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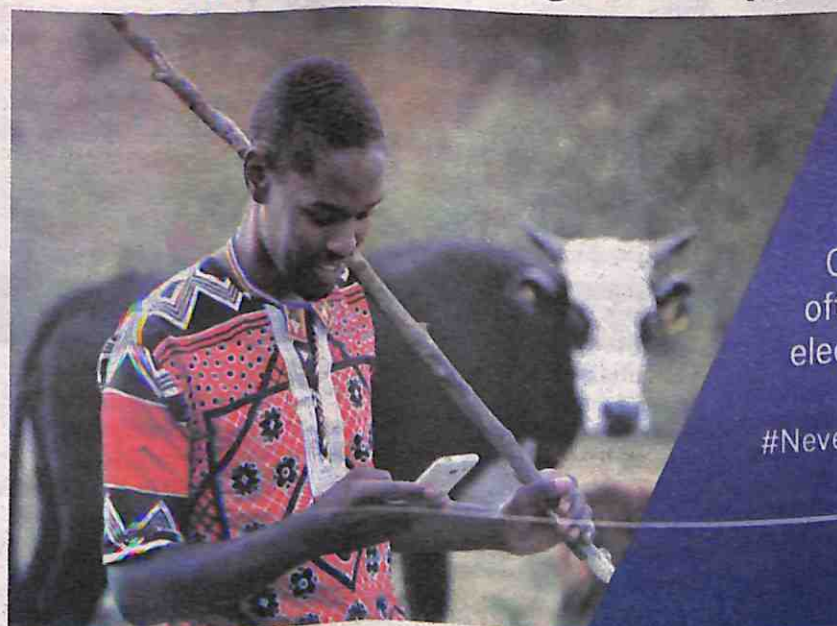


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## 2 NATIONAL NEWS

# 17 MORE PROBLEMS FOR EMBATTLED SIPA CEO

Stories by Ackel Zwane  
Manzini

**EMBATTLED** Chief Executive Officer of Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) Phumelele Dlamini has 17 more problems to solve with her staff.

This time added are grievances from cleaners based at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre in Manzini.

Today the cleaners are sending a delegation to the chairman of the SIPA board of directors to explain the 17 grievances, one by one.

This takes the number of grievances against the CEO to 53 as managers and staffers from the head office had presented 36 problems of their own against the now controversial woman.

The cleaners say most issues were coming out of Mbabane yet they were equally affected, especially because since January 2014 they have been working as temporary staff, much against the Employment Act.

Having read media reports that a strike was imminent within SIPA ahead of the Swaziland International Trade Fair, the cleaners took particular response from the CEO denying the strike in a statement.

"All those grievances were and remain true and have even been added with the extra duties that have come with the Trade Fair," they say.

Interviewed yesterday during the lunch break, the cleaners revealed they had called Commerce and Trade Minister Gideon Dlamini in the morning for a follow-up having

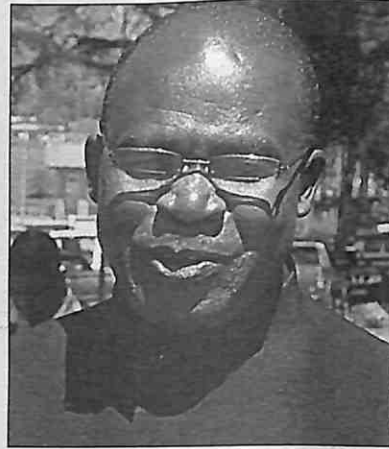
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**MORE WOES:** SIPA Chief Executive Officer Phumelele Dlamini and Minister of Commerce Gideon Dlamini.

reported to him at his homestead in Mliba before the Trade Fair whereby he had requested the cleaners to return to him after the event that terminated last week. However, since the end of the Trade Fair, the situation has instead deteriorated even after the minister had been made aware. They claim the minister had promised to invite a board member to hear first-hand the grievances and yesterday he allegedly promised them to call the chairman on their behalf.

Of note is that the complaints of the cleaners have similar traits with those of managers because they (cleaners) are not happy with the high-handedness of the CEO.



They are also not happy with alleged bullying of staff and further using derogatory words against employees.

The CEO has promised to hunt down all those who leaked information about SIPA.

She holds the view the matter was being attended to internally thus was alarmed how it found its way to the press. She said she would stop at nothing in finding who leaked the document detailing the problems at the investment company.

The board is said to have launched investigations into the matter. Minister Dlamini confirmed knowledge of the staff concerns.

## THE CLEANERS' 17 GRIEVANCES

The cleaners have prepared a list of grievances which they have also sent to the SIPA board of directors, the labour commissioner and the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

■ From 2014 January to 2016 no confirmation letters, only verbal confirmation directly by the CEO.

■ No salary increment since 2014-16. When we ask managers they say they will ask our human resources manager and come to address us, surprisingly the CEO came and asked us what we knew about cost of living (natini nge-cost of living).

■ On June 22, 2016 the CEO came and told us that 31 October 2016 is our last day at SIPA and she will bring a company which will take over, saying this verbally with no written communication.

■ She will tell our managers that she wants to see us, without knowing the agenda of the meeting, and we will sometimes wait close to an hour after working hours before she arrives.

■ The last meeting with her she told us we will earn E1 400 as cost of living and E92 as increment for the past years, when we questioned her what was the rate and a written breakdown she boldly told us that her papers were not for advertisement emphasising she will give us the above amount saying she is not asking or expecting any objection from anyone.

■ On 19 August 2016 an in-contact of the E1 400 and the additional E92 to our basic salary without any written explanation went through.

■ No leave or leave pay since 2014 till now, 2016.

■ Our CEO gave us extra work which is not related to cleaners, e.g. painting and partitioning. When we asked her to give us something as appreciation, she threatened to fire us if we will not finish the work according to her expectations. As this job (partitioning) was done by a contractor in 2014 SITF, it earned close to a E1 million but she said we deserved nothing, only being fired if we fail to do or finish the work according to her time frame.

■ Who should assign us where to work or which work to do, our managers or the CEO because even if they are present she (CEO) will jump them and instruct us different tasks even if the managers have assigned us different jobs, finding ourselves confused as to whom we should listen to because the CEO will tell us that she is used to firing people who take instructions from others if she is present.

■ Who should give us instructions concerning our work, the CEO or our managers?

■ The Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) issue has not been resolved as amounts are not the same starting from 2014-2016 but working for the same company and earning the same amounts.

■ We have been taxed E18 as graded tax but when we consult Swaziland Revenue Authority this amount is not reflected.

At some point one of our colleagues went to do his public driving licences and was taxed and another went for his scholarship papers and was also taxed, who has kept these moneys?

■ Why did SIPA for this year, 2016 SITF bring a cleaning company and a painting contractor yet we have been doing this job for the past years or is it that SIPA has a lot of money? Yet the CEO told us we were expensive when she told us what was the reason of bringing a contractor, she then told us 31 October was our last day and the contractor would take over.

■ Does SIPA not have any benefit even medical aid, or insurance?

■ Which constitution does SIPA uses e.g. how long does it take for an employee to be confirmed?

■ Who is responsible for hiring and firing an employee at SIPA?

■ Why was our manager suspended, we want her back with immediate effect, the situation here in this organisation is becoming worse, when you stand against corruption or stand for the truth you will be a victim of being shown the exit door or suspension by the CEO.

## E50 000 to apply for Mobile licence

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**THE** regulatory body for the communications sector, the Swaziland Communications Commission (SCCOM) has finally revealed the bidding price of E50 000 to apply for an individual electronic communications network that will provide public communications services in the country.

This move will see other players being granted licences to compete with Swazi Mobile Network (MTN), which is something, according to the public, that will bring about healthy competition for the latter.

Through an advertisement in the media, it is stated that in accordance with the Electronic Communications Act, Section 11, the commission has invited applications for the provision of public telecommunications services in the country.

At a non-refundable fee of E50 000 the public or companies can apply for an individual electronic communications network licence and an individual electronic communications service licence. According to the general

as MTN's monopoly comes to an end



notice, the commission will issue both licences to a single party to enable the provision of technology and service neutral network and voice, data and value added services.

"The successful bidder will furthermore be awarded a Frequency Spectrum Licence and will have access to spectrum 900 MHz, 2100 MHz and 2300 MHz bands in accordance with the National Frequency Plan and the Electronic Communications Regulations, 2016," part of the statement reads.

Through this invitation to apply (ITA) process and the issuing of new licences to fixed and mobile operators in the country, the commission stated it was trying to change the market structure by promoting competition and improving the quality of services offered to people.

The commission further added this move would increase affordability and enable customer choice, which is something that would lead to the attainment of the goals and objectives of the Electronic Communications Act of 2013 and the National Information and Communications and Infrastructure (NICI) Policy Implementation Plan 2012-2016. The invitation to apply opened from the day before yesterday and will be closing on September 30, 2016.

This will bring the end of an era whereby MTN enjoyed the benefits of being a solo network provider in the country. Already there are service providers such as Vodacom which are lobbying via social media for support from the public to be recognised as potential service providers for the country.

## Over 4 000 circumcised in 3 months

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**BETWEEN** the month of April and June, over 4 000 Voluntary Medical Male Circumcisions (VMMC) were carried out.

This is contained in the ministry of health's first quarter budget performance report tabled in parliament by Minister Sibongile Simelane. In total there were 4 440 males circumcised.

The statistics were collected from all centres that conduct voluntary medical male circumcisions in the country.

In April there were 2 462 procedures conducted, in May there were 779 while in June there were 1 199 procedures conducted.

## ...122 tested HIV positive

**THE** ministry of health's report further indicates that of the 2 462 who underwent the circumcision in April, 2 347 tested HIV negative.

At least 73 tested HIV positive and 42 patients' results were unknown.

In May, from the 779 patients,

The report states that the Swaziland National HIV and AIDS programme (SNAP) says VMMC is one of the prioritized intervention that the country adopted as an additional way of strengthening HIV prevention. "Based on the undisputed evidence that male circumcision offers above 60% partial protection against HIV transmission in heterosexual relations, VMMC is intervention targeting males directly and also extending to sexual partners of circumcised male once they commence sexual activity. It is offered with a package that includes HIV testing services, age appropriation, condom promotion and distribution. It also offers screening and treatment of sexually transmitted infection and risk reduction counseling," it states.

748 tested HIV negative, while 22 tested HIV positive and nine patients' results were unknown.

**Circumcised**  
In June, of the 1 199 who were circumcised, 1 162 tested negative, while 27 tested HIV positive and ten patients' results were unknown.



# LAWYERS TO BOYCOTT SUPREME COURT

## COVER STORY

Stories by Linda Jele  
Mbabane

**The country's legal practitioners have decided to boycott the Supreme Court until permanent judges are appointed.**

The Supreme Court's second session is expected to commence on November 16, 2016 as announced by the Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala through Lungile Msimango, the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

At a press conference held at the Mountain Inn yesterday, the Law Society of Swaziland (LSS) announced that its close to 500 members resolved to suspend their appearance before the Supreme Court until such time that the Supreme Court has a full complement of the bench that is permanent.

The lawyers said the issue of having acting judges was of great concern. They said it was unconstitutional and making appearance before such a court would suggest that they were legitimising it.

It would be the second time lawyers engage in a court boycott in about five years. The last time, they boycotted all of the country's courts in protest against a number of issues touching on actions by the erstwhile Chief Justice Michael Ramodibedi.

They were complaining of a number of practice directives issued by Ramodibedi and for charging High Court Judge Thomas Masuku and hauling him before what they termed a kangaroo court.

Senior Mbabane lawyer Sidumo Mdladla, in his capacity as LSS Vice President, said lawyers took the decision to stop appearing before the Supreme Court in July 2016 in a meeting.

He was speaking on behalf of President Ben J Simelane. He said the last time there was a full complement of judges in the Supreme Court was during Ramodibedi's tenure, but most of the judges, who were foreign, did not return after the former JSC chairman was removed after his conviction on charges of misconduct.

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## ... 'We are not confrontational'

**THE lawyers have succinctly stated that the suspension of their appearance before the Supreme Court was not confrontational.**

Vice President of the Law Society of Swaziland Sidumo Mdladla said the members of the organisation merely wanted to convey a message across that they would not be part of a process they knew was illegal. He said the constitution was clear that by this time, there should be a full complement

of judges in the superior court. "In our view, this is a process that should not have taken this long and if we continue to be part of it, it will continue unabated, much to the detriment of this country and the private businesses," he said. He said the lawyers would wait patiently until the process to appoint the judges was finalised.

He said they hoped that those that were part of the process would realise the importance of having to attend to the process urgently.

viction on charges of misconduct.

"After that, the current chief justice would appoint judges on an ad hoc basis. Initially, the Law Society of Swaziland understood the circumstances which led to that scenario," Mdladla a former High Court acting judge said.

### Appointed

He said High Court judges would be appointed to act as Supreme Court judges and this was later changed and legal practitioners were appointed on acting basis.

He said the latest arrangement was itself a compromise but the lawyers had made it clear that there should be permanent judges in the Supreme Court.

"We have engaged with the office of the chief justice and he has explained to us the problems with which his office and the judiciary is facing with regard to the appointment of the judges of the Supreme Court on permanent basis. In as much as we appreciate the challenges, we cannot condone them any longer. The view of the law society of Swaziland is that the Supreme Court is the highest court in the land and the last point of call in as far as the fountain of justice

is concerned," Mdladla said.

"As such, it should be beyond reproach and transparent and more than anything else, as the custodian of the constitution, its functions should hold strictly to the constitution."

### Unconstitutional

He said the appointment of acting judges was not only unconstitutional, but eroded the well established jurisprudence that has been established over the years.

He said it eroded the integrity of the Supreme Court.

"As a result, the law society of Swaziland has come to the conclusion that no member should appear until the permanent complement of judges is made," Mdladla said.

The Registrar of the Supreme Court, when asked on the issue, asked to be furnished with a questionnaire which she was going to hand over to the JSC.

She was served at around 2pm, confirmed receipt and said she had given it to the chief justice. However, there had been no response by 6pm.

The chief justice's cell phone rang unanswered yesterday and he had not responded to a text message at the time of going to print.

## It might take time - Lawyers

**THE appointment of permanent judges of the Supreme Court is not expected to have been finalised by the time the second session of the court resumes.**

This is a view held by lawyers in consideration of the process and procedure followed in the appointment of judges.

Vice-President of the law society of Swaziland Sidumo Mdladla said by the time the

session commences on November 16, 2016, the process would not have been concluded.

### Process

He said the process, in the lawyers' view, would not take anything less than 12 weeks, considering the seriousness of the issue and the international conventions Swaziland signed, governing the appointment of judges.

## 'Treat all courts equally'

**THE Integrity of the Supreme Court and the Industrial Court of Appeal should be given the same treatment accorded to the High Court and Industrial Court, lawyers say.**

The lawyers said the High Court and the Industrial Court had permanent judges, therefore, there was no reason why the Supreme Court should not have a full complement of the bench, given its status.

## 'Acting Supreme Court judges not paid'

**SOME of the Judges who acted in the Supreme Court have still not been paid.**

The Law Society of Swaziland has voiced their concern on the rumours to that effect doing rounds. It was stated that these may or not include some of the judges of the high Court or the lawyers who were appointed to be acting judges of the Supreme Court.

"This is untenable and speaks volumes about our approach to the independence of the judiciary. We'd urge that there should be a serious consideration to



**LEGAL EAGLE: Law Society Vice-President Sidumo Mdladla.**

address this anomaly as it is a cause for concern and an embarrassment," Vice-President Sidumo Mdladla said.

## CJ CITES LACK OF RESOURCES

**THE Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala is reported to have said resources barred him from appointing Supreme Court judges.**

The Law Society of Swaziland

stated that when he voiced out the challenges he said the resources were limited and also hampered by the fact that the judiciary relied on the executive for the creation of posts.

