert Mugabe to be the leader," Chipoyera said.

He said the purported recent

meeting between war veterans and President Mugabe as their patron was a mockery to the former liberation war fighters and the country as a whole, as its outcome was predetermined. *Reuters*

## PRESIDENT DECLARES NATIONAL DISASTER AFTER DROUGHT

**LILONGWE** - Malawian President Peter Mutharika yesterday declared a state of national disaster due to food shortages caused by drought, in the latest sign of alarm over a hunger crisis across southern Africa.

"I declare Malawi (in) a state of national disaster following prolonged dry spells during the 2015/16 agriculture season," Mutharika said in a statement. *AFP*



**DECLARES: Malawian President Peter Mutharika.**

# World News

## Broken Paris bomber on suicide watch

PARIS - The first photograph of captured Paris ISIS attacker Salah Abdeslam has emerged showing the failed suicide bomber looking bearded and broken inside a prison in Bruges.

The terrorist has been described as a "model prisoner" and that guards have been checking on him eight times an hour for fear he might try to harm himself, according to local media Nieuwsblad who quoted a prison source and an investigation report on his reaction to life in prison.

Abdeslam is believed to have played a key role in the logistics of the Paris attacks, hiring the cars and renting the safe houses for the other members of the ISIS cell.

The former bar owner, whose brother Brahim blew himself up in a coffee shop in Paris, has grown a straggly beard and looks far from the preened image of his wanted poster. His face appears swollen and tired, with heavily dark bags underneath his eyes.

Abdeslam is thought to have grown a beard to disguise his clean cut appearance whilst he was on the run from the authorities for four months after the attacks in Paris, which left 130 people dead. Belgian media have quoted an intelligence report on Abdeslam which allegedly describes the prisoner as 'a very good boy' and 'an example for many other detainees in terms of behaviour.' "We do not have to report any negative comment about his doings. And his appetite is excellent," according to Nieuwsblad. The 26-year-old appeared to have changed his mind at the last minute on the night of the attack, choosing to dump his suicide vest and flee over the border to Belgium. Despite an international manhunt for the wanted jihadi, Abdeslam evaded security services until he was shot in the leg and arrested on 18 March. He had been tracked down to the Brussels' district of Molenbeek, where it is thought several of the terror cell had been living before they went to Syria.

Mohammed Abrini, Abdeslam's accomplice who helped drive him over the border, was arrested last week in Belgium.

He has reportedly admitted to being 'the man in white' who was filmed at Brussels airport walking alongside the two suicide bombers Najim Laachraoui and Ibrahim El Bakraoui. *Daily Mail*

## PUTIN ALLY IN UNESCO CRONY ROW IS FAVOURITE

...to take top job at United Nations when Ban Ki-moon steps down at the end of this year

KREMLIN - A former communist backed by Vladimir Putin has become the frontrunner to take over the United Nations as its first ever woman chief.

Irina Bokova, a Bulgarian who was educated in Moscow and is said to be a 'darling' of Putin, hopes to succeed Ban Ki-moon when he steps down at the end of this year.

However, the Daily Mail has obtained documents reflecting grave concern about her capacity to handle such an important job.

British diplomats have even demanded a fraud inquiry into an appointment made by the 63-year-old UNESCO chief.

The UK ambassador to the UN cultural body took the extraordinary step after Bokova tried to install an alleged crony as a deputy.

Leaked minutes of a private session of the Unesco board



'DARLING': Vladimir Putin and Irina Bokova.

reveal that Matthew Sudders launched a withering attack - sanctioned by Whitehall - on Bokova's decision to make Ana Luiza Thompson-Flores, an 'under-qualified' Brazilian civil servant, her assistant director-general for strategic planning.

Critics viewed it as a ploy to secure Brazilian support for Mrs Bokova's campaign for the UN job. The British

ambassador cited a suspicious embellishment of Thompson-Flores's CV and a job advert that was mysteriously rewritten to lower the post's criteria. At the meeting last April at Unesco's Paris HQ, Sudders declared: "As a UK civil servant, I have a duty to report all cases of possible or suspected fraud to our investigations department." *(Daily Mail)*



'HAS HER MAJESTY HAD SOME WORK DONE?': Lisa Wilkinson accuses the RBA of 'ageism' for picturing the Queen on the new \$5 note looking 'half her age'. Television personality Lisa Wilkinson has accused the RBA of being 'ageist' (inset) over the new \$5 note announced on Tuesday, which features 89-year-old Queen Elizabeth II (left) looking far younger (right). *(Daily Mail)*

## Saudi Arabia has money troubles

RIYADH - Saudi Arabia's long-term credit rating has been lowered with the plunge in oil prices having 'major negative implications' for the world's biggest crude exporter, according to Fitch Ratings.

The agency also noted increased tensions with long-time rival Iran and greater uncertainty over economic policy, now overseen by Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. Fitch downgraded the kingdom's credit rating to AA- from AA, which still denotes expectations of very low default risk. Fitch said it had revised

downwards its oil price assumptions for this year and next, to \$35 and \$45 a barrel, which 'has major negative implications for Saudi Arabia's fiscal and external balances'. In February another agency, Standard and Poor's, cut the kingdom's credit rating by two notches to A-, citing the impact of lower oil prices on Saudi finances. Last month, Moody's placed Saudi Arabia and other Gulf oil producers on review for downgrades.

Oil prices have collapsed from above \$100 in early 2014, to just over \$40 today. *(Daily Mail)*

## Trump, Clinton in a statistical dead heat

NEW YORK - A new poll from NBC News shows a highly competitive race between frontrunners Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton come November.

In a head-to-head match-up, the new NBC News/SurveyMonkey Weekly Election Tracking poll shows Clinton with 38 percent support and Trump with 36 percent support from registered voters, for a difference of two, which is just slightly outside the poll's error estimate of plus or minus 1.3 percent.

Another 16 percent would prefer to vote for a third-party candidate, while 8 percent would stay home.

Sen. Ted Cruz, who has the second-most amount of delegates on the Republican side, is also competitive against Clinton, though the race isn't nearly as tight.

In a hypothetical Clinton-Cruz match-up, the Texas senator receives 32 percent, while Clinton scores five points higher at 37 percent. Additionally, another 19 percent would vote for a third-party candidate, while 10 percent would sit at home on Election Day.

The poll showcased the divisive nature of the GOP primary, which is likely to be settled at a contested convention in Cleveland in July. *(Daily Mail)*

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Judge rules against gay couple

CHANGSHA - A judge yesterday ruled against a gay couple in China's first same-sex marriage case that was seen as a landmark moment for the country's emerging LGBT rights movement. The court in the central city of Changsha dismissed the suit brought against the local civil affairs bureau for refusing to issue the couple a marriage registration certificate. Their lawyer Shi Funong said he expected the judge would rule against them but not so soon, within just a few hours. "It goes against the spirit of the laws of the people's republic of China," Shi said. *Afp*

### ISIS ranks at lowest level since 2014

WASHINGTON - The Islamic State group's ranks have been pared back by international and local military action in Iraq and Syria to their lowest level since Washington began monitoring the group, a senior official said. "Working by, with and through local partners, we have taken back 40% of the territory that Daesh controlled a year ago in Iraq and 10% in Syria," deputy Secretary of State Antony Blinken told US lawmakers in prepared testimony. "In fact, we assess Daesh's numbers are the lowest they've been since we began monitoring their manpower in 2014," he added. *AFP*

### President under scrutiny

TEHRAN - The case presented by the Iranian judiciary was simple: In the southern province of Fars, Fatemeh Salbehi suffocated her husband after drugging him, a capital crime in the Islamic Republic. What made the case controversial is that Salbehi was only 17, a minor by international legal standards, when she allegedly committed the crime. Her alleged confession also came during a series of interrogations where there was no lawyer present. The case was retried but Salbehi was hanged in the Adel Abad prison in Shiraz last October. *Reuters*

### Airport evacuated after security threat

SCHIPHOL - Dozens of heavily-armed military police swooped on Amsterdam's Schiphol airport late Tuesday, evacuating part of the busy travel hub and arresting one man, triggering a four-hour security alert. The incident came as the Netherlands has been on high guard following the March 22 attack on the Brussels airport and metro in which 32 people were killed. "Police have evacuated part of the airport plaza and the adjacent Sheraton Hotel and arrested one person amid a suspicious situation," airport spokesperson Danielle Timmer told AFP. *Reuters*

### 19 passengers killed in bus accident

MULTAN - A head-on collision between a passenger bus and truck killed at least 19 passengers, including women and children, in Pakistan's eastern Punjab province on Wednesday, a rescue official said. Several people were also injured in the accident near the city of Faisalabad in Punjab province, said the official, Mohammad Naseem. "We have transported all the dead and injured to a hospital," he said, adding some of the injured were in critical condition. Naseem said the bus was apparently speeding at the time but officers were still investigating to determine the cause of the crash. TV footage showed images of the badly destroyed bus. Deadly accidents are common in Pakistan due to bad road infrastructure and a disregard of traffic laws. *AP*



# Swatini entertainment



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## SANDS' 'VUMA' VIDEO HITS MZANSI MAGIC



MOVING UP:  
Sandziso.



By Phesheya Kunene

**AFRO soul singer Sands is happy to see his music career flying high in South Africa.**

After weeks of radio stations tours around South Africa, the vocal-gifted musician has seen his music video of his hit song 'Vuma' being accepted on Mzansi Magic.

"It is true; my music video has been accepted on Mzansi Magic as it actually passed their quality test. Dates on when it shall start airing are still to be given to

us," Sands confirmed the good news. The musician who has worked with another local gem in Bholoja said this new development was not only about him but the country as well while adding that this is amongst the thrilling moments for him.

"It is not only marketing my brand and song but also reflects to the country and the quality it can also produce and it makes me happy to be part of that," the musician added.

His SA Manager Phila Dlamini also confirmed the news and said he was also thrilled with the new developments after he submitted the music video a while back.

"This is rare for our artists so we are proud Sands has been able to do it, and he is also over the moon about this. This is actually one out of many, a lot is yet to come," Dlamini said.

## Siphiwo signs with Powerhouse

By Phesheya Kunene

**SINCE his arrival in the gospel music scenes, Siphiwo Ndlangamandla has never stopped climbing the ladder of success.**

With his first ever album under his belt, the gospel singer has already attracted attention from big stars such as Israel Mosehla, who openly declared his desire to work with him.

He has also taken the entertainment circles by storm with his spirited performances around the country as he has been constantly featured in big shows.

On May 7, the energetic musician would be giving the best of praise and worship at Linda Dlamini's double CD launch to be held at the Divine Healing Ministries auditorium in Manzini.

The success story does not end there as the "Bayethe Ngwenyama" hitmaker has since signed under Powerhouse, a company that has vowed to promote his brand.

### Vision

"I believe we will work well with these guys, since I know the manager of the company, he is a very good guy, we have worked together before. I like the fact that he understands me and he knows my vision and mission. I believe he will be able to manage my brand," Ndlangamandla confirmed the news.

The gospel newcomer said he has tried working alone but realised that it was only wasting his resources and time.

"It is hard, I need a team of people who will assist me since the work we want to do is very big. I have formed a band and now I have found a team that will han-

dle the management part. I also have Israel Mosehla who will handle the marketing tasks, distributions and also production of my music. I also have people that have been assisting me financially," he added.

### Career

He singled out companies such as Foresight in Matsapha and Perfect Unisex salon in Manzini as some of those that have played a big role on his music career. He also had amazing things to say about his producer Earence Ntimane from White River.

I am very excited about the deal I concluded with Powerhouse. Amongst other things, they are going to create a website for me, this is a great move for my career," he mentioned.

Powerhouse's Manager Phiwa Khoza said the deal emanated from the good relationship he has with the promising gospel star.

"We actually met on a personal basis at Limkokwing SCM, thereafter I joined his band as a pianist and musical director. It is from working with him that I spotted the gap in terms of branding, marketing himself and setting himself apart from the rest," Khoza mentioned.

He added that they are still going to finalise the fine-print for the deal, but definitely not a short period from now.

"We will brand him fully and do his marketing. As part of the project we will design a website that will have all information his fans need to know as well as his songs, audio and video. The objective is to manage his brand and take him to greater heights," he explained the deal.

He said this was a move they always wanted as a company.

## 'Cruizer' invited to Hypnotic Festival 2016 Launch

By Tenele Dlamini

**MINISTER of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruizer' Ngcamphalala is expected to grace the Hypnotic Festival 2016 launch which has been scheduled for next Monday.**

The event will be held at the Royal Swazi's Gigi Restaurant on April 18.

Founder and Festival Director Sandile Nkambule in a press release said the event would serve as an informative session for stakeholders, announcements of plans for this year's event. He said for the launch, they had extended an invite to the

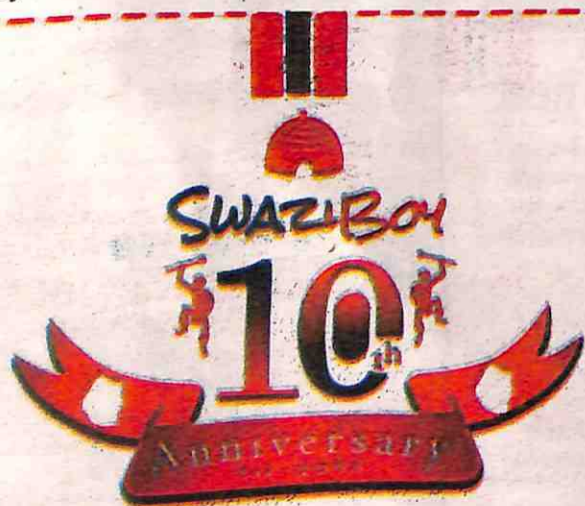
minister and if he would confirm, he would be the guest speaker.

Nkambule said sponsors of the Hypnotic Festival would be revealed and provisions put in place to create a platform for stakeholders and the media to get clarity on issues arising.

"The media will further be advised on the accreditation for this year's event, which would be conducted at El Paradiso on July 9 this year," he said. The list of artists scheduled to perform at the launch will only be revealed on the night according to organisers. All invited persons are to note that the dress code is formal, while food and beverages would also be provided.



**GUEST: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruizer' Ngcamphalala.**



## Swazi Boy competition #Swaziboy10

Swazi Boy entertainment is celebrating their milestone in the entertainment business. The event will be held at Esibayeni Lodge, April 22. In partnership with the Observer, the stable is giving away #10 tickets to 10 lucky winners. To stand a chance of winning a ticket, simply answer the following question:

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# SWAZI GOSPEL ARTISTS FOR MOZA

Stories by Phumelele Mkhonta

SWAZI gospel artists are billed to perform in Maputo on Saturday in a gospel extravaganza organised by Mozambique-base musician Moses.

The local artists to perform in Maputo are Scara Maziya and Sing to Jehova, Shongwe and Khuphuka as well as Matsapha Police Gospel Messengers.

Maziya said he and his group were ecstatic about the opportunity to perform in Mozambique as it was a very rare.

## Preparations

"We are very excited to be given this extravagant and rare chance.

"Our preparations for the event are at an advanced stage as we want to deliver nothing, but the best," Maziya enthusiastically commented.

He stated that they would be leaving for the event tomorrow.

## ...Shongwe clueless about show

REVEREND Elias Shongwe, who is the leader of Shongwe and Khuphuka Saved Group denied that he would be performing in Maputo this weekend.

According to Shongwe, Moses, the organiser, once approached and invited him to the extravaganza and he gladly accepted.

"I am aware of the gospel extravaganza in Maputo, but I

am totally not aware of the fact that I am performing. It is generally expected that a certain incentive is given to an artist prior to his performance, and I have not received anything, so in my knowledge I will not be performing," explained Shongwe, who was utterly surprised by the fact that he is on fliers and posters. Moses could not be reached for comment on the matter.

## Mad rush for Linda Dlamini's tickets

By Phesheya Kunene

GOSPEL livewire Linda Dlamini has injected more exciting news to his fans as he has now released about 1 000 tickets for his much-awaited double CD launch

Hardly three days after confirming an exciting line-up for the show, Dlamini's Manager, Pastor Sikhumbuzo Shongwe had confirmed that about 1 000 tickets had been availed to gospel music lovers.

Shongwe said the tickets have to be dished out in most parts of the country outlets such as Nandos, Mgavuzza Record Bar and all Divine Healing

Ministries branches.

Each ticket is retailing at E50.

"We

are

pleased to

announce to all music lovers

that we have since made tickets available.

We were already receiving calls from the public interested in attending the show. For now, only 1 000 tickets have been printed out. We urge the public not to waste any time and go buy the tickets and be part of this historic event," Shongwe said.

## Joy

In addition, Shongwe said the reaction from the public about the release of the tickets was an exciting one as they sold over 100 as soon as they were out.

"The buzz has been really amazing as we already had about a 100 people lining up for them and there is an order of 50 I have to respond to from Siteki. From the looks of things, it seems like we will be forced to print out another stock as the hype around the tickets is mind-blowing," he added.

After the release of his latest album titled 'Konke Kuzolunga, Dlamini has been moving around the country's borders and beyond, mesmerising gospel fans with his modernised traditional songs such as 'Ukhohlo Lwami'. The gospel star even featured during Nothando Hlophe's first ever Live CD recording held at Esibayeni lodge on February 27.

After winning the male Artist of the Year Award in the NACAs, Dlamini is optimistic that this show would mark 2016 as his year of rejoicing.



## 'Roll-up' artist for Ocean Waves

SOUTH Africa's renowned hip/hop star, Mthembeni Ndeu aka EMtee will perform at Ocean Waves.

According to Eugene Mabuza, the events co-ordinator at Ocean Waves, the 'Rands and Nairas' artist would be in Swaziland on April 29, alongside SA's DJ Citilysts and A-Reece.

"We are thrilled to host this trending and talented hip/hop star.

"We decided to add other South African acts like DJ Citilysts and A-Reece.

"Locals will also be perform-

ing on the night.

"These are Froggz, Mafaka, 2.0, Nyd, ID, BLU, Tilungu, Chester, Shibz and Prod," commented Mabuza.

Tickets are available at Ocean Waves and Sdeez Manzini and they cost E120 for early bird, E150 pre-sale and E180 at the gate.

On another note, the South Africa's hip hop star's manager, Sandy, confirmed that EMtee will be performing at Ocean Waves on the said date. Sandy promised a great show for revellers.

## Blue Diamond Records launch at Solanis

By Tenele Dlamini

BLUE Diamonds Records a recording label in Fonteyn, would be officially launching its music production company on April 30 at Solani's Shisanyama.

This was confirmed by co-founder of the label Glody 'Clody' Tchomba, who is also a hip hop gospel artist signed onto the stable. "We will be officially launching the music recording company at Solanis Shisanyama in Mbabane and the confirmed list of DJs and artists is Switch, DJ Cololwami, The Spin Doctors, and Tom Carrington, a hip hop artist from South Africa," Tchomba said. Tchomba, who was accompanied by the producer at the Blue Diamond Label, Bongani 'Blackman' Mnisi said the recording stable already had two other artists signed on to the label with Tchomba. These are Caos and Lizha RIS. "The location of the studios is at Fonteyn and this is exclusively for our artist, who do not want to walk around the city centre, but have easy access to the recording facility," added Tchomba. When questioned on the type of sound that would be coming from such a recording house like Blue Diamond Records, Blackman said people must watch out for nothing, but dope beats and quality sound.

## SWAMA brings Ubumbano Festival to Lumbombo once again

By Phumelele Mkhonta

THE Swaziland Arts and Music Association (SWAMA) in partnership with SPM Studios are once again bringing the Ubumbano Music Festival.

The event will be held on April 30 at Tambankulu Stadium from 6pm until late.

According to SWAMA's Public Relations Officer Menzi Mtsetfwa, SWAMA joined hands with SPM Studios, a South African company that records and promotes artists.

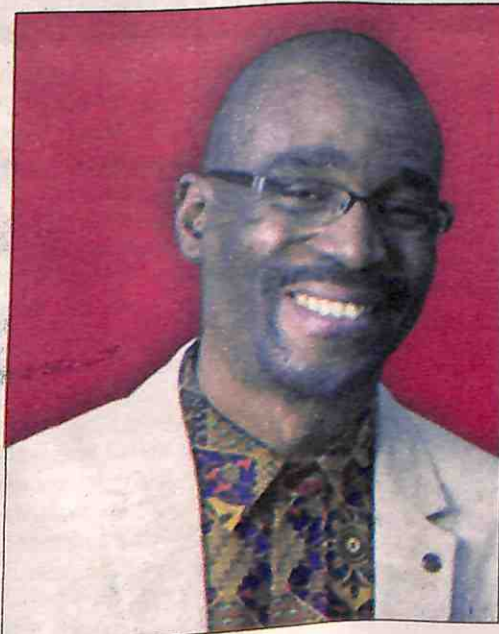
"SWAMA is working with SPM Studio Managing Director Siphon M. Mkhwanazi, who at

some point in time, sponsored SWAMA T55 artists and the grand finale. This has strengthened his partnership with us and he now works directly with some of our artists like Mshikishi," said Mtsetfwa.

Performances will be rendered by both local and South African acts. Locals who are expected to perform are Mcwayizeni, Mshikishi, Squash, Soul Friends, Step by Step, Rasmoola, Nomsa M, DJ Khwephe, Immortal 7, Bochwephesha and Duma Nemankoyane.

South African acts will comprise of Thwalofu, Abagqobi, Osenzeni, IzimbaliZamaphondo with DJ Ruff on the ones and twos.

Mkhwanazi, who is based at Mtubatuba in South Africa, promised music lovers the best of artists under his label. "I promise Maskandi fans a marvelous show. We will show them how it is done in Mzansi. It is an outdoor event, but yes we promise tight security and I urge music lovers not to miss out," expressed Mkhwanazi.



LEGEND: Bob Mabena.

## Fruitful talks for Ziyawa, LcBizzy with Bob Mabena

By Tenele Dlamini

POPULAR local music producer Ziyawa and artist LcBizzy held fruitful talks with legendary music man Bob Mabena last Wednesday.

This was confirmed by the artists' manager, Lindelwa Dlamini of Destiny Music in Mbabane, who said the talks held at the Kaya FM studios in Johannesburg, South Africa, were on forging a future relationship with Mabena.

"This was also the first international airplay for the 'I Know'

single performed by LcBizzy and produced by Ziyawa," Dlamini explained.

She added that more future aspects were on Ziyawa's release of a Sesotho and Setswana single for the South African market that will be released concurrently with the Swazi market's version.

## Album

The manager went on to say the music producer and LcBizzy, whose real name is Bonginkhosi Lumbela have a good chance of being featured in Mabena's new and upcoming album.

"Ziyawa and LcBizzy might be featured in Bob Mabena's latest

album in which he will be working with HHP from Mzansi.

While on their trip to the well-liked South African radio station, the duo are said to have met up with the legendary Georgie, also a presenter at the broadcasting station.

Furthermore, Ziyawa who had earlier in March been confirmed as making part of the line-up of acts to perform at the BushFire Festival, would also be performing alongside LcBizzy and Mtee.

"The music producer will share the stage with LcBizzy and Mtee on the 29th of April," said Dlamini.

**HIGHLIGHTS**



**FATHER BROWN**

**Tomorrow, 20:02 | BBC**

**First (119)**

Father Brown cycles back on screen to solve more mysteries in the sleepy Cotswold village of Kembleford in this charming

series based on the short stories by G K Chesterton. Once again, he is aided by his no-nonsense parish secretary Mrs. McCarthy, glamorous socialite Lady Felicia Montague and her chauffeur Sid Carter.

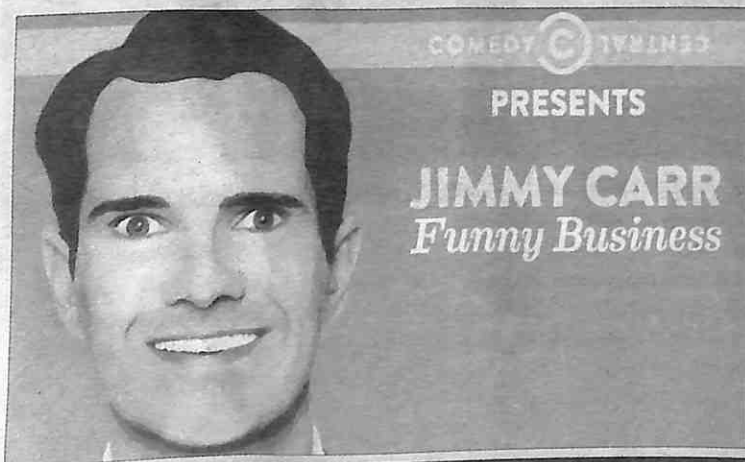


**VALERIE'S HOME COOKING**

**Tonight, 21:00 | Food Network (175)**

"S1/E1 - Dinner For My Best Friend!". Valerie Bertinelli cooks for her best friend and husband, Tom Vitale, an Italian meal of bruschetta, herb-roasted baby beets, chicken cutlets with rocket and lemon dressing. Settle in for the cooking delights of Golden Globe winning actress Valerie Bertinelli as she presents a series of affectionate recipes, straight from a page of her family cookbook. Valerie pieces together some modern, easy and totally delectable meals that show off, not only her culinary talents, but

also her raw passion for scrumptious home cooking. After a long day at a photoshoot, Valerie cooks up an Italian masterpiece for her husband Tom Vitale, with a delightful bruschetta to start, and herb-roasted baby beets and chicken cutlets with rocket and lemon dressing for the main. Next up, Valerie invites her 'Hot in Cleveland' co-stars over for some girl talk and a cosy lunch. The girls indulge themselves in a yummy quiche dish, and a healthy grilled romaine with balsamic dressing. Be sure to check out Valerie's inspiring dishes, in her debut series this April on Food Network.