## Commissioner of labour waiting for KFC freezer report

Stories by Samukelisiwe  
Ginindza  
Mbabane

**THE Commissioner of Labour under the ministry of labour and social security Siphosiphiso Tsabedze is still awaiting a report from Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) on the freezer incident.**

Tsabedze said his department would take appropriate action after getting and appreciating the report. Two employees were locked in a freezer by two managers in one of the Manzini branches of the eatery. The managers have since been moved to Mbabane.

One of the freezer victims Nondumiso Mavuso has been sent home and her last day at

work is next Monday.

Asked on the case of Mavuso, the commissioner advised her to report her case with the Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC). "It is tricky to interfere in a company's internal disciplinary process, hence we have been waiting for a report from the eatery as they had told us they will be doing investigations in this matter and we are following it closely," Tsabedze said. He added that after the report from the eatery has been submitted to their office, they will then check if all the right procedures were rightly followed in dealing with it.

"CMAC will deal with this matter the right way they know how as they are the right people to handle it," he added.



## We are against short term contracts - Commissioner

**THE Commissioner of Labour Siphosiphiso Tsabedze said the ministry is against short term contracts for established long term businesses.**

"We do not understand how they can hire people under short term contracts yet they are a continuous business. This is why we will be working on this issue of contracts to ensure that the right procedures are followed without taking desperate people for a ride," he said. Tsabedze added that short term contracts are only for short term businesses.

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**YOU ARE WELCOME:** Republic of China on Taiwan Ambassador Thomas Chen being introduced by Manzini Municipal Council Chief Executive Officer Lungile Dlamini to Manzini Mayor Khethokuhle Dlamini during the Manzini-Taiwan Cultural Exchange at the Old Trade Fair Grounds yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**HERE:** Republic of China on Taiwan Ambassador Thomas Chen with Ministry of Housing Under Secretary Trevor Shabalala.



**I CAN FLY:** A performer lifted by colleagues.



**GREETINGS:** Leader of Taiwan delegation Warren Wang making his remarks.



**JUMPING:** The students captured in action.



**STUNTMAN:** Another student displaying his stunts.



**THE EMPEROR:** One of the students displaying a funny face.

**FLYING:** The visiting Taiwan Youth Ambassadors displaying their sterling performances.



**SHOPPING:** The students buying some wares from vendors.



**PHEZUKWEMKHONO:** Lutsango, pupils and the public clapping hands.



**SMILE:** Taiwan youth ambassadors posing for a selfie.



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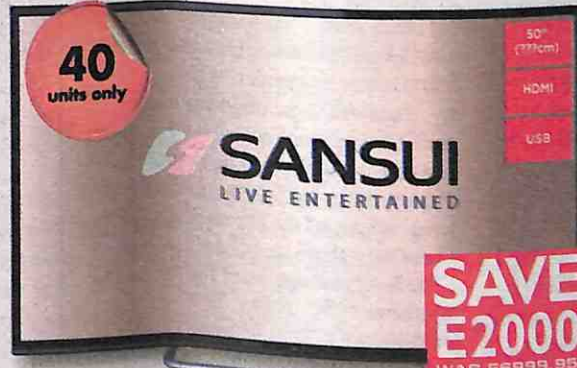
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# SOLDIERS TO BE PAID WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

## MEMBERS of Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) might be paid Workmen's Compensation.

This will only happen if the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Bill of 2015 is enacted to be legislation. This legislation was tabled yesterday in the Senate by Minister for Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula.

The amended Bill aims to include the soldiers and domestic workers to be paid what is known as a Workmen's Compensation. The Workmen's Compensation is the money that is paid to workers who get injured or sick while at work. The laws governing the country require employers to pay a certain amount of money towards an insurance that pays for such incidents once they happen. The Bill will amend the Workmen's Compensation Act of 1983.

Section 2 of the act excluded soldiers and domestic workers from being paid work benefits, even if they got injured at workplaces. The act did not classify them as workers.

Magagula, when tabling the Bill before the senators, stated that the act proved to be discriminatory towards these groups of people. She said such constituted a violation of Convention III on Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) and Section 20 of the constitution of the country. This section requires that all people should be treated equally before the law.

### Employees

"With regard to domestic employees, it will be recalled that not so long ago, member states of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) adopted Convention No. 189 Concerning Decent Work for Domestic Employees," Magagula said. She said the adoption of the convention was in line with and gave effect to the four strategic principles concerning fundamental rights at work as contained in the 1998 declaration, namely "the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation."

The bill, Magagula said, sought to align definition of certain words in the interpretation section with those given by other labour statutes in the country. The words included "courts" and "employer." "The word 'court' will now be broad as

it used to refer only to the Industrial Court. It will also include the Magistrate's Courts for those violations of the Workmen's Compensation Act which constitutes criminal offences," she said. She also explained the meaning of the word "employer" to the senators. "The current definition of this word is limited as it does not appreciate the continuing nature of the employment relationship and obligations related to the employment contract, in case where the employer is in liquidation or in the case of death of an employer, who is a sole proprietor," the minister said.

Magagula said the definition must therefore include a liquidator, a trustee of a sole proprietor's insolvent estate and an executor of his estate in case of his death.

The Bill sought to bring the Workmen's Compensation Act No. 7 of 1983 into conformity with international labour standards.

They include Convention No. 189 Concerning Decent Work for Domestic Employees, Convention No. 111 Concerning Discrimination (Employment and Occupation), and ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and its follow-up of 1988.

## Where is the state jet? - MPs

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini  
Lobamba

### LUDZELUDZE MP Bambumuti Sithole asked the minister for foreign affairs and trade to explain the position of the country's jet.

Sithole said the last time they heard about it from the ministry it was being refurbished. Since then, the legislator said there has been no report whatsoever yet as parliamentarians they needed to be updated on the matter so they could assist where possible.

Motshane MP Phesheya Hlatshwayo told the acting Minister, Princess Tsandzile, that it was parliament that took the decision to purchase the state jet and therefore it was well within

their rights to know the developments with regard to the purchase. He said when they took the decision, the country then was losing a lot of money through hiring aircrafts and did not want that to persist.

### Questioned

MP Christopher Gamedze questioned why the report reflected that when E96 million for the state aircraft was transferred, there were savings of E5 million. He said their expectation was the whole amount should have been paid.

The minister would provide the answers next Monday. She said they had continued to strive to utilize the allocated public funds for the first quarter in line with their portfolio responsibility as well as government rules, regulations, standards and statutes.

## Has ministry turned loan sharks?

### MEMBER of Parliament Christopher Gamedze has questioned the release of a sum of E11 million by the ministry of foreign affairs and international cooperation to the ministry of economic planning and development.

The Mafutseni legislator wondered if the ministry was now in the business of lending money because, although the purpose of the money was stated it was to pay for SADC subscriptions for the country, he could not understand why it was not paid from the economic planning and development vote.

The legislator also questioned the ministry for its failure to submit to parliament the international instruments which the country signed for. These are international treaties, protocols and conventions. Gamedze wanted to know why the ministry had to be pushed by His Majesty the King to do its job of tabling the instruments. This was during the debate of the first quarter performance report of the ministry of foreign affairs and international cooperation for the financial year 2016/2017. The ministry's substantive Leader Minister's Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze was repre-



QUESTIONS: Member of Parliament Christopher Gamedze.

sented by Minister Princess Tsandzile, the substantive minister for home affairs. Princess Tsandzile said the ministry was highly thankful to both houses of parliament for their continued insight and support in the debate relating to the ministry's responsibilities and budget in previous performance reports.

"On that note, we appreciate government's efforts in ensuring the country continues to overcome the economic challenges that led to the worst depression since independence," she said in her preamble. With regard to the concerns of the MPs, she requested that she be allowed to bring written answers on Monday.

## Senators sceptical of domestic workers' empowerment

### SENATORS are finding it hard to include domestic workers in the Workmen's Compensation as they fear it might prove costly for them.

The lawmakers said this yesterday during the debate of the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Bill of 2015. The senators felt some domestic workers could take advantage of the situation and injure themselves with the hope of claiming the Workmen's Compensation. Prince Fipha said he wanted to know what could be done to avoid such. Senator Chief Ngome Ndlangamandla stated there were no workers in rural areas. "We are relatives there. We help one another. You cannot then say such a person, whom I regard as my own child, should be paid by me.

That person eats my food and uses my other resources like my children," Ndlangamandla said.

He said there would be a lot of fights now between domestic workers and their employers because they would be demanding a lot from them.

Senator Meninjeni Mahlalela doubted if helping one another would still be there with such legislation in place. He said people would now want to be employed in order to be given money.

Princess Phumelele expressed concern on how such could be done. She said the new arrangement would require contributions like provident fund to be made by the employees and the employers. She said if such arrangements were to be put in place, how much a domestic worker would earn, if her wage

was E800 per month. Senator David Dlamini said there were people who were occupying low paying jobs. He said these individuals would hire others to look after cattle for them. He wanted to know how they would handle such situations.

Magagula, in response, said senators should not worry about a situation where they would be arranging for help with their relatives.

She said that was not employment. She said employment was a situation where a person would be given resources to perform a task on regular basis and be given money such as a salary, or wages. "If senators are in such arrangements, this means they are now employers and they should follow all the requirements that should be met by the employers," Magagula said.

## Guest finds couple having sex in his hotel room

By Linda Jele  
Mbabane

### A guest had the shock of his life when he found strangers having sexual intercourse in his room at the Royal Swazi Sun Hotel.

This newspaper has learnt that the man had booked a room with his spouse at the hotel and they left their belongings to go out for some business.

A senior employee of the hotel then took advantage that the guests had gone out and used a master key to sneak her friends who are lovers into the room in the hotel to have intimate time together. A master key enables selected members of staff to have access to the rooms anytime, however, each master is personalised to enable identification of the owner of the key used to open a room. Identities of the parties have been intentionally concealed because investigations are still ongoing.

The two lover birds are said to have enjoyed time together in the room and things got intimate. They engaged in

sexual intercourse.

However, the couple returned from their business outside the hotel and proceeded straight to their room and used their guest key. Unbeknown, they opened their room only to be met by screams from their bedroom.

The two lovebirds were caught red handed having sexual intercourse, an inside source said. The incident reportedly happened on August 20.

"They might have gone out of the hotel or were gambling within the premises," the source said.

It is reported that the guest couple feared their belongings might have been stolen. The hotel management launched an investigation together with the police and it was discovered that a master key belonging to one of the employees had been used. However, it was discovered the employee concerned had not been working at the RSS on the day, but had been stationed at the Lugogo Sun and had left her key in her office she shared with a female employee. "When surveillance cameras were viewed, it was

discovered the key was actually used by the female officer's office mate. The owner of the master key is an assistant to her office mate," the source said. The source said the two employees were immediately suspended while investigations were ongoing and to enable the national activities that were ongoing to conclude. The source said the employees feared that the employee was being sabotaged by her colleague with whom they share an office.

The hotel management did not want to comment on the matter. Sun International's Area Manager Lance Rossouw only said, "I have no comment to your questionnaire," via email.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati, confirmed that an inquiry file was opened at the Lobamba Police Station on the matter. "Those allegations are existent, but we are still conducting our investigations to determine the nature of the crime and what charges could be preferred. No arrests have been made yet," Vilakati said.

## Embassies run on shoe-string budget

### KUBUTA MP Njabulo Mabuza expressed disappointment that the country's embassies were being run on a shoe-string budget, wondering why such negative state of affairs was allowed.

Mabuza said in every country where Swaziland was represented, the ambassadors and high commissioners there were complaining about inadequate budgets. He said that was very embarrassing and appealed to the minister to address this concern. He said some of these foreign offices were so crucial to the development of the country, making an example with the Republic of China on Taiwan.

He said it was to the detriment of the country that the embassy was run without any meaningful budget yet Swaziland benefited so much from Taiwan in terms of development. Mabuza said the more the country put money there, the more it stood to

benefit. MP Bambumuti Sithole, however, wanted to know how many direct foreign investments had been received by the country through its foreign representatives. He said besides those that were requested by the king, they should be others that invest in the country through their efforts and if they had any challenges doing that what were those challenges. The ministry received a total recurrent budget of more than E696 million and more than E3.5 million capital expenditure. The minister said although they valued the allocation, it continued to be inadequate.

She said during the budget input the ministry was given a ceiling of E238 million for recurrent expenditure. She said additional requests were made for priority activities which were unavoidable, ultimately increasing the total of the recurrent budget requested to more than E655 million.



# Limkokwing University, Founder get global recognition

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Mbabane

**THE Limkokwing University of Creative Technology President and Founder Tan Sri Dato' Sri Panduka Dr. Lim-Kok-Wing has been awarded with a transformational leadership in global T.V.R.T education.**

This was done by the ASIC (Accreditation Service for International Colleges) in the United Kingdom, a globally recognised authority on accreditation of higher education institutions worldwide. The university was also recognised as the Global T.V.E.T. (Tertiary Vocational Education Training).

Tan Sri Lim-Kok-Wing is a well-known global creative force for innovation and drive for transformation in tertiary education and the President/Founder of Malaysia's most globalised university.

At the awards ceremony held at Limkokwing University's main campus in Malaysia, ASIC Chairman, Maurice Dimmock, said

the students at the university acquire knowledge and skills from basic to advanced levels across a wide range of institution and work settings and in diverse socio-economic contexts. "It is in this environment that it gives me great pleasure to make these awards to Tan Sri Lim-Kok-Wing and to the Limkokwing University," Dimmock said.

## Went

He went on to add that ASIC will also be with Tan Sri and the university to network with world networks such as Intentional Vocation and Education and Training Association (IVETA), TVET-UK, UNICEF and UNESCO.

"This will give them access to regeneration projects in Botswana, Zambia, Malawi, Namibia and the Congo, UNESCO procures goods and services estimated at around USD125 million per annum. In addition to the requirements for the implementation of the programme are activities under the main themes of education, natural sciences, social and human science, culture and communications," he

added.

According to Dimmock, Limkokwing University, with its rich history of transformational education is perfectly aligned to be successful in procuring these contracts and making a real difference to these countries and indeed would be a continuation of what the university have been doing for the last five years in Africa.

"It is in recognition of this work of Limkokwing University and of Tan Sri Lim-Kok-Wing's vision and dynamic, transforming leadership that ASIC wish to honour them both today," he said.

"Limkokwing University of Creative Technology is a truly Global TVET Model University, led by an inspirational leader in Tan Sri Lim-Kok-Wing.

This recognition encompasses the successful systematic delivery of industry-relevant programmes across its campuses in Asia, Africa and Europe.

Programmes which prioritise digital skills, creativity and design to produce human capital imbued with the skill set needed by indus-



**RECOGNISED: Limkokwing University of Creative Technology President and Founder Tan Sri Dato' Sri Panduka Dr. Lim-Kok-Wing.**

try to manage the challenges of a globalized technology driven workforce," Dimmock emphasised.

Accepting the awards on behalf of Limkokwing University, Dato Raja Aznil, Senior Vice-President, Industry Empowerment said the

Limkokwing model provides the yardstick with which TVETs in Malaysia can build the right approach to vocational education that addresses talent needs of creative industries identified by UNESCO as the world's fastest growing sector.

"With ASIC's recognition as a Global TVET Model University, Malaysia can fulfil its strategies to strengthen governance, enhance delivery and quality of programmes as well as improve branding of TVET as attractive career choices," Dato said.

Dato Raja Aznil further mentioned that the university has all the right attributes to provide the support that technical vocational education and training needs to produce the talent and skills the creative industries are desperate for as their businesses soar.

"Our mission is to produce highly skilled graduates who are equipped to participate in the national economies.

## Consequences

In consequences of our creative industry orientation our graduates are more job creators rather than job seekers and that is precisely what the national economy needs.