**COMEDY CENTRAL PRESENTS**

**JIMMY CARR**  
*Funny Business*

**COMEDY CENTRAL PRESENTS**

**Tomorrow, 21:25 | Comedy Central (122)**

To celebrate Jimmy Carr's visit to South African shores this April, Comedy Central will be

airing its funniest Jimmy Carr specials, kicking off with Comedy Central Presents Jimmy Carr and him as the Roastmaster in Comedy Central Presents the Roast of Kenny Kunene.

# Truth behind bars

**THE Jail: 60 Days In** – an unprecedented new, original 11-part docu-series following seven innocent participants who enter the dangerous world of incarceration at the Clark County Jail in Jeffersonville, Indiana, in an effort to expose internal issues and what really happens behind bars.

As a result of the facility's recent corrupt history, Sheriff Jamey Noel has devised a programme where the seven participants will live among the facility's general population for 60 days without officers, fellow inmates or staff knowing their secret. Around-the-clock cameras captured this unparalleled access in an effort to bring problems to light and give viewers a first-hand look as the participants adapt to unfamiliar and terrifying surroundings. The Jail: 60 Days In is a candid view of what life is like behind bars, through the eyes of people who have never been charged with a crime or done time.

"After recently taking office, it was no secret that the Clark County Jail had problems and we needed to take quick control. The only way to truly understand what was going on in the jail was to implement innocent participants into the system to provide first-hand unbiased intelligence.

"These brave volunteers helped us identify critical issues within our system that undercover officers would not have been able to find. We couldn't be more thrilled with the success of this inaugural programme," says Sheriff Jamey Noel.

## Where is the prison situated?

Clark County Jail is a correctional facility in Jeffersonville, Indiana in the US. It houses approximately 500 inmates of both sexes. The prison is divided into different sections, or 'pods' as they are known. The participants in the experiment are in C Pod, which is known for its drug problems.

## Why did it agree to host the 60 Days In experiment?

The jail is known for its corruption. Drug dealing is rampant and even the prison officers have been accused of



crimes. Things have improved since the current sheriff, Jamey Noel, took over, but he understands that there's still plenty to be done, which is why he came up with the idea for the show and approached the producers. His predecessor, former Clark County Sheriff Danny Rodden, was arrested for hiring a prostitute and lying to federal investigators about it. How were the seven volunteers selected? 60 Days In executive producer Brad Holzman reveals all:

They were chosen for their individual journeys and what they brought to the table to get a very diverse look about what's happening in jail. Maryum (the eldest daughter of boxing great Muhammad Ali) is a social worker and she wanted to help children avoid incarceration. We had Zack, who is going to have a career in law enforcement, specifically within drug enforcement. And then you have Tammy, who is a police officer, who always had locked up people, but never knew what it was like behind bars after she dropped them off, and she wanted to know what it was like herself.

Isaiah wants to better relate to his older brother, who is currently in prison. Barbra is a military wife with two young children who strongly feels that inmates have it easy behind bars and that taxpayers foot the bill providing them with three square meals a day and a place to sleep, while innocent homeless people struggle to survive with little help. Robert is a teacher who wants to use this experience to show his students the ramifications of their choices so they don't end up behind

bars. Lastly, there's Jeff who wants to become a correctional officer, but also has questions about the system and how well it works. He believes not all felons are bad and hopes this experience will open his eyes to the reality of working in corrections.

## What else?

The show has stimulated debate around the world while also providing gripping viewing. It has been so well received that a second season with new volunteers is already in production.

The Jail: 60 Days In airs on Crime + Investigation (DStv Channel 170) on Saturdays at 21:00.

## So who's who in the jail?

**The Sheriff**  
**Sheriff Jamey Noel**

60 Days In was devised by Sheriff Jamey Noel as a result of the facility's recent corrupt history. Clark County Correctional Jail houses approximately 500 prisoners, from inmates charged with drug dealing to first time offenders to capital murder. "After recently taking office, it was no secret that the Clark County Jail had problems and we needed to take quick control. The only way to truly understand what was going on in the jail was to implement innocent participants into the system to provide first-hand unbiased intelligence. These brave volunteers helped us identify critical issues within our system that undercover officers would not have been able to find. We couldn't be more thrilled with the success of this inaugural programme," says Sheriff Jamey Noel.

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and ambition every week-night while the hottest show on TV, The Voice Nigeria will put a high note in your Sunday evenings on AfricaMagic Showcase every Sunday. Football fans know that it's now down to the wire in the European football leagues with the FA Cup and UEFA Champions League gearing up for the semi-finals. This week, DStv football fans will be able to catch up on the season highlights alongside live EPL matches including Chelsea v Manchester City on SuperSport 3 on Saturday 16 April 2016 via

their DStv Now app while later this month, Game of Thrones fans will be treated to Season 6 of the series, Express from the US on 25 April on their mobile device's M-Net Edge channel.

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# Celebrity Watch

## 50 Cent tries to make a deal with bankruptcy judge

**NEW YORK** - Rapper 50 Cent has reached a deal with his creditors that stipulate he pay \$23

million dollars over the next five years. The amount works out to be around \$400 000 a month and is 74 per cent of what he originally

owed them. TMZ reports that The Get Rich or Die Tryin' star,

whose real name is Curtis James Jackson III, has submitted a proposal through his lawyers which

will need to be approved by bankruptcy Judge Ann Nevins. Sleek Audio, 50's biggest creditor, would receive \$17.3 million under the terms of the proposal. The rapper has also pledged to liquidate a portion of his remaining assets to

cover debts beyond the \$23 million agreement. *Daily Mail*



**DEAL: 50 Cent.**

## Erykah Badu under fire for claiming schoolgirls should wear long skirts

**NEW YORK** - R&B legend

Erykah Badu has found herself at the centre of a bitter backlash online after saying that school girls should wear long skirts to keep from distracting men.

The R&B singer and mother of two daughters let loose with a rant over Twitter on Monday, citing an 'article ruling that high school girls lower their skirts so male teachers are

not distracted' as her inspiration,

revealing that she thinks the school's decision to make young women wear knee-length garments is a wise course of action. "I agreed because I am aware we live in a sex-driven society," the 45-year-old added. "If I had a school I would make sure that the uniform

skirt length was a nice knee length. It is fair to everyone." *Daily Mail*



**UNDER FIRE: R&B legend Erykah Badu.**

## How Notorious B.I.G. will be brought back to life

**NEW YORK** - He passed away

almost 20 years ago, but now one firm plans to bring the late Notorious B.I.G. back from the grave.

ARHT Media secured the rights to the holographic image of the deceased east coast rapper and says it will give fans another chance to see him perform on-

stage and in music videos.

Called 'HumaGrams', the technology produces 3D interactive digital humans, which can be scaled to fit in a venue of any size.

HumaGrams are neither volumetric nor light-based, meaning they are not technically holograms.

*Daily Mail*



**BACK: Notorious B.I.G.**

## Jenner admits still not sure about gender confirmation surgery

**LOS ANGELES** - One year

after she confirmed she was transitioning from male to female, Caitlyn Jenner still hasn't fully completed the process.

The I Am Cait reality star, who's 66, reveals she remains conflicted about whether or not to undergo gender confirmation surgery.

"The last six months of my life

have been really enlightening. But one thing I'm really not comfortable with is this issue of gender confirmation surgery," Jenner says in a promotional clip for her E! series, posted on People.com Tuesday.

In the video, one of her friends acknowledges that the decision is something 'everyone has to wrestle with individually.' *Daily Mail*



**NOT SURE: Caitlyn Jenner.**

## LOL! Helen Zille tries to get DJ Fresh to join the DA

**CAPE TOWN** - With the local

government elections looming, Helen Zille took to Twitter to try and poach DJ Fresh to join the DA camp and by the looks of it, the radio personality isn't keen at all. The Western Cape

Premier asked DJ Fresh - real name Thato Sikwane - to kindly change his name on Twitter from 'Big Dawg' to 'Big DA-wg' up until the elections. If DJ Fresh's response is anything to go by, we suggest Helen shouldn't hold her breath. *Times Live*



**POACHED: DJ Fresh.**

## AKA on bae: 'The public have already invited themselves in'

**JOHANNESBURG** -

Rapper AKA took to Twitter on Tuesday evening to answer some of his fans most burning questions.

From rumours that he had been signed to Jay Z's Roc Nation to questions about his relationship with his bae, AKA cleared the air in a marathon

two-hour question and answer session. We sifted through the 2 476 questions and 131 responses to help you understand more about the Supermega.

AKA is really determined to name his album after his daughter: Last month, the rapper received some social media criticism for suggesting that his upcoming album may be named after his baby girl, Kairo. *AFP*



**CLEARED THE AIR: Aka.**

## Mariah Carey tries her hand at speaking Xhosa

**CAPE TOWN** - KFM

Breakfast presenter, Ryan O'Connor had a chat with Mariah Carey on Tuesday morning. Ryan coached Mariah to speak some Afrikaans and even got her to say a few words in Xhosa.

Mariah, who kicks off her SA tour in Cape Town on 26 April, says she's keen to try some local cuisine once she arrives in

the country. "Bring me something traditionally South African to try," she told Ryan. The We

Belong Together singer has visited SA before during a trip with Oprah Winfrey to visit her Leadership Academy for Girls.

Mariah says she is super-excited to perform in South Africa and says

fans should 'expect the unexpected'. *channel24.com*



**SPEAKING XHOSA: Mariah Carey.**

## Connie Chiume's Rhythm City journey has ended

**JOHANNESBURG** - After

nine years veteran actress Connie Chiume will bid farewell to e.tv's Rhythm City. The news has been revealed through a statement released on yesterday morning by the broadcaster. Even though Connie will be leaving the soapie, this does not mean that fans will no longer get to see her on their TV screens. "This

departure will allow me to pick up on things that were left

undone. I am grateful for the time and experience with Rhythm City and e.tv. I believe I was born to be an actress, it's in my blood. Parting is such sweet sorrow, and I will miss my Rhythm City family," said Connie in the statement. Producers of Rhythm City said that Connie will be missed, but wished her well with her future projects. *Times Live*



**LEAVING: Cornnie Chiume.**

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

### ISIBAYA

#### TODAY

Mehl'emamba has a stunning realisation about his own connection to Sunday Nkabinde. Mandla and Bongani prepare to launch his cunning plan. Fezile returns home to KwaManzini.



**STUNNING REALISATION: Mehl'emamba.**

### ISIDINGO

#### TODAY

An angry Tyson comes looking for his sister Katlego. Jean-Marc becomes angry and jealous when Angie defends Calvin. Sam's in denial about her feelings for Rajesh.



**DEFENDER: Angie.**

### Muvhango

#### TODAY

Mam-Prophet makes arrangements to relocate her church - will Pheko and Ranthu get to



Thandaza in time? Nthabi gives Matshidiso one last warning to back off. Teboho confronts Vele about the rumour she wants to steal Mulalo's job.

**CONFRONTATION: Teboho.**

### RHYTHM CITY

#### TODAY

Mamokete bonds with the kids. Lungile and Bongani have a fight.

Solomon is back and finds out about the prostitutes in the club. Renelwe has a bad feeling about the coming days.



**BAD FEELING: Renelwe**



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

**Capricorn December 22 – January 19**

Quick answers, great wit and plenty of insights are available for you. This would be a good time to write those ideas down and put them in a folder for a time when you can be expressive. Inventions and breakthroughs are possible. This is a successful and busy day in the workplace.

**Aquarius January 20 – February 18**

You have an inborn ability to see the sunny side of life. Although your concentration is not up to par today, you manage to make this a fairly successful day. Try to get outside for a while. You may want to take your noon break with a walk through the park and a light meal. New ideas that help you sell your talent are real pluses. Chatting with interesting people on the way home from work makes you wonder why you don't socialise more.

**Pisces February 19 – March 20**

Your attitude towards the pattern of finding answers will be going through some transformations. This could mean some upcoming club meeting, business meeting or civic meeting. You weigh the difference of cameras versus verbatim report or voting audibly to ballots. You think about these needed changes much of the day. No work goes unattended but you might be a bit preoccupied with your thoughts.

**Aries March 21 – April 19**

There are keys and techniques to problem situations today. While others do not seem to want to cooperate, you may be looking for ways in which to compromise. Study some self-help books in the library and find the right words and actions that will help you to help others. Working in an environment that is unpleasant can leave you feeling drained toward the end of the day.

**Taurus April 20 – May 20**

Good communication is the focus today. Whether your business is directly in sales or not, you must make yourself understood. This will help to eliminate any disagreements or frustrations later. Do not be afraid to ask if others have any questions. Do not let any people fall into the category of pressing themselves in a vague way and do not want to be as clear as possible. You feel a need of order and law—an appreciation for possibilities and duty.

**Gemini May 21 – June 21**

There is a need to share and experience an exchange of ideas. There could be challenges, but you are ready. This is a good time for consideration in solving any problem that should arise. You could be in a serious frame of mind if a serious frame of mind is needed. There are maps to study later today. You also seek to reorganize. New ideas and an independent or pioneering mental orientation take on importance in several areas of your life. Trading information, tending to research and using what you find in social contacts have



a way of lending pleasantly to your afternoon.

**Daily Cancer June 22 – July 22**

You are encouraged by competition today. You may be besting others in the heat of competition but more than likely you are playing that game you play when you become bored with a chore or routine job. You may want to see if you can move the process along faster or change up a technique.

**Leo July 23 – August 22**

This is an excellent time to increase your association with others who share your ideals or aims. In relating your goals to others, you will be feeling better and better about your own career path. Allowing yourself patience enough to go through the stumbling blocks and the results of successful lessons—you have discovered all sorts of interesting techniques and styles of working.

**Virgo August 23 – September 22**

Work is demanding and may find you working late into the evening. This could create some misunderstandings on the home front so do not hesitate to call home and let others know of your whereabouts, especially when it begins to get late. Fresh challenges light your enthusiasm now, as a new cycle begins in your life—there is a powerful urge to be first or to come out on top. To keep a balance in your life, plan a creative venture.

**Libra September 23 – October 23**

Concentrate on your work this day—you will find some good results. It may take a little effort to stay focused after such a busy weekend but you will settle into a good routine. A new business deal moves in your direction. Your company can secure a good amount from this deal. If you are the boss, an early quitting time could be the reward.

**Scorpio October 24 – November 21**

This is a great time to work in concert with a team. You are focused and ready to see results happen. Put your mind to work and take care of any details, for mental discipline should come easily. Problems and obstacles should find easy resolution under your keen examination. You will be pleased to find that encouragement is not far away and others are inclined to give you recognition for your work.

**Sagittarius November 22 – December 21**

If you are involved in real estate, this is a day that will prove to be very profitable. People that did not want to purchase a particular home will change their minds because of your persuasive skills. You find yourself wanting to learn new experiences. Perhaps it is travel, education, technical guidance or romance. You attract professional people as well as future employers. You will set up success for yourself by making plans ahead of time: conferences, speeches, interviews.



## BABY BLUES



## BUCKLES



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## HARD SUDOKU #225

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## I LIKE EUROPEAN FOOD

I like European food so I decided to Russia over there because I was Hungary.

After Czech'ing the menu I ordered Turkey.



When I was Finished I told the waiter 'Spain good but there is Norway I could eat another bite'.

## USELESS FACTS

1. What is called a "French kiss" in the English speaking world is known as an "English kiss" in France.
2. "Almost" is the longest word in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order.
3. "Rhythm" is the longest English word without a vowel.
4. In 1386, a pig in France was executed by public hanging for the murder of a child.
5. A cockroach can live several weeks with its head cut off!
6. Human thigh bones are stronger than concrete.

BRAinteasers  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERSYESTERDAY'S  
BRAIN TEASER

1. How can you throw a ball as hard as you can and have it come back to you, even if it doesn't bounce off anything? There is nothing attached to it, and no one else catches or throws it back to you.

A. Throw the ball straight up in the air that way it will return because of the gravitational force...

2. You are in a room with no metal objects except for two iron rods. Only one of them is a magnet.

How can you identify which one is a magnet?

A. You can hang the iron rods on a string and watch which one turns to the north (or hang just one rod).

## TODAY'S BRAIN TEASERS:

1. Which word, if pronounced right, is wrong, but if pronounced wrong is right

2. If an electric train is going 150 miles per hour north and the wind is blowing the same south, which way does the smoke blow?

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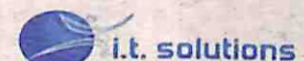
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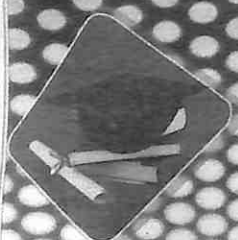
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16 April 2016  
emvakwemlindzelo  
ngalesiHlanu.  
Sime metelo  
sikhishwa  
ngumndeni.



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Dlamini eMpuluzi  
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Mary Ngcamphalala.



Relatives and friends of **Mathokoza Martin Mabuza** are notified of his demise. He will be laid to rest at Hlathikhulu Magele kaLukhele 17 April 2016 after a night vigil. Announcement by Florence Lukhele.



Friends and relatives of **Mfano Nhlengetfwa** are notified of his tragic death. He will be buried at Ntabamhloshana on Saturday 16 April 2016 after a night vigil. There will be a memorial service at Joy Mission on Friday 15 April 2016 beginning at 12:35. All the Mambas from Mpolonjeni are notified. All his friends at Mkhulamini are notified. Announcement by Sicelo Nhlengetfwa on behalf of family.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa **S i b o n i s o** **Mkhulukhaya** **Hlandze** bekatiwa ngekutsi ngu MaviBlongo Jicks kutsi usishiyele ngalokukhulu kutumeka. Kwatiswa basekhaya kubonina kaMamba e M s e n i nasemsebenzini wakhe. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo 17 April 2 0 1 6 emvakwemlindzelo ngeMgcibelo ekhaya kubo eThemba (KUBUTA). Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumkhulu wakhe Mbokazi Bende Hlandze egameni lemndeni.



We sadly announce the passing away of our beloved sister **Pretty Angeline Hlobisile Dlamini**. Memorial will be held **Friday 15 April 2016** at the **Swedish Free Church 12:00 noon**. She will be laid to rest **Saturday 16 April 2016** at **Ngwane Park Cemetery** after a night vigil at **Swedish Free Church** opposite **VOC radio station**. Rest in peace **Hlubi Lomuhle**. Notification by her mother.



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unge Mgcibelo  
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Lomthandazo Soko  
eqameni lemnjeni.



We sadly announce the passing away of our beloved brother **Luis Groening**. Memorial service will be held at Dups chapel at 2 pm. Announcement by the Soares family.



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Mathawzeni  
Mtsetfwa**  
lobekendze  
kaNkambule  
eMafutseni kutsi  
akasekho emhlabeni.  
**Usishiye**  
emvakwesikhatsi  
lesidze agula ahamba  
nako. **Usishiye**  
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Gwebu eMafutseni,  
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2 pm ngeMgcibelo .  
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Simemetelo  
sikhishwa ngu yise  
Gomba DLamini.



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nebanagani ba  
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**Bhembe nee Sithol**  
kutsi akasekho  
emhlabeni,  
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eDwaleni Primary.  
Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo  
mhla 16 April 2016.  
Kulindzelwa  
ngalesiHlanu  
eMahlalini kaNkobe,  
memorial service  
ingalesiHlanu nga 2  
pm eDwaleni Mission  
Church. Simemetola  
sikhishwa ngu Peter  
Bhembe egameni  
lemndeneni.



Hlophe and Dlamini family wish to inform all friends, relatives and extended family that **Gugulethu Felicity Hlophe** has passed on. Memorial will be held at Mbabane Alliance Church at 1:00pm on 16 April 2016 Saturday. Service will be held at her parental home at 8:00pm in Mahlalini followed by a night vigil. Her final service will commence at 5:00am followed by procession to the graveyard at 6:00am. Announcement by her brother Theo Hlophe on behalf of the family.

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MADRID - Cristiano Ronaldo's hat-trick against Wolfsburg on Tuesday helped Real Madrid overcome a 2-0 deficit and single-handedly earned his side a spot in the Champions League semi-finals.

Remarkably, it was his sixth hat-trick this season and the 37th of the Portuguese forward's dazzling career at Real Madrid. The 31-year-old is an unstoppable as ever and the statistics behind his success are incredible. His first hat-trick for Madrid was against Mallorca in La Liga in May 2010 and he has repeated the feat on another 36 occasions.

## Hat-tricks

To put that into perspective, Alan Shearer has scored more hat-tricks in the Premier League than any other player - with a total of 11. Robbie Fowler has nine and Thierry Henry and Michael Owen are next on the list with eight.



Ronaldo cuts inside Wolfsburg defender Ricardo Rodriguez (right) at the Bernabeu on Tuesday evening. Ronaldo scored a hat-trick to secure a 3-0 victory for Madrid. (AP)

Ronaldo has scored five hat-tricks against Sevilla alone and has also bagged five goals in one game on

two occasions, against Espanyol in September and Granada last April. *Daily Mail*

## PSG'S defeat against Man City labelled a 'fiasco'

PARIS - French newspaper L'Equipe have slammed Paris Saint-Germain's Champions League quarter-final exit on Tuesday following a 3-2 aggregate defeat against Manchester City.

Kevin De Bruyne's winning strike 14 minutes from time saw City edge the second leg at the Etihad Stadium following a 2-2 draw at the Parc des Princes a week ago. The result saw Manuel Pellegrini's side reach the semi-finals for the first time, condemning the Ligue 1 champions to a fourth consecutive last eight exit and sparking anger in France.

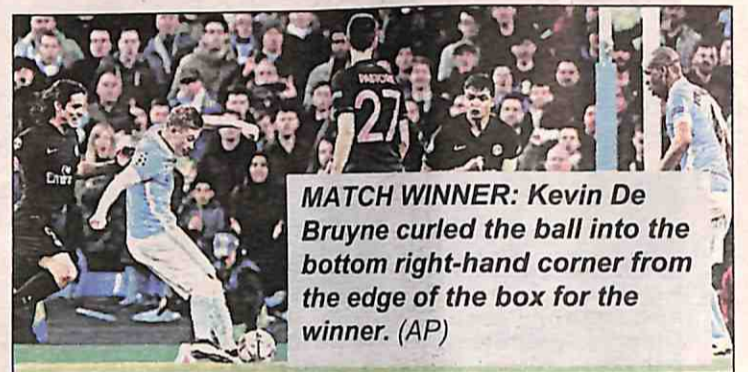
The newspapers in France hit out at Laurent Blanc's side on Wednesday, with L'Equipe labelling the 1-0 second leg defeat by Manchester City a 'fiasco.'

Zlatan Ibrahimovic admits his team-mates 'gave it away' over both legs and has blamed a new tactical approach for the defeat.

Blanc lined his side up in a 3-5-2 formation but they were unable to find a way through City's resolute defence on Tuesday night.

"In the first half we played with a new system and what happened, happened," said Ibrahimovic after the game.

*Daily Mail*



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## Wolfsburg midfielder Arnold blames cautious start for exit

MADRID - Wolfsburg midfielder Maximilian Arnold rued his side's slow start after they exited the Champions League at the hands of Cristiano Ronaldo and Real Madrid.

The German outfit went into the quarter-final second leg at the Bernabeu with a two-goal advantage but inspired by a hat-trick

from Ronaldo, Madrid roared back to claim their place in a sixth successive semi-final.

Arnold had scored one of Wolfsburg's goals in the first leg at the Volkswagen Arena but felt his team paid the price for failing to get out of the starting blocks in the Spanish capital.

*Daily Mail*

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# I WANTED TO SEE SOME PASSION - BENITEZ

LONDON - Rafa Benitez recognised that Newcastle's dressing room had become a ticking time bomb and let an argument break out between his players at Southampton because he felt it was needed.

Home truths were shared at half-time with Newcastle 2-0 down and Daryl Janmaat punched a wall in an incident that is believed to have left him with two broken fingers.

Newcastle ended up losing 3-1 and are trying to turn a seemingly-doomed season around as they sit six points from safety.