Our graduates are recognised as the best and crucially as 'industry ready' by virtue of our TVET model which has developed and evolved over the last 25 years," he revealed.

## Arrested Siteki Nazarene pupils trafficked for drugs

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**IT would seem parents of the seven Siteki Nazarene High pupils who are reported to have been arrested in neighbouring South Africa for having illegally entered and remained in that country have to go an extra mile to get them back home.**

The pupils who are all from Mzilikazi Township in Siteki are said to have been arrested just after schools closed for the second term.

The teenage boys, who were known for their love for music, are said to have informed some of their colleagues that they would be going for a music recording adventure in South Africa as they had been 'connected' to a music producer in that country.

They were eventually arrested after a two-week stay in that country.

Investigations by this publication have uncovered that the pupils were lured by a Swazi man who promised to connect them with the said music producer.

Upon arrival in the 'promised land' the man is

said to have changed tune and ordered the pupils to work for the said deal. A relative to the teenagers has alleged that the boys were used to transport dagga to buyers.

This was said to be a way of raising funds for extra costs in their music recording.

Upon their arrest, the man who is said to have been using the teenagers is said to have managed to escape and evaded arrest.

## Arrest

Meanwhile, some of the boys' parents have said the arrest of their children had somehow brought a sigh of relief because at least they are alive.

The parents have been worried as they did not know where their children went as they left without reporting. This left the parents running from pillar to post as they searched for them.

"At some point we had to seek spiritual assistance to trace the whereabouts of the children and finally I am happy that at least now I know where to find them," said one of the boys' guardians who wanted to be identified as Maziya.

## Manzini forges ties with Republic of China on Taiwan

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**THE Municipal Council of Manzini has forged a relationship with the Republic of China on Taiwan.**

This was witnessed through a cultural exchange event which took place yesterday at the Manzini Old Trade Fair Ground, whereby 26 students from 18 different universities in Taiwan showcased their skills before the public who graced the event.

Speaking during the event, Manzini Mayor Khethokuhle Dlamini said through the healthy relationship that exists between the municipality of Manzini and the Embassy of the Republic of China on Taiwan, he was

optimistic that in the near future they would find a partner city in Taiwan so that they can learn and align the city with global municipal practices.

## Through

Dlamini said through the cultural performance the youth ambassadors were showcasing their country's milestones towards its contribution to sustainable development and other humanitarian causes in the Kingdom of Swaziland and other partner countries.

The mayor stated that he believes that the Swazi audience which was present during the event will not only be thrilled by the performance but will also learn more about Taiwan, its people and their culture.

Ministry of Housing and Urban

Development Under Secretary Trevor Shabalala revealed that as a ministry they are happy to see the relationship between Taiwan and Manzini growing strong.

Shabalala said the fact that Manzini was chosen as one of the cities in 17 countries that were selected to benefit from this initiative speaks volumes about the relationship between the two countries.

## Pledge

He said as a ministry they pledge to fully support the cooperation.

He added that as a ministry they hope that the relations between the two countries will grow even further so that both countries can mutually benefit from each other.

## Crown drops charges against car dealer

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**A man who operates as a car dealer could not hide his joy when the court announced that his charges of theft by false pretences had been withdrawn, hence he was a free man.**

Mgcibelo Maziya (37) was arrested in 2014 after he was accused of defrauding his clients.

According to the charge sheet, he was alleged to have unlawfully and intentionally defrauded one Mbuso Zwane a sum of E11 000 while using false pretences.

He was said to have promised the complainant that he would assist him register his motor vehicle by paying all the costs to the Swaziland Revenue

Authority (SRA) while knowing that he did not intend to.

He was further charged with a similar charge in that he unlawfully and intentionally defrauded Kwanele Simelane a sum of E1 780.

Maziya was said to have promised the complainant that he would buy motor vehicle parts to repair his vehicle, and thereby collected the said amount.

Maziya was later admitted to E2 000 bail while commencement of the trial remained pending.

Last week, he was re-arrested and charged with contempt of court after he was accused of failing to avail himself for trial after having been duly warned to do so on August 19, 2016.

He pleaded guilty to the charge and was accordingly found guilty by the

court.

He was sentenced to 60 days in a correctional facility with an option to pay E120 fine. The court further ordered that the amount of E2 000 which was paid as bail be forfeited to the state while the accused person be remanded in custody until the completion of his trial.

During his appearance before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso yesterday, the crown filed an application to have the charges of theft by false pretences withdrawn.

The prosecutor, however, did not state the reasons of withdrawing the matter. The accused who was represented by lawyer Mzobanzi Dlamini did not object to the application.

The charges were eventually withdrawn. The court, however, stated that the bail amount remained forfeited to the state.



# 5 YEARS IN JAIL FOR **FORCEFULLY** KISSING FRIEND'S GIRLFRIEND

By Phesheya Kunene  
Mbabane

**AFTER** having had his case transferred from the Mbabane National Court to the Magistrate's Court, the young man charged with forcefully kissing and fondling private parts of a woman has been sentenced to pay a fine of E5 000 or spend five years in jail.

The matter was initially attended by the Swazi National Court on Monday but it had to be stopped after it developed into a bigger case than it appeared.

Ntokozo Tsabedze is regretting his lustful actions after receiving this heavy sentence and he told Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi he was remorseful.

The 20-year-old was charged with indecent assault together with the victim's boyfriend Siboniso Ngwenya (30), both from Maphalaleni.

They were charged with indecent assault in that upon September 8 while at Maphalaleni, at Siboniso's house, the accused persons, acting jointly in the furtherance of a common purpose did wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally commit an act of an indecent character upon Ngwenya's girlfriend.



**PRESIDING:** Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi.

It is alleged that Ngwenya suggested that Tsabedze should have sexual intercourse with the complainant. While inside the house with the complainant, Tsabedze allegedly pushed her towards the bed, laid on top of her, pulled her dress and kissed her without her consent and did commit the said offence.

## Separated

While appearing in court, the two were separated after Tsabedze confirmed he was not sent by the complainant's boyfriend to commit the said offence.

"I never sent him to do what he did. He told me he was hungry and I told him go inside my house and take

food," Ngwenya defended himself. After this, the court separated the two and Ngwenya was taken out of the accused's box.

As Tsabedze had pleaded guilty he was convicted and found guilty as per his own plea. He said what he did was a mistake while adding he never pulled the complainant's dress.

"I am sorry for my actions. I would also like to pass my sincere apologies to the complainant for my bizarre actions," he said.

However, Ngwenya was not entirely let off the hook as he was separately charged for indecent assault as well in that he allowed Tsabedze to have sexual intercourse with his girlfriend without her consent.

He appeared before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati on the same day after appearing before Nhlabatsi and his case was postponed to next Wednesday.

"You will come back on September 21 for trial, bail is opposed by the crown, and you will be remanded back into custody," Vilakati said.

The dejected man was taken to custody together with his partner in crime by the investigating officers. The complainant was ordered to come back on Wednesday to lead evidence before court.



**PACKED:** A section of students inside the Sharpe Memorial Church of the Nazarene. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

## SANU graduation on October 21

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**THE** Southern Africa Nazarene University (SANU) will host their graduation ceremony on October 21.

This was revealed by the institution's Vice-Chancellor Winnie Nhlengethwa yesterday during the annual revivals, which are held as part of the spiritual development processes of the university.

This year's revivals are held at Sharpe Memorial Church of the Nazarene and will end tomorrow.

Making her remarks during the revivals, the vice-chancellor stated the university would hold its graduation in the sporting arena.

This development surprised the students who asked the chancellor as to how that was going to happen considering the venue.

Nhlengethwa told the puzzled students she was not going to explain that, but all she was going to say was this year's graduation ceremony was



**THIS IS:** SANU Vice Chancellor Dr Winnie Nhlengethwa introducing Dr Karen-Jones Porter and Rev John Porter during the revivals.

going to be one of a kind. She further welcomed new students and the new lecturers who have been hired by the university. Speaking about the revivals, Nhlengethwa said they were honoured as a university to have such an event because, according to her, sometimes people assume everyone goes to church while in reality some

individuals have never set foot in a church.

She added that the revivals were the only opportunity they could offer as a university to the family of SANU.

"We are therefore coming here with gratitude and humbleness to seek for God's presence throughout the three days we will be here," she stated.

## EU tables another investment prospect for African countries

Stories by Mangoba Makhubu  
Mbabane

**THE** European Union (EU) has tabled another continental opportunity in which the country also stands a good chance to benefit from.

This is through the launch of the European External Investment Plan (EIP) 2016, an ambitious programme aimed at supporting investment in EU partner countries in Africa and the European neighbourhood.

According to a statement released by the EU from the European Commission, the EIP worth €315 billion (over E5 000 billion) was launched yesterday by the European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, during his 2016 State of the Union address before the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

The president said €116 billion (close to E2 000 billion) has already been raised in the first year of the EIP operation.

EU Ambassador, Nicola Bellomo said alongside the recently ratified Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), this would provide a good platform for the country and the continent's development.

However, he said it would take some time for the benefits to materialise due to the technicalities involved.

"But at the right time, we will stand ready to unpack the plan and make sure we disseminate the relevant information to explore the opportunities that

exists in the plan, especially for the private sector in Swaziland."

During the launch, President Juncker said in the plan the commission set out how it plans to further boost investment to support jobs and sustainable growth, both in Europe and globally.

"The Commission proposes to extend its successful European Fund for Strategic Investments, at the heart of its Investment Plan for Europe, to increase its firepower and reinforce its strengths; and to set up a new European External Investment Plan (EIP) to encourage investment in Africa and the EU Neighbourhood to strengthen our partnerships and contribute to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals," reads the statement in part.

The statement states that the EIP consists of three complementary pillars; firstly, to mobilise investment by combining existing investment facilities with a new guarantee within the new European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD). The EFSD will be composed of two regional investment platforms for Africa and the neighborhood.

Secondly, it seeks to step up technical assistance for broader policy environment to support public authorities and companies in partner countries. The aim is to help them to better prepare and promote projects and attract more investment.

Thirdly, it seeks to improve the general business environment by fostering good governance, fighting corruption and removing barriers to investment and market distortions.

## COMMISSION TO EXPAND EU BUDGET GUARANTEE

**MEANWHILE,** the EU commission, the European Investment Bank's (EIB) lending operations will form an integral part of the EIP.

"For this purpose, the commission will expand the EU budget guarantee under the EIB External Lending Mandate by a total of EUR 5.3 billion (about E85.3 billion). In total, the EIB will thus lend up to EUR 32.3 billion (about E520 billion) under the EU guarantee between 2014 and 2020," said the statement.

The commission said the EIP offers an integrated framework enabling full cooperation among the EU, member states, partner countries, international financial institutions, donors and the private sector.

"It will improve the way in which scarce public funds are used and the way public authorities and private investors work together on investment projects. Through the EIP the EU will take a further step to contribute to the global architecture for

development and management of migration, the two themes that will be at the centre of the discussion during the upcoming United Nations General Assembly."

Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, responsible for jobs, growth, investment and competitiveness, said they were providing additional financing for innovative projects and SMEs under the European Fund for Strategic Investments. "we are helping businesses prepare funding applications through the Advisory Hub; we are letting investors worldwide know what investment opportunities exist in Europe through the Project Portal; and we are bringing down barriers to investment through the Capital Markets Union and other EU initiatives.

I am very satisfied with the Investment Plan's results so far and I look forward to discussing our new proposal with Members of the European Parliament and Member States in the weeks to come."



# FREE MEAT DISTRIBUTION AT DVOKOLWAKO



**MEATY AFFAIR:** Over 500 elderly residents of Dvokolwako were eagerly waiting for meat parcels which were delivered by Gift of Hope on behalf of Philani Maswati at the Philani Elderly Centre yesterday. (Pics: Nozipho Sibiya)



**CHIT-CHAT:** Gift of Hope General Manager Haldum Kanat conversing with Indvuna Madlembe Mazibuko during the eight hour wait for the arrival of the meat.



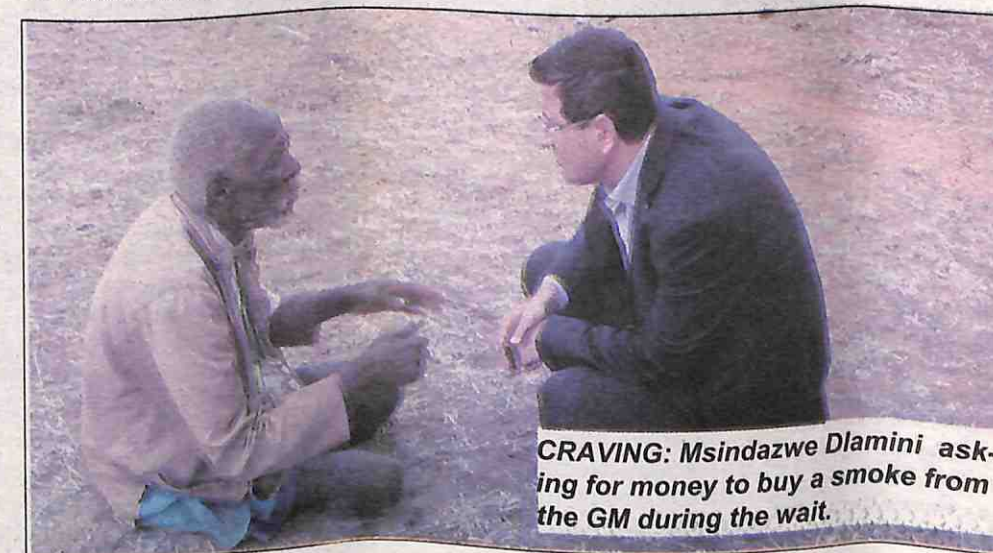
**SOMETHING MEATY:** Another second load of meat that was brought after 3pm and was to cater for over 350 people.




**OUR SHARE:** Senior citizens waiting for the car to take them back to their respective homes after receiving their meat parcels.



**WHY?:** Some of the angry residents who were turned back by the bucopho benkhundla after the meat parcels proved insufficient for them.



**CRAVING:** Msindazwe Dlamini asking for money to buy a smoke from the GM during the wait.



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# KM III RECORDS 13 800 USERS IN THREE MONTHS

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**KM III International Airport has recorded about 13 855 cross-border travellers in a space of three months.**

This is contained in the Ministry of Home Affairs first quarter performance report for 2016/2017.

KM III has recorded a total number of 6 717 arrivals between the month of April and June and recorded

a total number of 7 138 departures. Meanwhile, during the same period Matsapha Airport recorded 209 arrivals and 190 departures.

## Recorded

On the other hand, the country recorded a total number of 718 583 visitors between April and June 2016 on land border posts. The report revealed that most travellers travelled through the Ngwenya/Oshoek border followed by Lavumisa.

In the three months, Ngwenya

recorded a total of 261 800 arrivals, while Lavumisa recorded 81 483. The border gate with the least visitors was Lundzi which recorded 1 627 visitors.

In total, there were 1 437 708 cross border travellers between April and June. More than a third which is 36.2% of the cross-border travellers crossed through the Ngwenya/Oshoek border followed by Lavumisa with 11.3%. On the bottom of the ranking with less than 1% are Lundzi, Bulembu and Gege.

## 15 000 travel documents issued

**DURING the first quarter of 2016/2017, 15 527 travel documents were issued during between April and June.**

41.8% of the travel documents were issued in Mbabane and 20.6% were issued in Manzini. In the month of April, Mbabane issued 2 286 travel documents, in May they issued 2 247 and in June they issued 1 965 travel documents.

While in Manzini in the month of April, 1 126 were issued, 1 095 in May and 970 in June.

The least issued travel documents

were in Luvuvu and Lomahasha. In the three months, 46 travel documents were issued in Luvuvu while 136 were issued in Lomahasha.