Sportsmail was told this week that

after a speech about professionalism by Benitez, the manager let his squad argue among themselves.

"Rafa let it happen," a source said. "He felt it

needed to. He wanted to see some passion."

Former Newcastle manager Steve McClaren was privately puzzled by the defeatism inside the dressing room and his successor hoped that this could help fix what appears a toxic atmosphere.

Jamaal Lascelles was believed to be involved in the strong words said at the interval in Southampton and hit out at his team-mates in public too.

The 22-year-old defender questioned their 'fight and hunger and desire' in a post-match interview following their fourth game without a win under Benitez.

*Daily Mail*

**MR FIX IT: Newcastle Manager Rafa Benitez.**  
(AP)



## It's as easy as FIFA, Sturridge warns Dortmund

LONDON - Liverpool striker Daniel Sturridge says beating Borussia Dortmund today will be as easy as playing the video game FIFA.

The Reds take on the German club, unbeaten in 2016, with their Europa League quarter-final delicately poised at 1-1.

Dortmund know they have to score and can be confident of doing so having found the net 119 times

already this season.

But as Anfield prepares for another famous European night, Sturridge insists the occasion will not faze him.

He said: "It's like when you're playing a final on FIFA and you're playing against your mate. You've all put £20 in the middle and there's £100.

"The pressure's on, your palms are sweaty, but as you get into the game, the

nerve goes away and you enjoy it - and that's exactly what it's like."

Sturridge also insists Dortmund's superstars do not scare Liverpool one bit. Asked about taking on World Cup-winner Mats Hummels, the England striker replied: "I'm at his level, so I don't look at him as anyone who's bigger than me or better than me or I'm in awe."

*Daily Mail*

## Leicester trio in six-man PFA Player of the Year shortlist

LONDON - Jamie Vardy, Riyad Mahrez and N'Golo Kante have all been recognised for their role in Leicester's Barclays Premier League title charge by being named on the shortlist for the PFA Players' Player of the Year.

The Foxes trio make up half of the six-man shortlist for the award, which is voted for by their peers,

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Mesut Ozil (Arsenal)  
Dimitri Payet (West Ham)

with Tottenham's 22-goal striker Harry Kane, Arsenal midfielder Mesut Ozil and West Ham's Dimitri Payet the other names in the frame to succeed 2015 winner Eden Hazard. Kane is

also in contention to retain the Young Player of the Year gong he won 12 months ago and he features on a six-player shortlist alongside Spurs team-mate Dele Alli, Everton duo Romelu Lukaku and Ross Barkley, Stoke's Jack Butland and Liverpool's Philippe Coutinho. The winners for each category will be announced next Sunday. *AP*



## Employment Opportunity Manager Settlements

The Central Bank of Swaziland invites applications from individuals with the relevant qualification, experience and skills required to manage the operations of the Back Office function of the Financial Markets Department. The main responsibility is to oversee implementation of systems and processes in order to ensure proper confirmation, settlement & accounting for all types of transactions originating from management of the country's foreign exchange reserves, domestic debt instruments origination and cross-border payments in line with the Bank's key objectives.

### Summary of responsibilities

- Oversee and approve all settlement instructions of the department's transactions, to ensure proper deployment of the foreign exchange reserves in accordance with procedures and policy guidelines, such that they are safe and the Bank honours its obligations in all trades undertaken.
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- Ensure implementation of national and regional projects in settlements and debt securities management to support the Bank's participation in regional integration initiatives.
- Organize and co-ordinate operations in the Back Office in order to improve efficiencies such that any risk inherent in the section is managed effectively and in line with corporate operational risk parameters.
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- Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting, Bachelor of Economics, or equivalent. A Master's degree or a professional qualification in a finance related discipline or specialised studies in Financial Markets would be added advantages.
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- Complete understanding of end-to-end treasury operational processes from deal origination, risk management and compliance to settlement and accounting.
- Knowledge of financial markets and instruments (including debt structured products) and the related International Financial Reporting Standards (IAS39/IFRS9).
- Knowledge of domestic market operations, custody and settlement of securities is a requisite.
- Knowledge of Treasury Accounting Systems, National and Regional Payment Systems, SWIFT standards and message types for all trades and payments originating in the Front Office is a requisite.
- Good business acumen, interpersonal, communication and leadership skills.
- Strong analytical skills and attention to detail.
- Well established report writing and presentation abilities.

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Closing Date for applications 18th April 2016.

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# Meyiwa's children benefit from PSL insurance policy

**JOHANNESBURG** - The Premier Soccer League yesterday announced the payment of a R4 million life policy on murdered Bafana Bafana and Orlando Pirates captain Senzo Meyiwa.

In terms of the policy, half the amount will be paid to the club, and half to the Meyiwa family, said PSL and Pirates Chairman Irvin Khoza.

He told a news conference in Johannesburg, in the presence of Meyiwa's father Sam, that the policy pay-out closes one chapter in the saga, but the resolution of the ongoing police investigation into the goalkeeper's killing is another needs urgent attention.

"I think it's nice to ease the pain of the family and also to deal with the speculations around this matter [the policy]," Khoza said.

"But what is important to me is not the money. What is important is that the murder of Senzo must



**E4 MILLION:** A file photo of Sam Meyiwa with Danny Jordan and Irvin Khoza (r) during the funeral service of the late Senzo Meyiwa (South African and Orlando Pirates captain) at Moses Mabhida Stadium on November 1, 2014 in Durban, South Africa. (Gallo Images)

be solved.

"It's important for justice in South Africa, for the confidence of this country."

Meyiwa was shot dead at the house of former girlfriend Kelly Khumalo in Vosloorus on October 26, 2014. Two armed

men entered the house and an altercation broke out that Meyiwa reportedly intervened in.

The footballer had a daughter with wife Mandisa Mkhize, and daughter with his mistress, Khumalo. Former SAFA CEO Raymond Hack, the administrator for the policy, said the pay-out to the family is directed at Meyiwa's children.

Meyiwa family representative Siyabonga Meyiwa said part of the pay-out will be made available to the daughter Senzo Meyiwa had with Khumalo.

"We have made all the efforts to make sure Kelly's child is also involved as a beneficiary, and that's the intention going forward," Siyabonga Meyiwa said.

"As a family we are also making moves to meet with her."

Meyiwa's father, Sam Meyiwa, was present at the announcement at the PSL offices. **TMG Digital/TMG Sport**

## Palermo name seventh boss this season

**PARLEMO** - After making his ninth coaching change of the season, Palermo's owner Maurizio Zamparini promised he'll keep Davide Ballardini in charge whether or not the Sicilian club avoids relegation.

Walter Novellino was fired following Sunday's 3-0 loss to Lazio, which left Palermo third from the bottom ahead of a visit to Serie A leader Juventus.

Ballardini was rehired for his second stint in charge this season and third overall. He previously coached Palermo in 2008-09 and from November 10 to January 11 this season.

"For the first time it's in the contract that he'll stay if we stay up. And he's prepared to remain even if we go down to Serie B, which is fine with me," Zamparini said. "I'll fight over a lot of things with him but not football."

Counting caretakers, Palermo has had seven different coaches this season: Giuseppe Iachini (twice), Ballardini (twice), Fabio Viviani, Guillermo Schelotto, Giovanni Bosi, Giovanni Tedesco and Novellino.

Zamparini has made almost 60 coaching changes in 29 years as a club owner, first at Venezia and then at Palermo.

**Daily Mail**

## 'Leave referees to do what they are trained for'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Despite his team losing two points through what may be called a 'soft penalty', Baroka FC coach, Kgoloko Thobejane says he is not one to complain about refereeing and would rather stick to what he knows than interfering in other people's jobs.

In Sunday's game, Baroka's opponents, Mbombela United equalised in stoppage time through a questionable penalty, a free invitation for any coach to have a go at the referee. But Thobejane has a different and perhaps refreshing opinion on the matter of refereeing that seems to be a constant irritation to many coaches.

"I am not a referee. I am a coach - that is my competency. The referees do their jobs and never interfere in mine, so I cannot tell them whether they are doing theirs' right or wrong."

"My job is to make my team play well and win. Let's just say you were to say the referee was bribed. But did he take my player's foot and put it on the opponent's leg?"

"If I, and my players do our jobs correctly, then even if a referee is bribed he cannot be able to influence the result," explained Thobejane. **The Citizen**

## Chiefs to offer Manqele in swap deal?

**JOHANNESBURG** - Kaizer Chiefs striker Edward Manqele may go back to Free State Stars, the team that gave him his first professional break.

Phakaaathi has learnt that Chiefs will offer Manqele in a swap deal as they push to secure the services of Ea Lla Koto's Moeketsi Sekola to try and solve their goal-scoring troubles. Chiefs are said to have already started negotiations with Stars, but the Bethlehem club are dragging their feet on the matter which has prompted the Glamour Boys to sweeten the deal with Manqele.

Manqele has struggled to fit in at Amakhosi since joining at the beginning of the season. **The Citizen**

## Mayweather vs Manny Pacquiao closer

**NEW YORK** - A rematch of the richest fight in boxing history - between Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao - is under discussion even though both men claim they have retired.

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The chances of Khan finally boxing Pacquiao hardened as he expressed a desire to go to Rio if plans for top professionals to compete in those Games



**CLOSER:** Manny Pacquiao (right) beat Timothy Bradley via unanimous decision in their third fight on Saturday. (Daily Mail)

are approved.

Khan, in the course of promoting next month's surprise challenge for the world middleweight title in a Las Vegas superfight against Mexican idol Canelo Alvarez, said: "I am very interested in trying to turn my silver medal at the Athens Games into gold in Rio. My trainer Virgil Hunter and I will sit down after the Canelo fight in May and see if we can fit the Olympics into my schedule."

Khan would compete in the same weight division as Pacquiao, who has already responded positively to sug-

gestions from the Philippines government and the boxing federation there for him to try to win his country's first Olympic gold medal.

Both men were approached by the leaders of world amateur boxing at a tournament in Qatar and promised exemptions from the current Olympics qualifying process.

Most top professionals are shying away from boxing against young amateurs, but AIBA are getting ready to vote on the admission of world champions to the boxing events in Rio.

**Daily Mail**

## Downs make Yeye approach

**PRETORIA** - Mamelodi Sundowns appear to be upping their attempts to bring Reneilwe Letsholonyane to the club on a free transfer at the end of the season.

As reported in this week's issue of Soccer Laduma, the Siya crew is led to believe that a representative from Masandawana has already made contact with the veter-

an midfield man in an attempt to persuade him to jump ship.

'Yeye' is legally allowed to open up talks with any interested parties after entering into the last six months of his deal back in January, and despite Chiefs saying that they are 'in negotiations' with him, his future is far from settled.

The 33-year-old central

midfielder - who has around two and a half months left on his contract - has been the bedrock of Chiefs' success over the past three seasons, however the club seemed to stall in their talks to tie him down leading up to the end of 2015. Now, with a reunion with his former Chiefs coach, Stuart Baxter, at SuperSport United also on the cards, it remains a real possibility that Yeye's time at Naturena may well be coming to an end.

**Soccer Laduma**

## Chad Le Clos and Co close out 200m freestyle final

**PRETORIA** - Chad Le Clos and his club team-mates dominated the 200m freestyle at the SA championships in Durban on Tuesday night, taking the top four places.

Le Clos, celebrating his 24th birthday, had to work hard to claim victory in a tight tussle that brought the vocal crowd of a few hundred at King's Park pool to their feet.

Later in the night, he burnt his rivals in the 200m butterfly to win in 1min 55.61sec, the fourth-fastest time in the world.

He and Christopher Reid, who won the 100m backstroke title, were the only two swimmers on the third day of the gala to achieve qualifying times for the Rio Games in August.

No female swimmers have made it yet, but diver Julia Vincent booked her ticket to Brazil when she beat friends Micaela Bouter and Nicole Gillis to the 3m springboard crown.

"I'm very happy, but I'm sorry I won't be able to experience it with them [Bouter and Gillis]," said Vincent.