## Reveals

The report further reveals that this numbers cover only issued travel documents not printed travel documents. "There are a lot that have been printed and just awaiting collection by applicants and or bearers from the various service centres strategically located around the country," the report states.

## 24 DIVORCES REGISTERED

**A total of 24 divorces were registered between the month of April and June.**

All the divorces were registered at the Mbabane headquarters. In April 10, divorces were registered, six in May and eight in June. Meanwhile, between April and June there were 6 639 marriages in all the country's four regions. Of the total, 2 279 were civil marriages and 4 360 were Swazi Law and Custom marriage. "The marriages registrations are current, late certificate and certified copies," states the report.

## SNPF conversion to pension going at snail's pace - MPs

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**THE ministry of labour and social security is still working on how to convert the Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) to a pension fund.**

This is a fund where people working in the private sector contribute their money while they are still employed. The idea is for them to get the money once they retire from their workplaces. The idea to convert the provident fund to a pension fund was to enable the SNPF members to get their pension money on monthly basis.

This is because the members have a tendency of easily depleting the money once they are given in its entirety, like it is the case now.

Manzini North Member of Parliament Jan Sithole wanted Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula to update the labour portfolio committee on the process. Sithole said the issue had been quiet now for some time and they would like to know what was happening concerning that process. Magagula said the bill supporting the conversion of SNPF had already been submitted to Cabinet. She said this was to be followed by the tabling of the bill to Parliament by the ministry of labour and social security. However, this was not to be as Cabinet called for some issues to be resolved before the conversion could take place.

"The first issue was that the first people to benefit from the pension fund would be those who had contributed for a period of 15 years under the pension fund," Magagula said. The cabinet is said to have

found it hard to accept that fact. They asked the ministry and SNPF to shorten the number of years for which members could benefit once the provident fund was converted into a pension fund.

Magagula further highlighted that they also had to improve on the social security aspect of the ministry because they had been focussing more on the labour aspect. She said the social security had three pillars. One of them was the pension.

The ministry of labour was entrusted with coming up with a national pension fund. The pension fund would cater for every person that was working in order for them to be able to earn some income even once they had retired.

## Pillar

The second pillar is the workman's compensation. Cabinet wanted the ministry to come up with a workman's compensation fund.

The compensation would be accessible to all those who were working and deserved to get a workman's compensation.

This would be funded by the employers who were required to pay the compensation. Government would also help because it paid its own portion. The third pillar is the health insurance fund. The health insurance fund would be there to cater for people who would fall sick while at work. Magagula even said the cabinet advised the ministry that the money it contributed in Phalala Fund could be monitored by the ministry under the health insurance fund so that the money could be accessible to everyone because the one in Phalala was catering for only a certain type of people. She said SNPF could only be converted after all these things had been done.

## Correctional Services praised by MPs

By Mbono Mdluli  
Lobamba

**HIS Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) has been praised by Members of Parliament for its performance.**

The MPs took turns in praising HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase for displaying good leadership qualities that have transformed the organisation.

Dvokodvweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini said HMCS has managed to uplift the society by educating the inmates to become transformed members of the society, who were able to produce much needed products and improve the country's economy.

## Shared

His sentiments were shared by Mhlangatane MP Mbalekelwa Ndwandwe. "People in our communities are now able to accept those who have been convicted for crimes. You can see that the barrier is being closed as time goes on and it is unlike previously when the inmates were discriminated by members of the communities," Ndwandwe said.

Ndwandwe then urged the department to ensure that jails were built in other areas to absorb the influx of people who were kept in jails because their numbers were seen to be increasing.

Ludzeludze MP Bambumuti Sithole also praised the department. He said they worked with limited resources and were able to produce good results, unlike other departments who always



**GOOD LEADERSHIP: HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase.**

complained of a shortage of resources for the shoddy jobs they were doing.

LaMgabhi MP Sicelo Jele said in the communities, people were now able to generate their own income because of the rehabilitation programmes at the correctional services. He, however, urged the department to be vigilant in eradicating the possibility of the spread of HIV and AIDS among the inmates because there were certain activities that happened in there that had a potential of spreading the virus. He was not comfortable in mentioning those activities.

Lobamba MP Michael Masilela said people were transformed by the correctional services. Some of them became preachers who even preached on national radio stations. Some were



**COMMENTS: Dvokodvweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini**

even doing jobs like welding and were able to generate money.

Zombodze Emuva MP Titus Thwala said the department was doing a wonderful job. He even described Ntshangase and Justice and Constitutional Affairs Minister Edgar Hillary as people who had gold fingers because what they touched became successful. However, he challenged the department to build correctional schools in all the regions of the country. "Some parents want their children to be schooled there because they see that children from that school become transformed," Thwala said.

In response, Hillary said they were in the process of building other correctional centres in the country because they had seen that there was a need to do so.

## MPs question lawyers' services

**LAWYERS' services have come under scrutiny from the Members of Parliament (MPs) as they want to know how their fees are charged.**

The legislators wanted Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs Edgar Hillary to state the criteria used by lawyers to charge for their fees. This was at Senate during the first quarter

performance report of the justice ministry. The lawmakers felt the learned friends were just charging for their services willy-nilly.

Kubutha MP Njabulo Mabuza said the fees which were charged by the lawyers for their services were very different. "This shows that there is no regulation that looks at the way in which we are charged by the lawyers," Mabuza said.

He wanted to know what was done to lawyers who were found to have depleted estates belonging to certain people, especially widows.

Mabuza's sentiments were shared by Dvokodvweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini. He said there were many such cases in the country where lawyers would deplete people's money and get away with it. He questioned the

impartiality of the Law Society of Swaziland. "The chairperson, secretary and some members in the Law Society are lawyers. How can your case be treated with impartiality by the Law Society when a lawyer has wronged you?" Dlamini asked.

He went on to state that in Dvokodvweni, they had a case whereby some residents in his constituency had become victims of such circumstances. He said the lawyer depleted the people's money, which amounted to millions of Emalangeni.

The case has not been tried in any of the courts or even the Law Society. This matter, according to the MP, has dragged for five to six years. Dlamini said there many other similar cases in the country. He stated that the Dvokodvweni case was just one of many others.

In response, Hillary said there was a Legal Practitioners' Act that regulated the services of the lawyers in the country. He said lawyers were not at liberty to do as they pleased and they were not immune to being prosecuted.

Hillary went on to remind the MPs that there was a certain lawyer who was once convicted for depleting money belonging to Swazis.



# 'RAPED' WOMAN ARRESTED FOR ABORTION WITH FRIEND

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Matsapha

**A woman who claimed she was raped has been arrested together with her friend and charged with abortion.**

She has been charged with aborting an unborn child using Cytotec pills.

The two, Charity Nxumalo and Ncobile Fakudze, were arrested by police after they were found to have used Cytotec pills to commit the crime.

They appeared at the Matsapha Circuit Court before Magistrate Lucia Lukhele on Tuesday.

They pleaded guilty to the charge and admitted they acted jointly to commit the abortion. When asked why they committed such an act, Nxumalo said she was forced to abort the child because she got pregnant after being raped by an unknown man.

The accused told the magistrate the shame of being a survivor of rape was just too much for her, which is why she came to the decision of aborting the child.

She added she was even afraid to even report the matter to the police.

Nxumalo said she was worried that she was not well off as she was earning a living by being a cleaner at Gundvini Royal Kraal, therefore will not be able to support the child. The

accused then approached her friend Fakudze and told her about her ordeal. Fakudze offered the Cytotec pills to her which she used to successfully carry out the abortion. Fakudze, who was second accused in the matter, confirmed that she gave her friend Cytotec pills after learning about her rape ordeal. Fakudze said her friend came to her asking for the medication so she could treat ulcers.

## Issue

When asked if she was a doctor or nurse to issue medication to people, Fakudze admitted she was neither of the two but was just a labourer working for Jet Store in Manzini.

Fakudze started by telling the court her friend told her she wanted the pills to treat ulcers.

Misoprostol, which is another name for Cytotec, is said to be helpful in decreasing risks of serious ulcer complications such as bleeding.

Fakudze, however, when probed further revealed she knew very well that Cytotec is not for ulcers but used strictly for abortion.

She confessed having been aware that her friend was intending to use the pills to commit an abortion and further told the court she brought the pills from South Africa.

The magistrate had a hard time in getting a straight answer from Fakudze as to why she helped her friend abort an

unborn child.

Fakudze just admitted it was wrong for her to do that.

Magistrate Lukhele was not pleased with the situation and she did not take kindly to Nxumalo's excuse that she committed the abortion because she was afraid of reporting the rape ordeal to the police. What irritated the magistrate even more was that while mitigating in court Nxumalo was smiling, clearly not showing remorse for her action.

The magistrate told the accused that if she (Nxumalo) could tell the court about her rape ordeal, she could have done the same with the police.

Lukhele said she should have reported the matter to police as nowadays there were officers who deal specifically with such matters. Even female police officers she could have confided to them.

The magistrate condemned the actions of the two accused and told Fakudze that as someone who was 33 years old she should know better not to help people commit such crimes.

Nxumalo and Fakudze were each sentenced to two years imprisonment with a fine option of E2 000. The duo asked that since they were out on bail of E1 500, this should be converted to form part of the fine.

Lukhele granted their pleas and they added a E500 fine per person to gain their freedom.

## ...What will your child learn from you?, Magistrate asks

**MAGISTRATE Mucia Lukhele strongly condemned the act of the two accused persons for not reporting such a matter to the police.**

Upon enquiring if the two had children to which they responded to the affirmative, the magistrate asked Nxumalo what kind of advice she gives to her child if she acts like this. Lukhele lectured the two telling them that if as parents they were afraid to report such forms of abuse, how then will they be able to advise their children. The teary Nxumalo pointed out to the court that she is a single parent as her husband deserted her after they broke up. The incident comes at a

time when the police are going in full force sensitising the public about the Children's Protection and Welfare Act. Speaking in one of the programmes on Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services over the weekend, Welile Ngcamphalala from the Royal Swaziland Police Domestic Violence and Child Protection Unit said the right to life was one of the basic rights for every human being.

The officer pointed out that as police, they were working in line with the Bible in enforcing these rights and anyone who contravenes the Children's Protection Act would face the wrath of the law.

## Another woman (20) arrested for deserting 10-month-old baby

**ANOTHER woman Gcinile Mntjali (20) of Boyane was arrested for deserting her two children aged 10 months and three years.**

The accused made her appearance before Matsapha Circuit Court Magistrate Lucia Lukhele on Tuesday.

She was remanded back into police custody and advised that if she wants to gain her liberation, she must pay bail amounting to E1 500.

The accused made it clear she does not have the required amount and was sent back into police custody pending her next court appearance.

The prosecutor initially thought of accepting her plea of guilty without leading any evidence but the magistrate pointed out the seriousness of the offence.

Mntjali, when asked where the children were as she was behind bars, she stated they were with her mother back home.

## Burnt E1.2m house: Family now uses garage as shelter

Stories by Samukelisiwe  
Ginindza  
Dvokolwako

**THE Dlamini family whose E1.2m house was burnt down on Sunday afternoon, is currently using a garage as shelter.**

The family saw their house in which two toddlers had been locked in burned while their grandmother had gone to the shops. The toddlers were rescued by neighbours who saw smoke coming out of the house and rushed to save the children after hearing their screams inside. The man of the house currently resides at Big Bend, where he works together with two of their youngest children. The family believes they could have saved a few items from the house if the Swaziland National Fire and Emergency Services personnel arrived earlier. "If we had a fire station close by, a few items would have been saved, but the fire brigade had to travel from



**RUINED:** This is how parts of the house looked like after the fire.



**REMNANT:** This is what was left of the bathroom.

Manzini, which took them over an hour to get here. So, we watched as our whole lives and memories were burnt to ashes before our eyes," Patricia Dlamini explained.

## ...Please help us with donations - Family

**THE Dlamini family is appealing to the public to assist them rebuild their lives by offering help of any kind.**

Patricia Dlamini, nee Themba, said they were only left with the clothes they were wearing on this fateful day, as everything was reduced to ashes by a raging blaze. "We will be happy even if it is

clothes, food or even prayers because this blaze has done more damage to our lives," she added. She said even though her husband was gainfully employed, it would be hard for him to rebuild their lives from nothing.

"He is currently paying for our eldest daughter's university fees in Kwaluseni. We also

have another girl doing Form Four while the last born boy is doing Grade Five, so all his income goes towards school fees. We thought we were done building a house and furniture yet now would have to start life afresh," Dlamini lamented. Anyone willing to help can contact the family on 7607 4305.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### RE: LOWER USUTHU SMALLHOLDER IRRIGATION PROJECT (LUSIP)

A public notice is hereby published in terms of section 52 of the Environmental Management Act, 2002. SWADE has prepared a Strategic Environmental Assessment for The Lower Usuthu Small Holder Irrigation Project (LUSIP).

The purpose of the study was to identify environmental impacts that are likely to emerge as a result of the LUSIP 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. Siphofaneni Inkhundla Center
4. Illovo Office in Big Bend
5. Nisela Safaris Reception
6. Nkilongo Inkhundla Center
7. Sithobela Inkhundla Center
8. Lubuli Inkhundla Center

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 Director, Swaziland Environment Authority, P.O. Box 2602, Mbabane.

Fax: 2404 1719

The deadline for submission of comments is **30th September 2016\***

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



# JOBS COMING WITH NEW IT BUSINESS INCUBATOR

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

MINISTRY of Information Communication and Technology Principal Secretary Sikelela Dlamini says the IT business incubator is aimed at producing a high number of technology companies that will grow and become successful.

These enterprises would then make a significant contribution to job creation, revenue generation and poverty reduction in Swaziland.

"The incubation of information technology businesses contributes towards the country's broader goal of leveraging science, technology and innovation to attain sustainable development goals. This incubator is focused on the development of information and communication technologies (ICTs), which drive productivity and innovative service delivery. They also enable more sophisticated environmental and disaster risk reduction measures. For the incubated businesses or tenants, the biggest achievement will be the ability to turn their innovations into invoices and ultimately profits," he said.

Dlamini urged stakeholders to share ideas on how to make the IT business incubator a successful and sustainable entrepreneurship ecosystem.

He said the private sector influenced innovation through investment in research and development.

"The private sector drives technological development and innovation to sustain productivity growth in manufacturing, agriculture and other sectors. Society also benefits from this because living standards rise with gains in productivity. The social returns on investment in

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**MY TAKE: Ministry of Information Communication and Technology Principal Secretary Sikelela Dlamini making his submission. (Pics: Linda Dlamini)**

research and development by the public sector can also be optimised by strengthening partnerships between public research institutions and private firms. For that reason, government has a crucial role to play in facilitating long-term growth in investment, research and development," he said.

## Growth

Adding, the PS said the capital required by technology start-ups and SMEs for growth was generated by private firms.

He said that created a deeper interconnection between the new companies and bigger ones, active not just in the technology industry but others too. The bigger firms also provided the start-ups with invaluable busi-

ness advice necessary for success.

Established private firms become central in the development of the new innovative enterprises in their functions as customers on the one hand, and suppliers on the other. The mutual dependence between the large and small companies drive the entrepreneurial culture of society, accelerate the development of new sectors of an economy and sustains economic growth.

He said it was government's role to provide an enabling environment for the incubator to thrive. This then entailed providing a relevant and consistent policy and regulatory framework, supported with the appropriate infrastructure and adequate resources.

## Technology, innovation for increased economic growth

MINISTER of Information, Communication and Technology Dumsani Ndlangamandla says the newly established IT business incubator located within the Royal Science and Technology Park (RSTP) will increase the country's economic growth.

He said the incubator was one of the enablers of innovation in Swaziland resulting from the Vision 2022.

"In establishing the RSTP within which the IT business incubator operates, His Majesty King Mswati III envisioned that by 2022, Swaziland will be renowned globally for its swiftness in exploring science, technology and innovation. This will increase the country's economic growth and capacity by developing a knowledge-based economy and infrastructure thus substantially

alleviating poverty," he said during a meeting where the IT business incubator was introduced to stakeholders at the Royal Swazi Spa.

He said the ministry of information, communication and technology, had a big role to play in making research, science, technology and innovation catalysts for poverty reduction, job creation and the development of technology based companies.

Ndlangamandla said failure to innovate or not to innovate sufficiently resulted in recurring bad outcomes and or unfavourable results.

## Knowledge

The minister said by setting up the IT business incubator at the Innovation Park at Phocweni, His Majesty King Mswati III and government demonstrated that knowledge creation, productivity improving technologies and global competitiveness, were vital for development to reach its full potential.

"It further demonstrates that government and the direct beneficiaries of the incubation services wish to do business differently so as to achieve better economic, social and environmental results in the medium to long-term compared to what was achieved before.

This achievement is a realisation of the goals set out in the National Development

Strategy (NDS) and the Poverty Reduction Strategy and Action Plan (PRSAP)," he said.

He said ICTs were enablers of progress across the economic, social, and environmental spheres.

They drive productivity, innovative service delivery, enable more sophisticated environmental and disaster risk reduction measures.

The businesses created by the start-ups and SMEs incubated at the Innovation Park could generate significant growth and wealth in their own right, but their far greater impact lay in being enablers for all other sectors across the economy and society.

Therefore, the collective responsibility of all stakeholders, was to promptly leverage ICT innovation for maximising opportunities for the economy, organisations and individuals.

He also emphasised the ministry's full commitment towards making a significant contribution to the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development pronounced by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015.

He said in accordance with Resolution 70/1, the ministry

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would together with government aim to maximise the contribution of science, technology and innovation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

"Some of the strategic issues to be addressed include investment in high quality education for all; infrastructure; investment in research and development by both the public and private sector and improved protection of intellectual property rights," he said.

He added that the private sector, non-state actors and development partners should collaborate with government in identifying the main opportunities and challenges for maximising the contribution of science, technology and innovation to SDGs. He said government and stakeholders should collaborate in generating the much needed resources for science, technology and innovation to thrive in Swaziland.

## Two accused of raping girl [15]

By Phesheya Kunene  
Magistrate's Court

**TWO men have been accused of taking turns in raping a 15-year-old girl.**

The duo, Sandile Dlamini and Sicelo Dlamini appeared before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati.

They both pleaded guilty to the offence of statutory rape, according to the Girls and Women's Protection Act 39 of 1920.

It is alleged the two men from Lobamba had sex with a minor from the same area who was still a virgin.

According to the state witness' evidence, the victim had run away from home after having an argument with her father.

Due to the cold weather that fateful day, the young girl went around asking for warm clothes from people she knew around Mashibhini, until she

came across one of the suspects, who offered to give her a jersey.

A police officer while leading evidence, alleged that on April 29, she received a report about a minor being raped by two men from Nkosingiphile Shabangu and that was when she proceeded to interview the said victim.

## Argument

"During the interview with the victim your worship, she alleged that after the argument with her father she went to wind off under the gum trees at Mashibhini until late. She said she then went to her father's friend, Machawe, to borrow a jersey but could not find him and that is when she went around looking for someone who could borrow her a jersey," Dlamini said.

She said Sandile Dlamini, then allegedly went to his house, and he left her there and locked the door.

"She told me that he came back later and found her in bed, she said he slept

on the floor until midnight and he asked to join her as he complained of cold. After jumping into bed, he then asked to have sex with her, and she agreed," she said.

The police officer said the young girl had told her that Sicelo came in the morning.

"She said Sicelo asked Sandile's whereabouts but he had left and he also asked to sleep with her and she agreed. This happened for about two days, the accused took turns in having sex with her as one would go and the other one come," she said.

The young girl ended up at the Lobamba police station and the police took her to the Mbabane government hospital for examination. It was confirmed that she was penetrated. The two suspects were arrested on May 5. Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati postponed the matter to September 27.

"You are remanded out of custody, go and think properly and come back with made up minds. Do not cause havoc in the meantime," the magistrate cautioned the accused.



## Major cleanup of Somhlolo Stadium by Jehovah's Witnesses

By Information Office  
Mbabane

**HUNDREDS** of Jehovah's Witnesses gathered at the Somhlolo National Stadium last Sunday evening to kick-start a clean-up campaign ahead of their convention which has been scheduled for this weekend.

The convention themed, 'Remain Loyal to Jehovah,' will start tomorrow until Sunday.

The young and the old, employed and unemployed members of the faith, came in their numbers at free will, with their own chemicals, containers, gloves and other tools to clean the stadium. "Everyone had the desire and motivation to make sure the clean-up work is successful regardless of the time of the day or night," said Spokesperson Sizwe Shongwe.

He said with the help of captains and overseers, each congregation was assigned a portion of the stadium to take care of and other congregations to work hand-in-hand with.

"Some had to take care of the grounds, others the stands while some the toilets. The clean-up activity involved sweeping of the yards, scrubbing as well as washing of each seat and in-between chairs," he said.

Safety was ensured and the group worked peacefully in an organised manner.

The cleaning and clearing of the premises was expected to last until after the convention. Shongwe said different congregations around Mbabane, Ezulwini and Manzini would be carrying out the work throughout the week and even after the convention has come to an end.

"From the time the convention starts, the stadium becomes a place of worship for the true and holy God Jehovah. It therefore has to be a clean environment for praise and be comfortable for Bible teaching. We want to leave the venue in a better condition that we found it," said Shongwe. The first day of the convention starts at 0920 hours tomorrow and shall end at 1550 hrs on Sunday. Every member of the public is invited to attend and visit the Jehovah's Witnesses official website [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org) for a complete programme schedule of the convention.

## ...Discussions on loyalty to take place

**TOMORROW'S** discussion will highlight why Jehovah rightfully deserves Undivided Loyalty.

This will be the opening discourse by the Chairman for this year's convention Phumlani Mhlana. By means of a symposium, the three aspects of maintaining loyalty will be discussed. "These are thought, Word and Action. This theme will be based on Micah 6:8 which encourages all to Cherish Loyalty," Shongwe said. The afternoon programme would show how Jesus set a good example of maintaining loyalty to His father Jehovah from when He was young up to the point when He faced death. Such examples would be presented in a series of 15-minute talks delivered by local elders from over 90 congregations of Jehovah's witnesses. The final discourse tomorrow would give Bible proof that maintaining loyalty to Jehovah is worth far more than life itself.

"We strongly believe that loyalty is an essential part of any healthy relationship. Our convention this year features content that will help people develop stronger bonds with friends, family members and, above all, with God. We are confident that all who attend will enjoy this programme. We assure you that you will be warmly welcomed. All are invited to attend," said Shongwe.

## CHESHIRE HOMES FINANCE OFFICER ARRESTED FOR THEFT

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Matsapha

**CHESHIRE** Homes Finance and Administration Officer Nonhlanhla Simelane has been arrested for allegedly embezzling the entity's funds amounting to E47 922 last year.

It is alleged Cheshire Homes Director Muzi Dlamini uncovered the abnormality in the finances last year in August when the accused was away on a trip.

Testifying before court on Tuesday, Dlamini said Simelane was sent on a workshop and a person was hired as a stand-in for her while she was away.

The director said a patient came with her child to pay at the centre which provides rehabilitation to people with physical disabilities.

Dlamini said the father reported that the receipt was with Simelane.

### Informed

When called about the whereabouts of the receipts, Simelane informed her colleagues to check under a calendar which was on her desk in her office. Dlamini said after a search they found the receipt but to his surprise the figure was cancelled using a tippex. This then raised his suspicions because he knew that Simelane had been trained in finances and she knew better that one was not supposed to use a tippex to cancel

figures but rather must cancel so it would be clear what he or she had cancelled.

Dlamini said when taking a closer look, he saw the figure on the receipt and the one recorded on the books did not coincide.

He told the court that upon a further search, he discovered a lot of other cancelled out receipts and photocopied receipt books.

The director shed some light to the court about the organisation.

He said the money received by the entity was used to buy food for

the patients and other equipment. Dlamini said Cheshire was not for profit making. Dlamini said as a financial advisor, Simelane, who was the accused person in the matter, was responsible for receiving payments from patients who were admitted at the centre.

He said the accused was also responsible for keeping financial records and reporting back to him as the director of the organisation.

When the charge of theft was read to Simelane during her court appearance before Magistrate Lucia Lukhele, she pleaded not guilty to the offence.

The crown was represented by Fakazi

Mngomezulu who paraded the director as the witness in the matter. The director of Cheshire presented the receipts and other documents to court and proceedings adjourned as copies of the receipts and documents were to be made.



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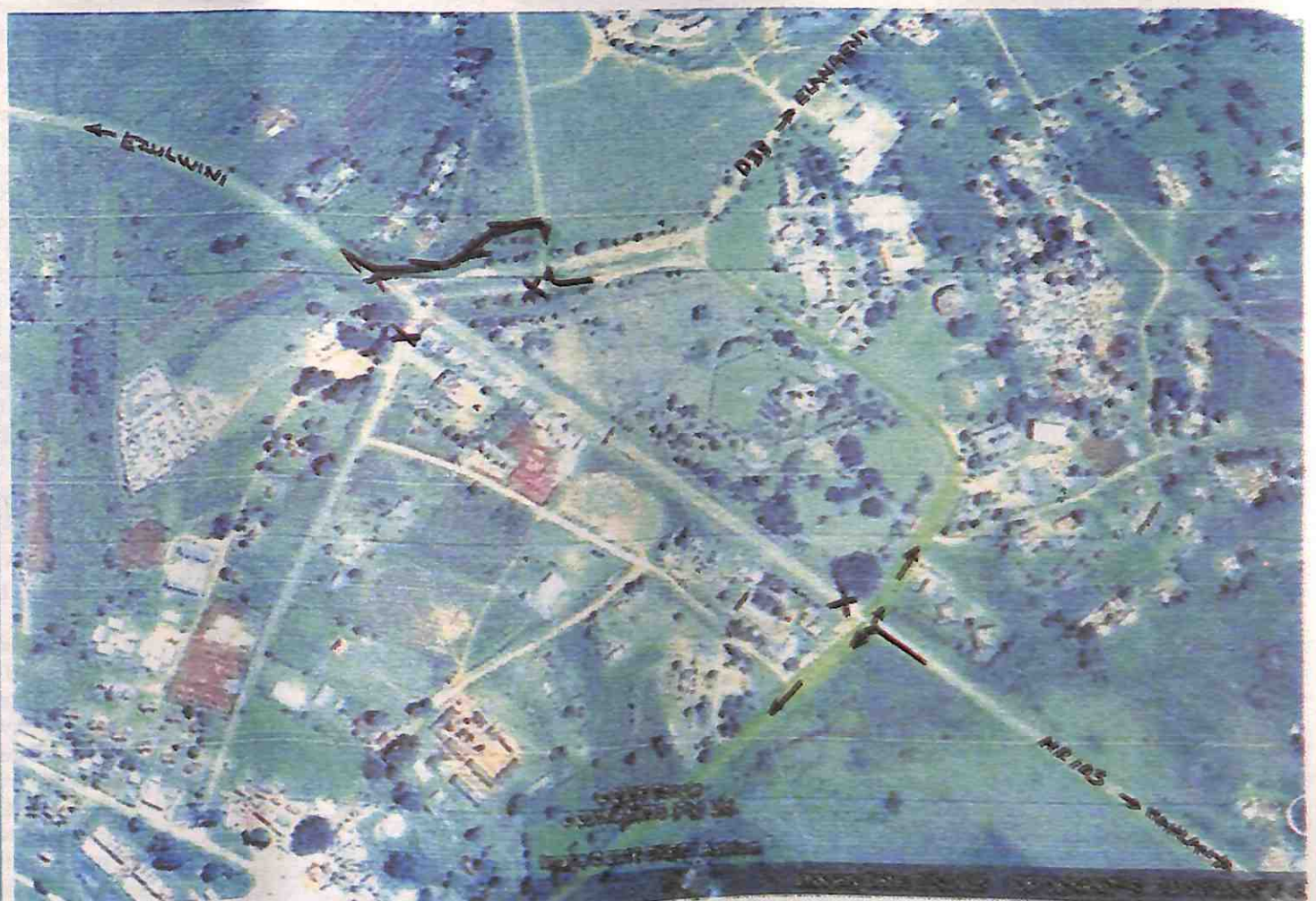
## PUBLIC NOTICE

### REHABILITATION OF LANGENI PARLIAMENT - LOBAMBA - NKHANINI ROADS

The Public is hereby notified that a section of Mr103 next to Lobamba police station will be closed starting from 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 up to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

Road users are advised to use detours as sign posted with due caution.

We apologise for any inconvenience that may be caused during this period



S.M. Mncawe  
Principal Secretary



# PLANTATION STRIKE ENDS AS WORKERS OFFERED 13% INCREASE

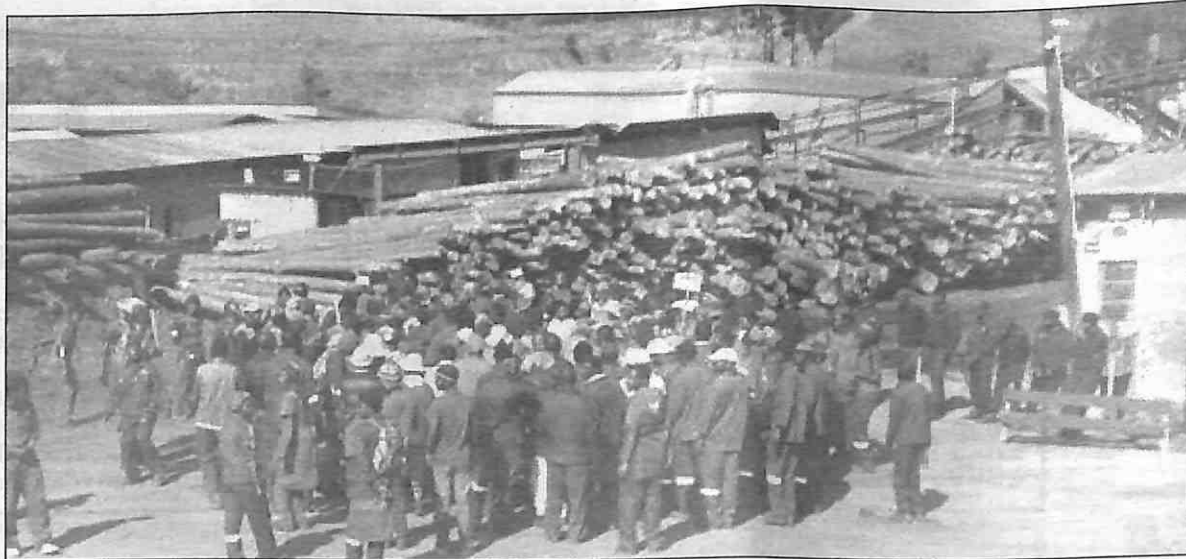
By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**THE month-long strike by workers of the Plantation Forest Company ended on Tuesday and the 460 employees are back at work.**

Swaziland Agriculture Plantation Workers Union (SAPWU) Secretary General Manqoba Dlamini, said the month-long strike ended as the Plantation Forest Company agreed to a 13 percent wage increment for the employees and a further 12 percent to all casual workers across the board.

The striking workers had demanded 16 percent when the strike originally started on August 11, but the company had offered only 9.5 percent increment.

After much discussion between



**VICTORY: Scenes from the past two weeks of the strike as Plantation Company employees face-off with the police.**

the Plantation Forest Company and representatives of SAPWU, the 13

percent wage increment was discussed and accepted by both parties,

signalling an end to the protracted talks.