Le Clos pushed through on the final lap of the 200m freestyle final to take the title in 1:47.75 and see off defending champion Myles Brown (1:48.29), Egyptian Marwan El Kamash (1:48.66) and Calvyn Justus (1:49.68). **TMG Digital**



**DOMINATED:** Chad Le Clos.

# REGIONAL LOGS

## STANDINGS

## SANELE JELE

## Manzini Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Hub Sundowns	25	18	4	2	60	13	47	59
Sisonkhe	25	15	7	3	41	12	29	52
Stumbo's XI	25	14	5	6	34	20	14	47
M. Rovers	25	13	5	7	35	24	11	44
Sacrament	24	12	5	7	33	28	5	41
Luvu Cosmos	25	10	9	6	41	33	8	39
Seven Dreams	25	11	5	9	35	32	3	38
L.Killers	25	9	9	7	35	24	11	36
Malkems	25	9	6	10	30	27	3	33
Milling Hotspurs	25	9	5	11	23	24	-1	32
Dwaleni S. Point	25	7	9	9	30	35	-5	30
G.Trompies	24	7	7	10	21	26	-5	28
FC North	25	5	7	13	19	35	-16	22
Bhudia Celtics	25	5	3	17	29	61	-32	18
Taliban	25	3	6	16	18	56	-38	15
Amajita	25	3	5	17	18	52	-34	14

## Riverview Filling Station Manzini Promotion League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Fairview Cosmos	27	18	4	2	49	13	36	61
Home Sparrows	27	19	3	5	64	27	37	60
Mhlaleni United	27	18	5	4	55	23	32	59
SibonisoSelwandle	27	17	7	3	61	23	38	58
Villa Stars	27	13	7	7	51	27	24	46
Young Tigers	27	12	8	7	44	36	8	44
Combine Stars	27	12	4	11	40	40	0	40
African Chiefs	27	10	6	11	30	33	-3	36
Superstars	27	9	8	10	37	44	-7	35
Two Sticks Comrades	27	9	6	12	43	43	0	33
Wise Kids	27	10	3	14	43	49	-6	33
FC Surprise	27	6	11	10	32	44	-12	29
New Generations	27	7	7	13	42	33	9	28
Nkonkwanecallies	27	3	7	17	17	47	-30	16
Parachute	27	4	2	21	28	80	-52	14
Manzini Classic	27	3	1	23	16	90	-74	10

## Riverview Manzini First Division League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Fairview Chiefs	25	20	3	2	70	14	56	63
Manzini United	24	19	1	4	74	18	56	58
The Bones	24	18	1	5	69	18	51	55
Lwandle Young Tigers	24	17	4	3	47	15	32	55
KholwaneFlying Birds	23	16	5	2	73	18	55	53
FC Bayern	25	15	3	7	44	26	18	48
Nhlambeni United	24	12	6	6	49	30	19	42
Chaos LTD	24	11	4	9	45	32	13	37
Healing Boys	24	10	1	13	33	48	-15	31
Bremer United	24	7	4	13	23	42	-19	25
Skom Boys	23	7	3	13	30	40	-10	21
Ngwane Park	23	6	1	16	31	61	-30	19
Villa Sport	24	6	1	17	16	69	-53	19
Logoba Rebellion	22	5	3	14	18	43	-25	18
Manzini Bullets	22	3	4	15	26	59	-33	12
Africa Unite	23	3	0	20	23	80	-57	9
Jealous Down	22	2	2	18	11	69	-58	8

## Save Mor Kwaluseni Promotion League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Boyane Young Aces	22	14	3	2	51	21	30	48
Matspha United	22	15	3	4	39	11	28	48
Zombodze United	22	16	2	4	51	18	33	47
Matsapha Auto Zone	22	13	7	2	44	17	27	46
Nsenga Comrades	22	13	1	8	43	25	18	40
Kwaluseni Rebels	22	12	3	7	34	16	18	39
Kudzeni United	22	12	1	9	41	46	-5	37
Zama United	22	11	3	8	35	25	10	36
Swazi Wire	22	8	7	7	33	31	2	31
Lozitha Spurs	22	9	3	10	30	31	-1	29
Real Professionals	22	7	6	9	39	37	2	27
Mhlaleni United	22	8	3	11	33	33	0	27
Nhlambeni R. Heroes	22	7	5	10	29	34	-5	26
Royal Swallows	22	4	2	16	18	48	-30	13
Brave Stars	22	0	0	15	1	66	-65	0

## Save MorKwaluseni First Division League



	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Ntunja Arsenal	23	19	4	0	90	16	74	61
Dark City	23	15	2	6	55	21	34	47
Umtfuti	23	14	4	5	48	36	12	46
Juvenuts	21	13	6	2	52	26	26	45
Celtics	23	14	3	6	50	29	21	45
Fashion	23	13	2	8	51	37	14	41
Sihhohweni	23	12	3	8	43	35	8	39
Shali United	23	11	6	6	38	32	6	39
Sockers	23	11	4	8	42	30	12	37
Kwaluseni United	23	9	5	9	51	44	7	32
Gum Valley	23	7	6	10	37	39	-2	27
Fletcher	23	8	3	12	31	62	-31	27
BafanaBafana	23	7	4	12	34	44	-10	25
Nkamazi AK47	23	6	3	14	44	47	-3	21
Supersport	22	5	5	12	41	54	-13	20
NsengaShagari XI	23	4	2	17	19	71	-52	14
Kicks	23	2	5	16	23	55	-32	11
Manila Stars	22	1	1	20	10	81	-71	4

## Usuthu Promotion League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
O. Swallows	20	14	5	1	39	11	28	47
Peacemakers	21	14	5	2	37	14	23	47
Black Rhinos	21	11	6	4	31	11	20	39
Young Internationals	19	9	9	1	24	13	11	36
Africa 2010	19	10	4	5	43	30	13	34
N. Youngstars	19	8	6	5	39	25	14	30
Black Aces	20	7	7	6	32	28	4	28
Komadi Superstars	21	7	3	11	19	34	-15	24
Commandos	20	6	5	9	27	31	-4	23
Neverloose	21	7	2	12	26	33	-7	23
Luhleko Classic	20	6	6	8	22	31	-9	23
Luhleko Flyers	21	5	5	11	19	33	-14	20
Revengers	20	3	6	11	24	43	-19	14
Zamalek	19	3	4	12	20	39	-19	13
Buffaloes	21	3	3	15	21	47	-26	12

## Kukhanyeni Inkhundla Promotion

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Nyakeni Heroes	25	18	2	2	46	20	26	59
Louis XIV	25	15	7	3	43	19	24	52
Kukhanyeni	25	15	5	5	37	14	23	50
Ngwazini	25	14	6	5	29	19	10	48
Brave Lions	24	13	8	3	39	22	17	47
Nyakeni Ravens	25	10	8	7	46	38	8	38
Lion Heart	25	10	4	11	39	39	0	34
Young Killers	25	10	4	11	41	45	-4	34
Nyakeni Trompies	25	9	5	11	28	37	-9	32
Nyakeni Cosmos	24	8	6	10	31	30	1	30
Bhekinkhosi	25	6	9	10	31	37	-6	27
Mbuluzana	25	7	5	13	30	35	-5	26
Sub-Marine	25	6	4	15	24	44	-20	22
Mphola Celtics	25	5	6	14	32	50	-18	21
Mdayane	25	5	3	17	23	40	-17	18
Mbjwana Rovers	25	4	3	18	16	55	-39	15

## KPMG Mafutseni Promotion League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
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Mkhuzweni United	26	20	3	3	67	18	49	63
Moyeni United	26	17	4	5	67	22	45	55
Young Camibals	25	17	3	5	61	28	33	54
Timbutini	25	14	5	6	45	26	19	47
Emataliyane	25	13	4	8	39	26	13	43
Khamatfo	24	12	4	8	44	35	9	40
Vulamehlo Classic	25	11	5	9	53	38	15	38
Ntabamhloshana	25	11	4	10	24	27	-3	37
Nkong Pirates	26	9	7	10	42	38	4	34
Dynamos	26	8	7	11	40	45	-5	31
MoyeniSupersport	27	8	5	14	38	60	-22	29
Ma-G-Man	25	7	7	11	36	38	-2	28
Vultures	24	7	4	13	33	50	-17	25
Xi Bees	24	7	1	16	34	66	-32	22
Madubula Rovers	26	3	4	19	18	77	-59	13
Logoba Young Killers	25	2	4	19	23	70	-47	10

## Mkhiweni Promotion League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Zama United	25	15	6	4	7	9	20	51
Step Ahead	25	15	5	4	53	24	29	50
Sangcofo	26	13	6	7	54	40	14	45
Colani United	26	13	6	7	67	30	37	44
Liverpool	26	11	11	4	40	30	10	44
Bantu City	27	12	7	8	42	33	9	43
Luvu Stars	25	11	9	5	41	35	6	42
Ngonini Y.Aces	25	12	5	8	46	41	5	41
Mbasheni Brothers	26	9	8	9	33	31	2	35
Blue Birds	25	8	7	10	29	34	-5	31
LuvuSuncity	24	9	5	12	36	42	-6	29
All Stars	25	8	5	12	46	49	-3	29
Mantshonga	26	6	11	9	25	31	-6	29
Toronto	26	6	5	15	33	56	-23	23
Luvu Classic	26	5	6	15	26	49	-23	21
Manchester	26	4	6	16	24	62	-38	18
White Killers	26	4	5	17	21	49	-28	17

## S &amp; S Malkerns Promotion League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Power Sparks	24	16	4	4	39	22	17	49
Mahlanya United	23	16	3	4	48	19	29	51
Luyengo Foxes	22	14	5	3	49	17	32	47
Current Toasters	24	13	6	5	36	20	16	45
Don Don	24	11	8	5	39	20	19	41
Phondo	23	8	9	6	32	28	4	33
Cutter Cosmos	24	9	4	11	32	40	-8	31
Izinyokanyoka	23	9	4	10	31	43	-12	31
Troublemakers	24	7	7	10	26	32	-6	28
Mphini	24	7	5	12	22	36	-14	26
Makhungutsha	24	6	7	11	33	42	-9	25
Swazi Can United	24	7	4	13	23	37	-14	25
Ndinda Volcanoes	24	7	4	13	21	41	-20	25



# HASELA BHUBESI ON THURSDAYS

...with Sibongiseni Zondi  
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**STRIVING FORWARD:** Red Lions players celebrating in recent match.

## THE DREAM LIVES ON

WE greet you on this beautiful Thursday *ma-Bhubesi*, we hope you are well. Please enjoy another packed edition of your favourite column.

### PAST MATCH

*Ma-Bhubesi*, as you know by now, we beat Manzini Sea Birds 4-2 on penalties on Saturday to advance to the semifinals of the SwaziBank Cup. It is the first time in the club's short history that we have made the semis of the SwaziBank Cup. We are thrilled *ma-Bhubesi* and we really commend the boys and our technical team for such a job well done. It was such a hard fought victory and the 120 minutes

played with no goal scored is testimony to that. Sea Birds are no walkovers and we would like to congratulate them for being the competitive force they were, testing us beyond our limits. We would also like to thank them for their professionalism and further thank all of you *ma-Bhubesi* who came to Somhlolo on Saturday to rally behind the boys. Your support ultimately made the difference. Thank you!

### NEXT UP, SWALLOWS!

The draw for the semifinals of the SwaziBank Cup was made on Monday and we were drawn against Mbabane Swallows *ma-Bhubesi*. We are looking forward to a great match against a great side *ma-Bhubesi*. We know everything there is to know about Swallows, we know how good they are and their place as one of the country's top clubs is certainly unchallenged. We, however, don't fear them, not even a bit. We know our strengths and on Sunday we

will work our socks off to make you proud *ma-Bhubesi*. Our technical team, led by the brilliant Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini is hard at work preparing the boys for war come Sunday. We hope you will once again come out in your numbers to rally behind the boys *ma-Bhubesi*.

### ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE - CAPTAIN MVUBU

Captain Bongani Mvubu says anything is possible as he and his teammates prepare for war against Mbabane Swallows in the semifinals of the SwaziBank Cup on Sunday. "Firstly, winning the quarter-final against Sea Birds felt really great for everyone in the team and it really boosted our confidence. Coming to the semis draw, this is a knockout and anything can happen. The best prepared team will win on Sunday and we are working hard at training to be that team. We respect Swallows, but we really have no problem playing them at all. All we want is to win the tournament. I think we stand a good chance of reaching the final and even winning the tournament because we have a squad capable of doing that. I really see us marching all the way to winning the SwaziBank Cup for the first time in our history."

### CHAUKE HAPPY TO BE BACK

Defender Sicelo Chauke has not played for the team since our last match of the season against Manzini Sundowns in May 2015. He came back with a bang from an ankle injury in the league draw against Sea

### PREVIOUS MATCH



**UP-BEAT:** Red Lions will be looking to build on their 4-2 victory on penalties against Sea Birds when then take on Mbabane Swallows in the SwaziBank Cup semi-finals.

Birds last week and he now tells us he thought he would never play again. "I have been injured for a very long time thinking I was never going to play again, so I am very happy to be back playing. While I was injured I kept telling myself that I was going to be fine and that I would get back in the team. Coming to our game against Swallows, we are feeling no pressure at all."