The company further agreed to have an ambulance on standby to rush the workers to hospital if they so required. The entity further agreed to improve working conditions.

Dlamini said the workers were brave and fought very hard to earn the wage increment against all odds and adversity.

"It has been a very long and hard road for the striking workers who have gone a whole month without work.

They would wake up in their respective homes and head to the company's entrance to stage a sit-in. They wanted improved working conditions and we are happy to have reached amicable conclusions," he said.

On that note, Chairperson to the striking Plantation workers Sibusiso Masuku, said the workers had reached a compromise that was understandable.

"The strike officially ended in talks, we are grateful for the compromise and hope the company will eventually consider the 16 percent wage increment we had hoped for when the strike originally started," he said.

## Church bodies decry lack of regulation

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**THE lack of a legislation monitoring the formation and operations of churches in Swaziland means the country will continue to have too many unregulated churches.**

This is an observation by the Swaziland Conference of Churches (SCC), Council of Swaziland Churches (CSC) and the League of African Churches.

Council of Swaziland Churches (SCC) Spokesman Reverend Bonginkhosi Malaza said the influx of churches within the country was not a bad thing, but it meant starting a church was very easy and people could take advantage of this.

"The influx of churches means it is very easy to start a church in the country and this is not a bad thing to start with.

However, we have seen that because there is no legislation to regulate these churches, foreigners can come to Swaziland and open a church. This is detrimental as we do not know the foreigners' background," he said.

### Supposed

Malaza said the ministry of home affairs was supposed to be championing laws to govern the formation of churches as well as regulating their operations.

However, he said this was not happening and this allowed pastors who might have been criminals in their home countries to come and establish in the country and hide in their new formed churches.

"We have seen foreigners just walk into the country and form a church, it is too easy and many of these pastors have no traceable backgrounds. It is up to the ministry of home affairs to

regulate the establishments of churches," he said.

On that note, a senior on the governing body of SCC said the lack of a regulatory law meant many churches were free to act as businesses and not churches.

"Many churches are businesses that specialise in the sale of hope and dreams in exchange for money clothed as tithes and offerings. Many times we have heard of cases where pastors have told church members to offer more money in the exchange of dreams that will come true. This is wrong and there should be a law to govern churches against such practices," the pastor said.

The pastor said a piece of legislation would allow individuals to differentiate between a church and a cult.

### Tired

"We are tired of these new establishments calling themselves churches, so many of them have unique beliefs like the use of oils, tissues, scarfs and coloured waters."

The pastor noted that within the League of African Churches, starting a church in Swaziland was very simple.

"To start a church in Swaziland, all an individual has to do is be affiliated to one of the three church mother bodies in the country; namely, the League of African Churches, SCC and CSC.

This affiliation at the ministry of home affairs in Mbabane and that is all," added the pastor. The pastor said churches were unregulated; an individual could rent any small room and start a church.

Employees at the ministry of home affairs confirmed that starting a church in Swaziland was too easy noting a lot of foreigners knew this and were taking advantage of it.

## First water and sanitation joint sector review next week

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**THE ministry of natural resources and energy, department of water affairs, will next week host the first ever water and sanitation joint sector review.**

Nompumelelo Ntjalintjali, Principal Water Development Analyst in the ministry, said the objective of the review exercise would be reviewing the progress made by the sector since 2013 when the current parliamentarians were sworn into office.

"We will be stock-taking progress in the sector to targets, strategies, recommendations and identifying challenges, recapping on challenges.

We also will be proposing a way forward based on the outcome report which will establish a tracking framework for action points," she said.

There would also be information sharing and dissemination for dialogue, accountability, sharing of

best practice, coordination and harmonisation and problem solving.

Also they would review the current planning, budgeting, reporting, and monitoring cycle in the WASH sector, and consider how Joint Sector Reviews (JSRs) and Sector-Wide Approaches to planning (SWAp) may be integrated, and actions needed to strengthen and institutionalise the cycle.

Approximately 150 stakeholders, including senior government and members of parliament, delegates from a range of government ministries and agencies, non-governmental and development partners, civil society, various water users, private sector, academia would be part of the review.

Ntjalintjali said the Joint Sector Reviews (JSRs) on the water and sanitation sectors were currently undertaken in 70+ countries, and were widely regarded as best practice, as the events help bring a wide range of stakeholders together on a periodic basis to appraise sector performance, engage in dia-

logue, and propose solutions to identified sector challenges. She said JSRs were recurrent events, often annual, and were key milestones in the sector planning, reporting and monitoring cycle.

The event comes at an opportune time for the water and sanitation sector. It would fall in the middle of the 2014-18 period of the current strategic plans of the line ministries working in the sector, allowing a perfect opportunity to review progress and projections, and also challenges and solutions to achieve the strategic targets.

The JSR presented a great opportunity not only to disseminate ideas and shifts in policy and planning, but also to garner inputs and dialogue from a wide range of stakeholders, helping to strengthen sector governance and participation in the policy cycle.

"The JSR also provides a good opportunity to discuss sector coordination, planning and monitoring issues, which can help in the ongoing work in establishing the SWAp," she said.

## UNISWA taking legal route against owing students

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**THE University of Swaziland (UNISWA) will be taking the legal route against former students who are owing the tertiary institution.**

The university had given the owing former students until August 31 to approach the institution and work out payment arrangements.

UNISWA Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane said the university tried to be lenient by sending out invitations to have the former students come for-

ward so they iron out the issues of outstanding balances with the administration, but only a few ex-students came through.

"Less than 50 former students responded to the notice.

The university will now be taking legal actions against all those that owe," he said.

Simelane said those who owed the institution would be traced and they would honour their debt with the university.

He said UNISWA was owed a sizeable amount of money by former students and all efforts would be exhausted to have the money recovered.



**ALL OUT: UNISWA Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane.**



# Plantation workers brutally assaulted by cops

...The workers showed bruised and injured legs where they were physically battered

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**ABOUT** six striking Plantation Forest Company employees have been brutally assaulted by the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Service.

The workers alleged they were severely assaulted by members of the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) after their strike on Friday evening.

The workers displayed bruised and injured legs where they were physically battered by RSP members.

Of the injured workers, five were females and only one male who all were part of the striking Plantation workers.

Striking Plantation Workers Vice-Secretary Wendy Simelane said she suffered a double leg fracture and multiple tortures at the hands of three Royal Swaziland Police officers.

The names of the police are known to this publication but are withheld pending investigations.

Simelane was in the company of Thembisile Dlamini, Themba Dlamini, Cebisile Gadlela and Thembisile Khoza, who were all part of the striking Plantation workers.

They all claimed to have been assaulted by police who then warned them to keep silent, and not tell their story to anyone after taking them to the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital for treatment.

The workers were taken to a secluded location and were allegedly assaulted for starting the fires at the plantation grounds.

They claimed to have been forced by police at the Pigg's Peak Police Station to write



**IN PAINS:** The injured employees; Wendy Simelane, Thembisile Dlamini, Themba Dlamini, Cebisile Gadlela and Thembisile Khoza.



**BEATEN:** Wendy Simelane showing bruises on her back she suffered at the hands of the police on Friday.

statements claiming they started the fires.

## Issue

Simelane also implicated Pigg's Peak station Commander Webster Methula in the issue.

According to Simelane, the main antagonists were two male

police officers and a female police officer and after the beatings they were taken to the Pigg's Peak Police Station where two plain clothed policemen assaulted them and tortured them with water and plastics.

Senior police officials, includ-

ing station commanders and commissioners from Mbabane, were reported to be talking to the administration of the striking Plantation workers in a closed meeting.

It was held at the Pigg's Peak Police Station. Chairperson of the striking Plantation workers Sibusiso Masuku, said the agenda of the meeting was to find out what really happened on Friday as news of the beatings had reached Mbabane.

## Beatings

"The beatings and torture by the police is shocking and the details are being covered up yet workers have been assaulted and basic human rights violated," Masuku said.

The strike ended but the beatings and what happened on Friday are still under investigation.

# Cops harass, insult and arrest passenger for demanding refund

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**POLICE** officers based at Sigodvweni allegedly harassed, insulted and arrested a passenger who had come to collect his refund from a taxi driver.

The taxi man had taken the man's money under the pretence that he would drive him home.

Wandile Mahlobo narrated his ordeal during his appearance before Magistrate Philisiwe Simelane at the Manzini Magistrate's Court.

Mahlobo said he hired a taxi to

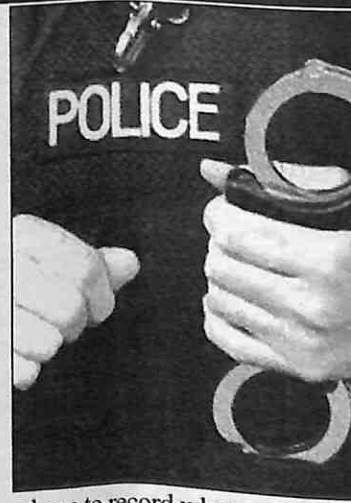
take him home, however, the taxi driver was under the influence of alcohol.

## Nabbed

He paid the driver and as they were on their way home, police nabbed the driver and arrested him for drink-driving.

Mahlobo said since he had not reached his destination he decided to go after the driver to get his money back, but this did not go down well with the police officers.

Dlamini said the police officers at Sigodvweni started insulting him, and while they were busy harassing him, he took out his



phone to record what was going on. Mahlobo said upon realising

they were being recorded, the officers grabbed his phone and deleted everything on it.

They then took him to the police cells where he was detained over night.

During his court appearance Mahlobo was charged with the obstruction of justice and resisting arrest.

## Happened

The magistrate said she was sorry for what happened to the accused but warned him that next time he must respect the police because if they were on their turf, they do whatever they wanted.

The magistrate said he should have waited for the police to do their job then approach the taxi man later and ask for a refund. The accused was sentenced to E800 or five months imprisonment for each offence.

## Shiselweni Forestry Company vow not to honour DC

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

**LOCKED** out 140 employees of the Shiselweni Forestry Company who have been employed through a labour broker, NDZ Consulting Company, have vowed not to honour a letter inviting them for a disciplinary hearing which is expected to start before the week ends.

The employees, through a letter, had been slapped with various charges.

Reports are they are yet to take a decision whether to heed the invitation or not.

The employees said they consulted with their legal team which advised them against signing any documents related to the hearing.

The employees would be expected to appear in groups on different dates and the first group would appear before the DC today.

"Our lawyers, having heard about the DC letters, advised us not to sign anything. This means no one will be part of that hearing until we are advised otherwise by our lawyers," said some of the employees.

Last Friday, the employees were at the labour broker offices situated at Vilane Complex behind the Nhlangano Magistrate's Court building where they were served with the letters informing them about the hearing.

Another batch received its letters on Monday.

"We are not intimidated and if there is someone who thought serving us with these letters would make us change our minds, then they

got it all wrong. We are more than prepared for this," said the employees.

*The employees said they consulted with their legal team which advised them against signing any documents related to the hearing.*



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## Drunk, high pupils a handful for teachers

**CARLETONVILLE** - A pupil accused of killing another student, abandoned his bail in the Khutsong Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The 19-year-old, who is a Lesotho national, stopped his formal bail application because it had not been established if he was in the country legally.

He is in Grade 10 at Badirile High School in Khutsong, Carletonville, west of Johannesburg.

He was arrested on September 1 after he allegedly stabbed and killed fellow pupil, Sabelo Phahlindlela, 19, outside their school on the same day.

Earlier the suspect was linked to the Casanova gang, one of several youth criminal gangs in the area.

The gangs are more known for waging running turf battles against one another in the area. Meanwhile, the late Phahlindlela was identified as a member of the Creature gang.

### Stabbed

He was stabbed once in the neck, after an altercation with the accused.

The two allegedly had an argument during school hours when the suspect, who was carrying a condom filled with water, and his attempt to throw it at someone was thwarted by Phahlindlela. The suspect allegedly threatened to teach Phahlindlela a lesson after school.

After school, the suspect and his gang allegedly waited for him at the school gate, when he approached he was attacked and stabbed. Phahlindlela, after he was stabbed and bleeding profusely, fled to the school's nursing room where he later lost his life.

The suspect is expected back in court on October 13. *Sowetanlive*



**ATTENDED:** Matrons and managers from health facilities at Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre. (Pics: Gugu Simelane)



**PLEASED:** Management Services Division Director Maxwell Masuku.

# MINISTRY OF HEALTH CAPACITATED ON STAFFING CONVENTION

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**THE** ministry of health, through support from the World Health Organisation (WHO), PEPFAR and CHAI, has completed and introduced the staffing norms.

These were then disseminated to stakeholders at Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre on Tuesday.

The process of developing the staffing norms began in 2012 and has been a journey aimed at introducing the science of recruiting health professionals.

Staffing norms, alongside other important documents, would help to determine the number of workers required by each cadre (skill mix) for the health sector to carry out its mandate, which was to provide health services to the public.

The staffing norms would help the ministry of health to justify requests for new positions from the ministry of public service.

It would also be used for planning and prioritising on staff recruitment, staff deployment, training and performance monitoring.

Dr. Velephi Okello Deputy Director (Clinical) at the Ministry



**REMARKS:** Ministry of Health Under Secretary Simon Kunene. **RIGHT- ALSO THERE:** Grace Magagula.



of Health, said staffing norms provided information for human resources planning and management.

### Inform

"Whereas norms can be used to inform a variety of human resources decisions. These norms are specifically intended to guide the human resource planning and management decisions in the ministry," she said.

Dr Okello explained that the staffing norms used scientific methods, workload based norms, nurse and patient ratios as well as doctor and nurse ratios, which

were applied uniformly across the sector. **Developing**

She informed the gathering comprising officers from the ministry of public service and other stakeholders that when developing the staffing norms, they looked at 18 cadres including medical officers, medical specialists, single and double qualified nurses, nursing assistants, dental surgeons, dental therapists, radiographers, sonographers, darkroom attendants, pharmacy assistants, lab assistants and adherence support, to name but a

few. On that note, Ministry of Health Under Secretary Simon Kunene said during the three-day workshop, the stakeholders would be discussing some of the ministry's important documents which included the national health policy, the national health strategic plan, the establishment register, the human resources for strategic plan and the staffing norms.

He said as a ministry they were committed to making the work environment conducive for health workers in order to improve job satisfaction.

Meanwhile, Management Services Division (MSD) Director Maxwell Masuku, said he was pleased that the ministry of health has engaged themselves on a staffing norm, saying it makes the work of the public service much easier. Different health facilities were visited during the development of the staffing norms to ascertain the number of health workers in each one of them. The visited health facilities included, among others, Dvokolwako, Emkhuzweni, Matsanjeni, Sithobela and Nhlanguano, Mankanyane, Pigg's Peak and Mbabane Government Hospitals, Siteki Public Health Unit and some clinics in the regions.

## Zombodze constituency member, govt official's differences

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlanguano

**THERE** is reportedly an impasse between a senior regional administration officer and members of the Zombodze Emuva council team.

The differences between the two parties are so serious such that at first there was even a plan aimed at reporting this issue to the relevant authorities.

It all started when there was a function last week Wednesday where the royal family graced the official opening of the Yuan Tong Primary School, a wing of the Amitofo Care Centre at Makhonza.

Apparently a member of the

constituency council was irked when the said senior regional officer almost denied him entrance inside the school hall at Makhonza, where some of the VIPs were to be served their meals.

The senior regional officer had expected the council member to produce something such as an identification card which qualified him to get into the hall with the rest of the VIPs.

### Treatment

The member was not pleased with the treatment accorded to him by the senior regional officer, but was later allowed inside.

Those who dined with other VIPs in the school hall, were identified with a certain ribbon but the constituency council

member did not have such thus the senior regional officer, who was one of the top ushers, did not compromise even though he knew him and the position he held at the inkhundla.

After the event, the matter was discussed at length during the constituency's meeting.

### Agenda

As the matter was included in the agenda and the 'victim' explained what transpired, his colleagues sympathised with him. Some even suggested it would be a good thing to take the matter up as the senior regional officer seemed to be bossy and lacked respect.

"The meeting was tense and others had even suggested we report the issue to the regional

administrator to deal with this officer.

When called, Indvuna Yenkhundla Shadrack Mashaya denied such issue was discussed in any of their meetings. Meanwhile, when approached for his side of the story, the senior regional officer whose name is withheld as investigations are still continuing, stated he did not recall denying anyone entrance into VIP.

He said, on the day in question, he had met with a number of people including those in high positions in society. "I don't remember humiliating anyone, I only explained the arrangement to this particular person," said the senior regional officer.

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## NOMTHI ON THURSDAY



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**JUST** two months after signing the European Union's (EU) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), Swaziland has finally put the ultimate stamp into the EPAs.

The country ratified the EPAs on August 26, congratulations there. And I am hopeful that the implementation of such will greatly benefit the people of Swaziland i.e small business will migrate to medium or bigger ones and employ more people. The EU with this latest development will continue working together with Swaziland to seize new opportunities for trade and the betterment of the country.

Infact EU has signed the EPA with other members of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) including Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, and Swaziland.

### Access

These states will have 100 percent free access to its market. Worthnoting is that this trade agreement includes an array of products that the EU wants. EU said the EPA agreement would liberalise about 9 600 products and all these products would enter EU duty free (quota) and this of course is not just a temporary trade agreement but a permanent one. We all want life-long things.

The EU noted that the EPA, an outcome of a long negotiated process between the EU and the SADC partner countries, will allow all of Swaziland's products, except arms, to enter the European market duty and quota free as soon as the ratification process is completed and all the procedures are in place.

The other six members of the SADC region namely; the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Zambia and Zimbabwe, are negotiating Economic Partnership Agreements with the EU



**DONE DEAL:** Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze signing the EPA instrument while EU Ambassador to Swaziland Nicola Bellomo looks on.

## WELL DONE SD ON RATIFYING EPA

as part of other regional groups, namely Central Africa or Eastern and Southern Africa.

Though there is Brexit, EU is still there and is composed of over 25 countries consisting of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary and many others.

### Signed

The ratification of the EPA was done by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze.

Following this, government is expected to intensify empowerment especially on small and medium businesses and my appeal to the Small Enterprise and Development Company (SEDCO) is to wake up and smell the coffee.

The businesses cannot tap into such

an agreement if they do not know what it really entails, the Swaziland Standards Authority (SWASA) also must show face and simply offer the ideal standards and product requirements for the SMEs.

I believe the country has more to offer than sugar, therefore the benefits of the trade agreement will not be centralised, even Buhleni businesses for instance can tap-in.

Proponents of the EPAs noted that the EPA contained a large number of "safeguards" or safety valves.

EPA countries could activate these and increase the import duty in case imports from the EU increase so much or so quickly that they threaten to disrupt domestic production.

In an earlier interview, EU Ambassador to Swaziland Nicola Bellomo had said the EPAs were an opportunity for the country to consoli-

date its trade relations with the EU.

He said there was a lot of potential in the country even beyond the sugar industry as that sector is well established.

"Then there is the meat industry which has different opportunities, I believe the EPA is the ideal platform to promote these sectors with the EU market.

### Authorities

The EU expects Swaziland to ratify the treaty on time, I have tried to get some feedback from the authorities and was told everything is on track, the process is ongoing," the ambassador said.

However, he said they had not seen anything official adding that they reinforced their capacity on the EPAs.

Bellomo said they organised workshops for all relevant stakeholders and it was a big success, the private sector

was involved.

The ambassador congratulated Swaziland on ratifying this very important step in the EPA process and highlighted that there was need for wider implementation as soon as the agreement comes into force.

Bellomo also urged Swaziland to disseminate the benefits of EPA to the private sector for effective implementation.

However, 'marrying' the EU on the EPA also means, their companies will have access to the SADC market, Swaziland included. Our local goods and products will compete those that from EU and they are highly competitive thus we need SEDCO and SWASA to help us. We need to up our game so that we are not significantly affected by this. Well to me the EPA is one important opportunity, that we should all embrace and work hard to reap its good results!!!

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## ON THIS DAY

...AUGUST 18

**1775** - An early and unofficial American flag was raised by Lieutenant Colonel Isaac Mott after the seizing of Fort Johnson from the British. The flag was dark blue with the white word 'Liberty' spelled on it.

**1776** - British forces occupied New York City during the American Revolution.

**1789** - The US Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.

**1821** - Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador proclaimed independence.

**1853** - Reverend Antoinette Brown Blackwell was ordained, becoming first female minister in the United States.

**1857** - Timothy Alder earned a patent for the typesetting machine.

**1858** - The first mail service begins to the Pacific Coast of the US under government contract. Coaches from the Butterfield Overland Mail Company took 12 days to make the journey between Tipton, MO and San Francisco, CA.

**1883** - The University of Texas at Austin opened.

**1909** - A New York judge rule that Ford Motor Company had infringed on George Seldon's patent for the 'Road Engine.' The ruling was later overturned.

**1909** - Charles F. Kettering applied for a patent on his ignition system. His company Delco (Dayton Engineering Laboratories Company) later became a subsidiary of General Motors.

**1916** - During the Battle of the Somme, in France, tanks were first used in warfare when the British rolled them onto the battlefields.

**1917** - Alexander Kerensky proclaimed Russia to be a republic.

**1923** - Oklahoma was placed under martial law by Gov. John Calloway Walton due to terrorist activity by the Ku Klux Klan. After this declaration national newspapers began to expose the Klan and its criminal activities.

**1928** - Alexander Fleming discovered the antibiotic penicillin in the mold *Penicillium notatum*.

**1935** - The Nuremberg Laws were enacted by Nazi Germany. The act stripped all German Jews of their civil rights and the swastika was made the official symbol of Nazi Germany.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Prince Harry (Royalty)** - September 15 1984 - 32 years old



**Chelsea Kane (Movie Actress)** - September 15 1988 - 28 years old

## MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY  
**SAMKELO MAHLALELA**  
NERCHA

IT is safe to say the global HIV and AIDS response owes much of its success to those that were infected with HIV at the advent of the epidemic, but chose not to die quietly in the privacy and anonymity of their homes but instead demanded their rights to health.

In those early years, prejudice and fear of a disease that was said to lead to sure death, meant the first generation of people living with HIV (PLHIV) were faced with many human rights violations and were denied both basic human empathy and science-owing largely to the many myths and misconceptions about how one contracted the disease.

HIV was labelled all sorts of names: "A disease for the poor and hungry," said a sitting president; "A disease for the promiscuous," members of faith would claim; "A disease for the unworthy," the elite would purport; and, "A curse," African traditionalists would claim.

## ● EARLY HIV ACTIVISM IN THE GLOBAL RESPONSE

The stigmatisation and ostracism eventually led to outrage and many of the newly-infected living in the first world (where they had previously enjoyed health rights) began to organise and demanded, with reasonable expectation, for their health rights to be met.

The early struggle by PLHIV was therefore based on the personal will to live in the absence of treatment as well as a belief that PLHIV as people had the legal and moral claim to non-discrimination, privacy, self-determination and justice.

Subsequently, early HIV activism was based on the human rights approach and largely demanded the right to access 'then' expensive medicines; the right to safety at work; the right to pursue parenthood; and the general right to pursue their life goals.

As the impact of AIDS spread from the first world to the developing countries, including Swaziland, AIDS activism also took hold giving rise to national, regional and global networks of PLHIV. In neighbouring South Africa, Edwin Cameron, then a human rights lawyer and now serving on the South African Constitutional Court, led the challenge for a law to confront the wave of stigma and discrimination that accompanied the rapidly growing HIV epidemic in that country.

Though diagnosed with HIV in 1986, Cameron publicly disclosed his HIV status in 1999 and by then, he had already founded the AIDS Consortium in 1992 and the AIDS Law Project in 1993.

The two organisations he founded helped change the HIV human rights landscape in South Africa. The most telling victory by a South African HIV activist to this day has been their successful full-on fight for government supported HIV

## DIFFERENT KIND OF ACTIVISM NEEDED IN LAST LAP TO END AIDS



treatment which has seen South Africa become the country with the largest population of PLHIV who are on life saving treatment and receiving HIV grants.

At the global level, in 2003, activists both inside and outside of the World Health Organisation (WHO) pressured the agency to commit to the "3 by 5" initiative to provide three million PLHIV in low and middle-income countries with life-prolonging antiretroviral treatment (ART) by the end of 2005. This was a step towards their goal of universal access of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment accessible for all who need them as a human right.

## ● EARLY HIV ACTIVISM IN SWAZILAND

With the HIV epidemic taking a strangle-hold and devastating the country, a few braved the stigma

associated with being diagnosed with HIV and publicly disclosed their status. Through the efforts of early activism led by the likes of Hannie Dlamini, Gcebile Ndlovu, Vusi Matsebula, Siphwe Hlophe, and many others, the country was able to save some PLHIV in the absence of treatment and to an extent, prevent the rapid spread of HIV through awareness.

These brave men and women, gave the disease the face of a human and Swaziland being as small as it is; the face was that of a relative, a friend, colleague and/or a partner.

They pioneered community peer to peer programmes which ensured that PLHIV, received moral and psychosocial support from each other, which led to the formation of PLHIV support groups - which eventually gave rise to the formation of a network, the Swaziland National Network of People Living with HIV and AIDS (SWAN-NEPHA). In the absence of treatment, PLHIV depended on Positive Living programmes cou-

pled with lived-experiences of those who were willing to share their stories.

PLHIV were also instrumental in advocating for the introduction of ART in the country. The Swaziland AIDS Support Organisation (SASO) partnered with NERCHA and the Mbabane Clinic in piloting for the introduction of free ART in the country, with government hospitals following shortly in 2003. This was later followed by Treatment Literacy programmes which prepared PLHIV, their families and community at large for the roll-out of affordable and free treatment.

The treatment literacy programmes broke down what was complicated medical jargon to a language that could be understood by all in the society and chiefly the person living with HIV. These efforts increased uptake and adherence to ART. To date there is no known disease that has seen such population level empowerment, with almost all Swazis having a general awareness of HIV and those living with HIV equipped with information to improve their health.

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## ● UNAIDS

## FAST-TRACK APPROACH

At the present moment, the country is faced with new possibilities contained in the 2016 United Nations Political Declaration to end the AIDS epidemic as a public threat by 2030.

The UNAIDS 2016-2021 strategy, that is localised through the Umgubudla Fast Track Programme Towards an AIDS-Free Swaziland, maps out the Global End AIDS Fast-Track approach (90.90.90 initiative) to reach critical HIV prevention and treatment targets and achieve zero discrimination. The approach practically means the following for Swaziland:

■ Ensuring that 90 percent of the people who are infected with HIV are diagnosed. Current estimates

show that 211 231 tests were performed in 2013 and projections require 244 946 PLHIV in 2020;

■ Getting 90 percent of those that are diagnosed to be on treatment with antiretroviral drugs. Currently, the ART coverage for adults aged 15 years and older is 68% of the 90.90.90 target but lower for children;

■ Having at least 90 percent of those on treatment attain an undetectable level of HIV in their bodies (suppressed viral load). Unfortunately, in 2015, only pregnant women on ART who showed symptoms of treatment failure (targeted) were assessed for viral load. Of the 1 142 women on ART assessed for viral load, only 18% had an undetectable viral load.

For Swaziland, however, all this has to be done by 2022 as His Majesty King Mswati III has directed in the Vision 2022.

## ● PLHIV CRUCIAL TO ENDING AIDS

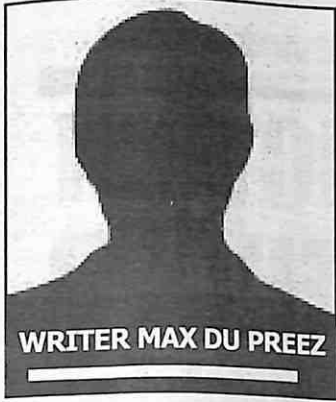
An AIDS-Free Swaziland is one that still has people who are living with HIV but experience Zero new infections, Zero AIDS-related deaths and Zero Stigma. The role of HIV activists in getting the country there, cannot be over-emphasised. The PLHIV movement has to lead the response from the front, middle and behind. From the front by enrolling and adhering to lifelong treatment; in the middle by being HIV prevention advocates through positive living; and from the back by backstopping government to ensure the quality of care remains the same (if not improved) and that stigma is eliminated.

Today and in the future, PLHIV will remain the true HIV heroes in the HIV response.

Our journey to end AIDS as a public health threat however requires we all re-engineer ourselves so that our actions resonate with the times we live in - a time where we have teenagers born with HIV, a period in which we are now asking people that look and feel well, to initiate in early treatment, and a period in our lives, where we need to start dealing with the long-term effects of treatment (ageing with HIV).



# 'DON'T FEEL THREATENED BY BLACK PRIDE'



**WHITE** South Africans should not feel threatened by or even be uncomfortable with the surge of black consciousness and black pride.

They – we, because I write this as a white South African male – should rather try to understand where it comes from and what it means.

We shouldn't get all worked up when the 13-year-old Zulaikha Patel with her formidable afro and raised fist expresses herself strongly on what it's like to be a young black woman in a mostly white environment.

We should rather show respect to black teenagers who stand up and fight for their own dignity and that of their peers. We shouldn't over-react if black compatriots vent their feelings about blackness in strong terms and dish out a few *klaps* in our direction because they feel that white is still the norm in our society.

It doesn't help when whites say things like "come on, apartheid was buried in 1994, snap out of it" or "get over your race obsession".

Or, in the case of schools and universities, "you knew in advance what the rules and demographics of these institutions were, and you still went there, what did you expect?"

Radical student movements can sometimes be irritating in their methods and their use of ideological jargon and quotes from long-dead philosophers from elsewhere in the world, but we simply have to try and decode their words and accept that they represent widely felt frustrations among younger

black generations.

We whites should rather ponder how it happened that the black consciousness prophet Steve Biko is now, 39 years after his death, read and quoted more than at any time before.

How is it, we should ask, that the black youth still feel alienated and marginalised in a country with an overwhelming black majority and a mostly black government? I think we white South Africans should try harder to look beyond our own white middle class problems and perceived victimhood and acknowledge that our black compatriots had adjusted and compromised more than we did since 1994; that most of us are indeed still at the top of the food chain; that there are more than enough cause for black South Africans to firmly assert themselves.

## Constitution

We whites love to call upon the bill of rights in the constitution to protect our own rights, but we tend to forget that the same document undertakes to "heal the divisions of the past and establish a society based on democratic values, social justice and fundamental human rights" and "improve the quality of life of all citizens and free the potential of each person." It also states: "Everyone has inherent dignity and the right to have their dignity respected and protected."

It is telling that black consciousness, which has been with us for well over four decades, is only blossoming two decades after we became a democracy. The BC-oriented parties, the PAC and Azapo, have disappeared from the scene.

The response of many whites here and elsewhere to the cry "Black Lives Matter" is that it should read "All Lives Matter".

The American civil rights activist Angela Davis had a clear response to this in her speech in Pretoria last week. "If all lives mattered, we would not proclaim that black lives



**SPEAKS OUT:** American civil rights activist Angela Davis.

mattered," she said. The statement does imply that all lives matter, including women's lives, LGBT people's lives, Muslim lives, indigenous people's lives, white working class lives; but to substitute it with "all lives" would presuppose that "we somehow magically transcended race", she said.

It cannot be denied that much of the lack of development and progress in South Africa since 1994 can be blamed on the ineptness, corruption, cronyism and maladministration of successive ANC governments. This is especially true of the criminal neglect of the education given to black youth in townships, squatter camps and deep rural areas and of historically black universities.