"We are going to play our normal game. We respect them but that doesn't count in the field of play. I am happy to be working with coach 'Ace' because he is more than a coach to us, but a father figure. He is always

encouraging us."

### FINAL WORDS

*Ma-Bhubesi*, thank you for reading your favourite column. Please remember that kick-off time for our Sunday match against Swallows is 3pm. Please come in your numbers to support the boys *ma-Bhubesi*. Please make sure to tune in on the SBIS Sports Show every Mondays and Fridays at 6: 15 am to get important updates from our brilliant PRO Comfort Shongwe. Gagashi kaMaphindela is out. Until next week, God bless you all. *Hlasela Bhubesi!*

**MENTOR:** Red Lions coach Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini

## AFRICA REGION 5 CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT



**WE ARE DOING OK:** The Swaziland Team Manager Bheki OB Macwele during an interview on the first day of the Africa Region 5 Championship Tournament held at the Royal Swazi Spa Golf Club Yesterday. (Pics: Mangaliso Dlamini)



**FORMER CHAMPIONS:** Ugandan Team.



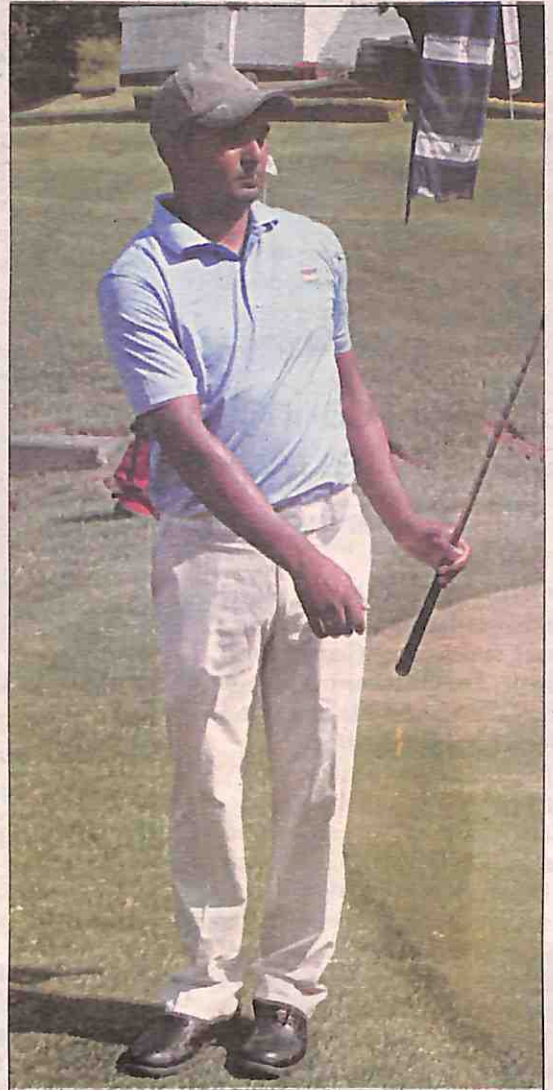
**ALL SMILES:** Gift Zulu of the Swaziland Team.



**POSE:** David Du Preez from Zimbabwe.



**KODAK MOMENT:** The Kenyan team



**WILD STRIKE:** Mauritius player Ritish Venkamah reacting after missing.



**COMFORTABLE:** Neophry Kubwa from Kenya said Swaziland is like home.



**The South African team**

SWAZILAND 2	
S. Vilane	69
A. Shongwe	79
G. Zulu	76
Mj. Dlamini	77

**THE BEST:** Chart showing yesterday's scores.

# VOVOVO EDGING CLOSER TO NFD PROMOTION

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCKER -** Motshane-based Vovovo have one leg in the MTN National First Division after edging northern Hhohho side 19 Celtics in the Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League play-offs.

The first leg match was played over the weekend at the newly built Khilani Stadium and Vovovo will host 19 Celtics at the Prince of Wales Ground on Saturday.

The Motshane-based side was on fire in the first leg as they beat their opponent 3-0 in a fast-flowing encounter. The result means Vovovo are not only close to securing a place in the National First Division, but also stand to pocket the first prize money.

Vovovo Director Tsetla Bhembe said they would not be carried away by their 3-0 lead going to the second leg, but would prepare for the match as if they were neutral in aggregate with the opposition.

"The spirit is high among the boys and they are hard at training preparing for the tough encounter. We won't do the mistake of carrying the



EDGING CLOSER: Motshane-based soccer team Vovovo.

3-0 lead in our heads as the opposition has an equal chance of turning things around. We will focus on getting a positive result to gain promotion to the NFD in the Hhohho region," he said. Bhembe invited their fans to come and support the team. "This is a must win match for us and mine would be to invite our fans to come and rally behind the boys. We will be all out to win the match." He said they were aware that

19 Celtics would come with another game plan. "We know they will come hard at us but we will be ready. I think we played well over the weekend but will have to work on our finishing going to the second leg," Bhembe said. The Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League is sponsored to the tune of E60 000 and is divided into two zones; being the Hhohho Southern and Northern Super League.

## Sikhatsi soaring in George Singles League

By Sanele Jele

**POOL - VETERAN** pool players Sikhatsi Dlamini is on the right track to defend the George Hotel Singles League following his 6-0 win over Alpheus Mncina at the weekend at George Hotel.

Dlamini has stretched the gap between him and second-placed Romeo Da Silva, who suffered his second loss to Siyabonga Dlamini.

Dlamini is now leading the chasing pack with 24 points after eight straight victories. Da Silva also shocked Alpheus Mncina 6-3 and is now sitting on 21 points after nine outings.

Third-placed Nqaba Lukhele kept his hopes of winning the league alive after beating Mncina 6-3, but then suffered a huge setback when he lost 3-6 to Vusi Masilela. Eddie Mkhonta remains on the fourth spot after losing vital points to Tasco Dlamini. Also on 15 points are Vusi Masilela, Ntozakhe Lukhele and Sifiso Dlamini. Languishing at the bottom of the log on three points are Alpheus Mncina, Sibusiso Dlamini, and Vuyani Dlamini.

The results			
Sikhatsi Dlamini	6	Alpheus Mncina	0
Nqaba Lukhele	3	Vusi Masilela	6
Nqaba Lukhele	6	Alpheus Mncina	3
Romeo Da Silva	6	Alpheus Mncina	3
Romeo Da Silva	1	Siyabonga Dlamini	6
Vusi Masilela	4	Sicelo Langwenya	6
Sicelo Langwenya	4	Tasco Dlamini	6
Tasco Dlamini	6	Eddie Mkhonta	3
Siyabonga Dlamini	6	Celumusa Dlamini	3
Tasco Dlamini	2	Nqaba Lukhele	6



TAKE THAT: The Zebra Force Boxing Club hosted a National Boxing Tournament at the Millennium Park in Manzini over the past week.

## Boxing nomination forms deadline tomorrow

By Sanele Jele

**BOXING - THE** Swaziland Boxing Association has urged teams to submit their nominations forms before the end of tomorrow.

This was disclosed by the association's President Pearl Dlamini during the National Boxing Tournament hosted by Zebra Force Boxing Club at the Millennium Park in Manzini over the past weekend.

"We are urging teams to submit their nomination forms before Friday (tomorrow) for the elections in May as we will be electing a new executive committee.

"We are pleading with teams to co-operate with us as this will help develop the sport of boxing."

Dlamini thanked Zebra Force Boxing Club for successfully hosting the one day tourney.

"We are grateful to Zebra Force Boxing Club for successfully hosting the one day tournament. We wish to see other teams emulate them.

Boxing would develop rapidly if teams take the initiative to host more tournaments," she said.

### Support

The president said that they were working towards hosting a seminar for boxing coaches that will enhance them to get qualified certificates.

"We are working around the clock to host a seminar for the local boxing coaches in a bid to professionalise the sport of boxing.

We will update teams when the course will commence and we expect each team to bring a coach or individual for the workshop."

Meanwhile, Chairman of the Zebra Force Boxing Club thanked all the teams and sponsors for making the tournament a success.

"The tournament was a success; we want to thank the teams and the sponsors for their contributions. Sponsors play a huge role in promoting and motivating the teams and players. We are calling for other sponsors to support this sport," he said.

## PPC cement sponsors COSAFA Under-20

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCKER - PPC**, the leading suppliers of cement in southern Africa, have joined forces with COSAFA to sponsor the region's Under-20 championship this year as they seek to develop Africa's stars of tomorrow.

The company's Executive Sales and Marketing Manager Rob Stein, told CAF online that they were happy to expand their brand through their new partnership with COSAFA.

"April this year sees PPC celebrating 124 years as a truly African success story - a focussed business that reflects the strengths of its people, products and services. As we look forward to our ongoing role in shaping Africa's future, we recognise that creating long-term success requires a new approach to business," he said.

This year's COSAFA U20 Youth Championship will be hosted in South Africa's North West province in December, with PPC having an option to renew their sponsorship for a further three years.

FA CEO Frederick

Mngomezulu said they were yet to receive formal correspondence from the regional mother body when sought for comment yesterday.

"This is indeed good news for the development of football in the SADC region as this tournament will help us groom future senior national team players as the youngsters will get international exposure," he said.

The last tournament was played in Lesotho in 2013,

where South Africa defeated guest nation Kenya 2-0 in the finals.

The local Under-20 team is also expected to take part in the competition and also qualify for

the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) Under-20 championships to be held in Zambia next year.

The Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini-led charges will on April 20 travel to Namibia for the return leg of the qualifier to be played on April 22 at the Sam Nujoma Stadium in Windhoek.

This comes after they played to a 2-all draw against the South West Africans during the first leg played at the Somhlolo National Stadium two weeks ago.

**PPC CEMENT**



## SwaziBank Cup Under-20 kit presentation today

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCKER - THE** SwaziBank Cup Under-20 semifinalists will today receive their kits at the bank's auditorium.

The presentation will start at 9am.

This was announced by the bank's Public Relations Officer (PRO), Phesheya Vilakati. "The kit presentation will be held today and we are expecting representatives from all the participating teams," Vilakati said.

The four teams will play on Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium.

The games will see defending champions Mbabane Swallows taking on Green Mamba while

Young Buffaloes have a date with Royal Leopard.

The two teams to come out from these games will play in the finals set to take place at a date yet to be announced.

PLS Development Communication Officer Dumsani 'DU' Sibandze urged the teams to attend the presentation without fail.

He reminded the four teams to keep time

"We are pleading for punctuality because we want to finish the event on time for the teams to have enough time to prepare for the Sunday matches."

### The fixture:

Green Mamba vs Mbabane Swallows	9am
Young Buffaloes vs Young Buffaloes	11am

**SIDLALA KANJE.**

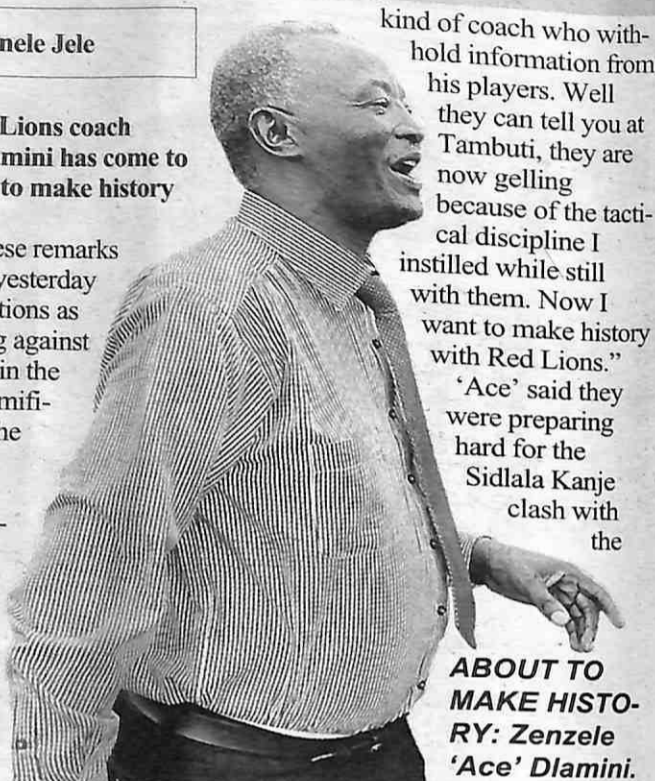
# I WANT TO MAKE HISTORY WITH RED LIONS – 'ACE'

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER - RED Lions coach Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini has come to say that he wants to make history with Red Lions.**

Dlamini made these remarks when interviewed yesterday on his team's ambitions as they will be playing against Mbabae Swallows in the SwaziBank Cup semi-finals on Sunday at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

"Red Lions is starting to reflect my tactics and I am happy with what is happening. When I coach a team I believe they should know what I know and I am not the



**ABOUT TO MAKE HISTORY: Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini.**

kind of coach who withhold information from his players. Well they can tell you at Tambuti, they are now gelling because of the tactical discipline I instilled while still with them. Now I want to make history with Red Lions." 'Ace' said they were preparing hard for the Sidlala Kanje clash with the

'Beautiful Birds'.

"It's a tough draw since Swallows are the strongest team currently. My team has what it takes to cause an upset in this tournament. It's a matter of making thorough preparations because that is where you lose and win games.

"We will be going all out for a win against our opponents."

Dlamini left Young Buffaloes in the middle of the season when the team was at top of the MTN Premier League log. He then had a short stint with Malanti Chiefs before moving to Tambuti as a technical director for almost a month.

He then joined his current team, taking them to the semifinals of the lucrative SwaziBank Cup that carries E1 million for the winner.

They are currently on 10th position in the MTN Premier League.

The team advanced to the semifinals of this tournament after beating Sea Birds via penalties.

## DRC added as guest team in COSAFA Castle Cup

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER - AFRICAN Cup of Nations Champions, the Democratic Republic of Congo have been added as a guest in this year's edition of COSAFA Castle Cup.**

The regional showpiece is scheduled for Namibia starting from June 11-25.

Information sourced from COSAFA is that the team will replace the Comoros Islands, the only members of the association that have declined to compete in the tournament.

DR Congo will join the tournament at the quarter-final stage along with South Africa, Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique and hosts Namibia.

These teams will be joined in the quarter-finals by the two first round group winners to be contested by seeded sides Malawi, Angola,

Zimbabwe and Swaziland, well as Madagascar, Lesotho, Mauritius and Seychelles.

The teams have been seeded based on the April 2016 FIFA World Rankings. COSAFA competitions committee Chairperson Timothy Shongwe says they are delighted to have a team of the quality of DR Congo competing in Namibia.

### Rankings

"DR Congo have shown at both club and country level that they are among the leading teams on the African continent and so they will bring added quality to the field for the 2016 COSAFA Castle Cup. They will bring an added dimension to the competition and I am sure they will thrill fans with the football they are able to produce under Coach Florent Ibenge.

"Whilst we are primarily a regional Southern African body, we are part of Africa and are always happy to include teams from the rest of conti-

nent in moving the game forward," he said.

Meanwhile, Fédération Congolaise de Football-Association (FECOFA) Vice-President Théobald Binamungu said they were happy to have their team participate in the COSAFA Cup for the first time.

"We are delighted to be bringing our national team, The Leopards, to Namibia to participate for the first time in the COSAFA Castle Cup and are proud to take our place in the field for 2016.

"We are certain our team will leave a good impression, having made great progress in both club and national team competitions over the past year. We have a lot of respect for all the teams in the COSAFA region and we know that to lift this trophy will be a huge challenge for our team," he said.

Congo is currently placed on the eighth spot in the African list in the latest FIFA rankings.

## ZIFA match-fixing scandal investigations dealt a blow

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER - THE ongoing investigation on the Sihlangu, Warriors match-fixing scandal has hits a snag as a former ZIFA CEO has refused to co-operate with the football mother body.**

ZIFA alleges that the former, CEO Henrietta Rushwaya, was the central figure in a plan to manipulate Warriors' defeats in their two AFCON qualifiers matches against Swaziland last month, a tie that was eventually won by the Zimbabwean side after winning one game and drawing the other.

Information sourced from one of the Zimbabwean publications is that Rushwaya had declined to co-operate in the match-fixing investigation, wherein she is accused of plotting to manipulate the outcome Warriors' Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) 2017 qualifiers against Swaziland, among other allegations. ZIFA is

said to have charged Rushwaya, together with the mother body's former programmes officer, Jonathan Musavengana, former Warriors coach Ian Gorowa, player agent Kudzi Shaba, Hwange coach Nation Dube and Edzai Kasinauyo, who was recently relieved of his duties as an executive committee member in that country's supreme football body.

She responded by saying she would not be dragged to any disciplinary hearing by ZIFA, as she was no longer employed by the association.

Rushwaya, through her attorneys, has challenged ZIFA to instead charge its CEO, Jonathan Mashingaidze with corruption.

### Case

Rushwaya was categorical that she would not attend any disciplinary hearing.

ZIFA is reported to have since made a police report over the corruption allegations, but none of the accused have been questioned.

Sports Minister Makhosini Hlongwane has since called for the arrest of those implicated in the scandal.

### Office

Rushwaya was implicated in the Asiagate scandal, where she was accused of being the mastermind in fixing the Warriors matches in Asia.

The case

collapsed following ZIFA's failure to follow its disciplinary codes when they hired an independent body to conduct investigations.

Rushwaya then received a life ban from football, which was lifted in January, after the Philip Chiyangwa-led executive committee, assumed office.



**CITED: Former ZIFA CEO Henrietta Rushwaya.**

## Team SD starts Africa Region 5 Golf Championships on a high

By Sanele Jele

**GOLF - TEAM Swaziland has started the Africa Region 5 Golf Championships on a high note after scoring a combined score of 222 under par, which puts them in a better position to be seeded for a place in the top eight.**

The regional tournament saw 13 countries taking to the greens at the Royal Swazi Sun Golf Course yesterday. Worth noting is that all the other countries, except defending champions Uganda and Mauritius, were allowed to have two teams competing while these two had

one.

Day one saw the teams playing on an 18-hole stroke play with the best three scores to count.

### Lead

The quartet of Sifiso Vilane, Arvy Shongwe, Gift Zulu and Mandla Dlamini complete the second group while Willard Mkwana, James Pennington, Vusi Dlamini and Jabulane Mabaso form Group 1. These group finished on the fourth spot with 223 under par.

At the end of play yesterday, South Africa was leading the pack after scoring 210 under par while the second team managed a score of 214 under par.

Zambia was fifth on the score of 224 under par while Mauritius, Zimbabwe and defending champions Uganda settled for 6th spot after netting a combined score of 226 under par.

Today will see the top eight teams seeded against each other in the A Division while the least ranked teams will battle each other in the B Division.

Team Swaziland Manager Bheki 'OB' Macwele said they were happy with the team's performance on the day.

"It's great that we have started so well. Infact, I was surprised with Group 2, they played exceptionally

well especially Sifiso Vilane, who scored the highest under par of 69, beating all the other golfers. We are optimistic that we will win the tournament as Uganda have done that in their own backyard."

Meanwhile Swaziland Golf Union (SGU) President Albert Mhlanga said they were happy to host the tournament.

"This does not happen often and we are grateful to be given this opportunity because our golfers will get more experience. It will, at the same time, boost the country's economy. The teams should just feel at home and enjoy the comfort and beauty of our country."

### The results

1. South Africa 1	210
2. South Africa 2	214
3. Swaziland 2	222
4. Swaziland 1	223
5. Zambia	224
6. Mauritius	226
6. Zimbabwe	226
6. Uganda	226
7. Botswana	237
8. Namibia	238
9. Kenya	239
10. Malawi 2	243
11. Malawi 1	248
12. Mozambique1	249
12. Botswana 2	249
13. Lesotho	251
14. Mozambique2	271
15. Angola	275

## RESULTS

### ABSA Premiership

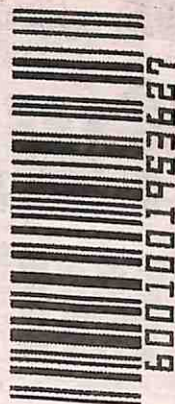
Ajax	1 - 1	Platinum
Jomo Cosmos	0 - 1	Bidvest Wits
Polokwane	1 - 3	Mamelodi Sundowns

### FA Cup

West Ham	1 - 2	Man United
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### UEFA Champions League

Atl. Madrid	2 - 0	Barcelona(3-2)
Benfica	2 - 2	Bayern Munich(2-3)



Thursday April 14, 2016

## Siza full of praise for 'Beyond 2000', Celani

**SOCCER** - FORMER international star Siza 'King Pele' Dlamini has paid glowing tribute to, amongst others, Mbabane Swallows General Manager Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane and former Player Agent Celani Shongwe for contributing to his flourishing football career.

The South African Absa Premiership Jomo Cosmos assistant coach took to his Facebook page, wherein he thanked the two officials and others for contributing to his career.

He also thanked teams such as Mshinande Arsenal, Piggs Peak Bush Bucks, Mbabane Swallows, Umtata Bush Bucks, Golden Arrows, Durban stars, F.C.A.K and Jomo Cosmos, which he said have had a hand in his career.

"Looking back to where I am coming from, I discovered that there are so many people who have played a role in shaping me to what I have managed to achieve through football.

"But there are men at Mbabane Swallows under the leadership of the late Bheki Simelane I would like to thank for fighting with those who were against me joining Mbabane Swallows. I am really humbled and just want to thank you. 'Beyond 2000' looked after me while I was at school and took care of me when I fractured my leg. He was running around taking me to the best doctors," he said.

The former striker said he would not forget Shongwe, whom he said played a role in making him an ambassador for the Reebok brand.

"Celani was not my agent, but someone who was just passionate about football. I was surprised when he came to my door step and told me that he had recommended me to Reebok. This really boosted my confidence and I ended up getting the Player of the Year Award in that year and second top goal-scorer," he said.

Dlamini also paid tribute to the coaches who have mentored him in the game.

"Too many people have played a role in my life and some of them are late. I have managed to build a home for my family and I wouldn't have done that without the support of these people.

"These include the likes of Jimmy Mwale, Jani Simlambo, Scara Thindwa Boy 'Bhizah' Mkhonta, Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe, Musa Mamba, Dominic Ninyonzima, Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini, Timothy Tsabedze, my brother Zakhele 'Boss' Dlamini, a former Young Buffaloes player. The list is endless," he said.

# FA TO INVESTIGATE MATCH-FIXING REPORTS

- The leagues is left with **three** games
- Football mother body **against** such practices

Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER - THE National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) has promised to lodge an investigation into the match-fixing reports in local football.**

This follows reports by some of the teams in which they are accusing another premier league side of approaching them to sell to them an upcoming clash between the two sides.

Interviewed on this matter yesterday, NFAS CEO Frederick Mngomezulu said they were shocked to learn that could be happening in local football.

"We were shocked to learn of these match-fixing reports and will follow it up. Yes it is the PLS that manages games and they are better placed to determine what it going on. However, match-fixing is a serious allegation and as the football association we need to follow this matter up," he said.

The CEO said they had an Ethics Committee in place that had been educated to deal with such. "We already have the structures to deal with match fixing and corruption related matters in our football. The committee has been educated by FIFA on how to determine elements

that constitute match fixing," he said.

He said the association's objective was to ensure that all competitions were fair and free from match-fixing.

"We will seriously look into it and then act if need be. This will not be the first time as we once initiated a probe in 2006/07 after our referees were said to be involved in malpractices. We dealt with that matter then and we can deal with it now," he said.

The MTN Premier League is left with three days before the curtains fall.



**STRESSES: NFAS CEO Frederick Mngomezulu**

Other supporters took to social network where they blasted teams for acting in such a matter.

"This is a disgrace to local football. Teams should play and win fairly instead of going for illicit ways of achieving," they said.

## '...Give match-fixers a life ban'

**SOCCER - FOOTBALL supporters have called for the banning of any team found guilty of match-fixing in the country.**

Interviewed on this matter yesterday, some of the supporters said they were disappointed to learn that there were teams conducting themselves in this manner.

"This is really bad for our football. How can we expect to have teams that are desperate to win by buying and selling games playing in our league?

Such teams don't deserve to be here because it shows they have no integrity. They need to be banned for life," said Sabelo Dlamini.

### Disturbed

Another supporter Sidumo Hlophe said he was disturbed to learn of such in local football.

"I thought such things happen in other countries and not in Swaziland. It would be really painful if these reports are true because it will really destroy our football," he said.

Meanwhile, Vusi Maseko said

he was expecting such to happen seeing that the league was nearing the end.

"I have always told myself that such things happen. It is just that it is not put out in the open like it has been now. The league is very interesting now and teams want to win it at the end. Others will, therefore, try to solicit points in every way possible in order to increase their chances of winning. This, however, is not to say it is good practice.

"I am totally against it as it is not good for the development of football," he added.

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