But this doesn't tell the whole story of the resurgence of black consciousness and isn't a valid argument to use to discredit it.

Too many of us whites behave as if the slate was wiped clean in 1994 and as if there was a 50/50 division between black and white, "them" and "us".

The Afrikaner historian Hermann Giliomee reminded us last week in a controversial piece on the legacy of Hendrik Verwoerd that "demog-

raphy is destiny" was the one dictum that has always applied in history.

We whites are so obsessed with our "minority rights" and the so-called "injustice" of black economic empowerment and affirmative action that we lose perspective and fail to see the bigger picture of the entire South African nation.

Black South Africans clearly experience this as selfishness, arrogance and racism.

It is in everybody's interest, certainly also in the interests of the white minority, that black South Africans feel confident, empowered, recognised and respected. Until that happens, there will be a lot of anger, frustration and even instability and whites will increasingly feel under siege.

If that means that we whites have to be more sensitive, understand better and sometimes listen rather than speak, then that is what we have to do.

We have to realise that if we have a more just and egalitarian society, there would be much less motivation for race-based assertiveness. That is something we middle class whites can help achieve.

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## 'Look at me, adulting all over the Place'

**JOHANNESBURG** - "Friend, how are you supposed to fold fitted sheets?! I don't know how to do it! I don't know how to adult!" was the cry of anguish followed by hysterical laughter emitted from my drama queen of a best friend on the phone a few weeks ago.

She and I are both recent university graduates, unmarried, childless, living alone and working in our first "real jobs".

I am currently an intern at eNCA. Earlier this year, I had been granted permission from my superior and mentor to leave work early so that I could attend to the plumbers who were to assist me with a "water problem" in my new home. She flashed me an under-



**ADULT LIFE:** In the past year, the term adulting exploded on the internet connecting Millennials across the world through shared experiences of adult life.

standing smile and said "it's hard being a grown up" after she heard me on the phone recounting the details of the water crisis to my mother, and later sent me a meme

on WhatsApp about "adulting". "Adulting" is hard, no matter who you are or what your circumstances are. The internet hasn't exhausted itself of platforms for

socially acceptable forms of "over-sharing" nor has the English language grown tired of the art of turning nouns into verbs.

If you haven't heard of the term "adulting" or heard it used in phrases like "adulting like a boss" or "adulting all over the place", then you haven't spent enough time ambling through the endless mind-consuming spaces of Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat.

In the past year, the term exploded on the internet connecting Millennials across the world through shared experiences of our rude awakening to adult life. The word gained so much traction that the American Dialect Society - the organisation responsible for instigating "word of the year" - nominated the verb adult as 2015's most creative construction

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● The problem with America is stupidity. I'm not saying there should be a capital punishment for stupidity, but why don't we just take the safety labels off of everything and let the problem solve itself?

● Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.

● If you cannot convince them, confuse them.

● Beware of he who would deny you access to information, for in his heart, he dreams himself your master.

● The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

● Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute, and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour, and it seems like a minute. THAT'S relativity.

● If you're not on somebody's shit list, you're not doing anything worthwhile.

● Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens.

● When I hear somebody sigh "Life is hard" I'm always tempted to ask "Compared to what?"

● You never truly understand something until you can explain it to your grandmother.

● Beauty, brains, availability, personality; pick any two.

● The way some people find fault, you'd think there was some kind of reward.

● Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

● Accept that some days you are the pigeon and some days the statue.



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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	7.4%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



Correct as at 14 SEPT 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.4133	14.4633
British Pound/SZL	19.0233	19.0893
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.1353	7.1580
Swiss France/SZL	14.7556	14.7931
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3361	1.3480
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.7710	10.8156
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.9573	10.9911
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.4385	5.5126
Euro/SZL	16.1774	16.2336
Gold	1,321.1100	
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Moving Forward

# MAIZE IMPORTATION RESTRICTION NOW AT 50KG PER HOUSEHOLD

By Linda Dlamini

GOVERNMENT has increased the mealie-meal importation restriction from 20kg to 50kg per household.

Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati made the announcement yesterday during a press conference held at the ministry of agriculture offices in Mbabane.

"On behalf of the ministry and the government, in line with Section 37 of the Constitution, His Majesty's Government has seen it proper to review restrictions of the import and export of mealie-meal as an interim measure in alleviating the drought problem," he said.

Vilakati said the change would apply for the next three months with effect from yesterday to December 2016, wherein the next review would be considered to fully assist and support the affected communities.

Vilakati said the interim measure would only be applicable to individuals representing house-



**GOOD NEWS: Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati and PS Bongani Masuku at the press conference held yesterday. (Courtesy pic)**

holds and requires them to apply for a permit from the National Agricultural Marketing Board (NAMBoard). He said the permits would be obtainable at strategic border posts.

"Following the prevailing drought situation, we have observed that some areas have been severely affected to the extent that the concerted efforts by His Majesty's Government, through various agencies, such as the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA)

and civil society, have not yielded the desired assistance.

As such, we have been inundated with serious concerns, especially from areas next to the borders, where people complain that the restriction in importing mealie-meal into the country is undesirable and is threatening their lives something which has a negative impact on the government's efforts in mitigating the hunger problem," he said.

The minister said government was open to relevant suggestions

that could assist in the effects of the food security issue.

He thanked all millers who have continued to support the communities with mealie-meal at competitive prices during this period.

"We have been informed that millers have committed themselves to continuously deliver mealie-meal to all stricken areas at competitive prices during this period," he said.

Members of the public voiced their dissatisfaction about the maize import restrictions during the recently held people's parliament or Sibaya. This newspaper also reported that members of parliament had also cried foul over the 20kg restriction.

According to the ministry of agriculture production outlook 2016, maize yields were estimated to drop to 33 460 metric tonnes for the cropping season resulting in a deficit of about 96 540 metric tonnes. This reflects a supply squeeze going forward until at least the next harvesting season.

## SWAZIBANK DONATES E170 000 TO JA, ENACTUS

By Manqoba Makhubu

SWAZIBANK has donated E170 000 to Enactus and Junior Achievement (JA) as part of its corporate social responsibility programme.

The bank donated E95 000 to Enactus and E75 000 to JA.

The cheque handover was held yesterday at the bank's head offices in Mbabane.

Present during the function were SwaziBank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele, JA Board Chairperson Nokukhanya Gamedze and Executive Director Siboniso Madlopha, Enactus Acting Country Director Teclar Maphosa, the bank senior staff members, Enactus and JA beneficiaries representatives.

SwaziBank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele said he was pleased that the bank fostered partnerships with both Enactus Swaziland and JA, "both of which are making a big impact on the development of entrepreneurship among our young people."

He said it was not by coincidence to donate to both organisations at the same time.

"Enactus and JA share the same vision, that of advocating and sup-



porting youth entrepreneurship." Enactus Swaziland inspires students to improve the world through entrepreneurship. It provides a platform for university and college students to create community development projects. On the other hand, JA helps pupils value free enterprise through educational programmes, and also understanding entrepreneurship through the JA companies.

He said these aspirations were in line with the bank's programme.

"At SwaziBank, our programme is a means of contributing towards the improvement of living condi-

tions of the communities we operate within," said Lukhele.

Adding, he said they were also aware that their future corporate customers and conglomerates would come from the students.

"As we contribute to what they are doing today, we are also contributing to where they and society will be in the future."

The bank has been supporting JA and Enactus in the past years. The MD said yesterday's donations were an increase from the previous years.

He further assured continued support to the organisations,

adding he hoped that the contribution would go a long way to enable the organisations fulfil their objectives.

"It goes without saying it is such initiatives that will catalyse economic growth in the country."

JA Board Chairperson Nokukhanya Gamedze said the bank's gesture reflects its commitment to its motto, 'The Bank with a Heart.' "Whatever we achieve is because there are people who hold our hands to achieve the goals that we set to achieve," said Enactus Acting Country Director Teclar Maphosa.

**GIVING BACK: JA Executive Director Siboniso Madlopha, Board Chairperson Nokukhanya Gamedze, SwaziBank MD Zakhele Lukhele, Enactus Acting Country Director Teclar Maphosa and Alumni Ncamiso Nkambule after the beneficiaries received their cheques.**



# Visible trade imports down by 8.4%

By Linda Dlamini

**VISIBLE trade imports of the country have decreased by 8.4 percent to stand at E4.4 billion for the first quarter of the year.**

Latest trade statistics obtained from the Central Bank of Swaziland June quarterly report state that the total visible exports by the country amounted to E5.4 billion.

The CBS said the country continued to experience a trade surplus for the first quarter of the year amounting to just under E1 billion.

"This represents a 35.2 percent decrease compared to the previous quarter," reads the report in

part.

The fall in visible imports comes at a time when the debate of reviewing trade policies comes to light.

The visible balance is that part of the balance of trade figures that refers to international trade in physical goods, but not trade in services.

At the recently held Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF) there were questions raised around trade policies of the country.

Bulembu Ministries Enterprise Manager Kurt Puttkammer in his presentation proposed trade restrictions to protect locally produced goods against the competitiveness of imports from neigh-

boursing South Africa.

"Swaziland should consider imposing import restrictions or taxes on products that can successfully be produced locally."

## Success story

"A success story of this is the honey industry, after import restrictions were enforced Swaziland producers were able to service the local market increasing job opportunities and gross domestic product," he said.

This view on trade policy was further echoed by the Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) Chief Executive Officer Phumelele Dlamini, who said the issue of trade policy was very critical.

Dlamini said trade policy was

influenced by the Southern Africa Customs Union (SACU), and one wonders if there was room for the trade policy of the region to be reviewed so as to safe guard infant industries in the country.

These sentiments were shared by some of the people who were in attendance during the question and answer session.

One participant said the issue of trade policy was a pertinent one and needs to be addressed by the government so that small businesses in Swaziland can thrive.

"The playing ground is unequal such that it is difficult to compete with products that are imported from South Africa as they are competitive."



**HAPPY: African Alliance Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Nelisiwe Mabuza-Mkhabela.**

## AFRICAN ALLIANCE APPLAUDS SSX AUTOMATION

By Linda Dlamini

**AFRICAN Alliance Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Nelisiwe Mabuza-Mkhabela has applauded the automation initiative by the Swaziland Stock Exchange (SSX).**

"We look forward to a more seamless process, as well as increased activity on the SSX," she said.

Mabuza-Mkhabela said the move from manual to automated trading was a huge and commendable step for the SSX.

"We believe this will serve to make trading more efficient, easier and faster, as well as allow for fluidity and ease of transfers," she said.

The CEO said the automation effectively means that potential traders (buyers) would always be directly and independently aware of shares which would be up for sale, since the seller will be able to load onto the system whenever they have shares that they would like to offload, without having to always go through a broker.

"It will further eliminate a lot of paperwork and the need for brokers to physically go to the SSX whenever they need to trade," she said.

Mabuza-Mkhabela said another advantage is the settlement of trades done on the exchange.

"They have also promised that the automation will shorten the time of settlement from five to three days, allowing sellers to receive the monies sooner than they do currently," she said.

The SSX has advised that the system would also be accessible from mobile phones which makes it easier to trade even from the comfort of your house.

Mabuza-Mkhabela said this would likely make it easier for the average person to access financial instruments on the exchange, such as shares also known as equity and bonds.

She said the automation would also allow external traders easier access to the exchange, as well as link the exchange to the rest of live countries on the system.

Asked which other initiatives the SSX could initiate to improve the capital markets of the country, she suggested that SSX should consider to educate the market on the value add that an exchange has to businesses and individuals alike, "in terms for value, being a conduit to access capital for business growth through listings and a very lucrative investment hub," she said.

## SwaziBank receives accolades for supporting financial education

By Manqoba Makhubu

**JUNIOR Achievement (JA) Board Chairperson Nokukhanya Gamedze has applauded SwaziBank for supporting entrepreneurial education since 2007.**

"My dream before I get closer to the end of my life is that Swaziland will one day become one of the most entrepreneurial nations and the most industrialised country," she said.

She was speaking during a cheque handover event by the bank to JA and Enactus held yesterday at the bank's headquarters in Mbabane.

Gamedze said the bank has played a significant role in economic education, which she said was critical to the country's human capital development.

She said it was high time to let go of the myth that most successful business people did not receive formal training, "JA believes that in order to be an astute businessperson, you have to be educated to the highest possible level, we want to create good entrepreneurs with MBAs who will take their businesses to greater heights."

She said this was possible through continuous support development feeder programmes like JA, Enactus, and Kickstart and they are 'building blocks.'

Gamedze said it was for this reason that Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini always emphasised on the support of these programmes.

On the same note, Enactus Acting Country Director Teclar Maphosa said through the support of the bank and other partners the organisation now has 13 university teams.

"We have recently added three teams Amadi University, Swaziland Christian University, and University of Swaziland (UNISWA) Mbabane Campus."

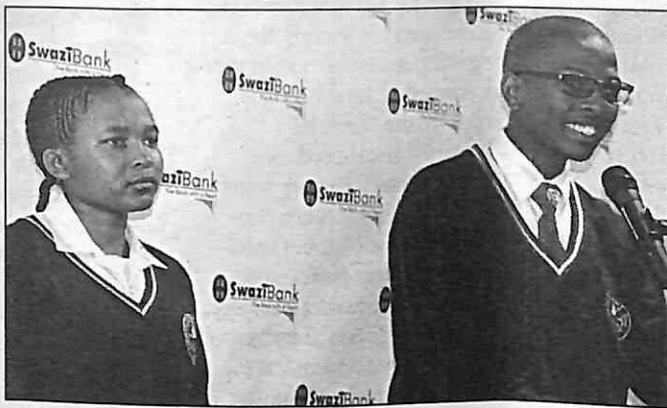
She said the diversity of the institutions brought depth, diver-



**KIND GESTURE: SwaziBank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele making his remarks during the bank sponsorship handover to JA and Enactus at the bank's head offices in Mbabane. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)**



**SIHLALO: JA Board Chairperson Nokukhanya Gamedze making her remarks during the event.**



**BLESSED: Sifundzani High School pupils who are under the JA programme Thembele Sukati and Cheliswa Simelane making a presentation.**



**MUCH THANKS: Enactus Swaziland Acting Country Director Teclar Maphosa making remarks.**

## ...I WAS PREPARED BY ENACTUS - ECOSOL MD

**ECOSOL Managing Director Ncamiso Nkambule says participating in the Enactus programme prepared him for his current responsibilities.**

He is now Managing Director in a company that he founded, Ecosol from which he secured sole distribution rights from a leading South African-based company, for solar geysers and heat pumps.

"At Enactus, while I was at the

Swaziland College of Technology (SCOT), I was heading a team of 40 people, now I handle a team of only 10. By the time I became MD in my company I was ready to lead, I was prepared," he said.

Adding, he said during his Enactus tenure, he also had the responsibility to account for sponsor's funds, something which prepared him to manage money in his business later.

Nkambule said in 2014/15 their

sales edged at only E235 000, "We have currently netted sales worth E850 000 and that is how much I have to manage for now. That is why I believe that these programmes are really, really important."

Nkambule was also a finalist for the KickStart 2014 edition.

He said this was testament that these programmes could go a long way to add more youth in boards and boardrooms.

sity, and variety in the projects done by the students.

"Our goal is to turn these pro-

jects into viable social enterprises and to curb youth unemployment." She said already there

were a number of the programme alumni who have started their own business enterprises.



# MTN RAISES MORE THAN R18BN IN LOANS

JOHANNESBURG - MTN Group [JSE:MTN], Africa's largest mobile-phone operator by sales, said it entered three loan agreements, raising more than \$1.3bn (R18.64bn) as the company markets a potential bond.

The company is being provided with \$1 billion and R4.8bn (\$332 million) from local and international banks and financial institutions, Johannesburg-based MTN said in an e-mailed response to questions on Tuesday.

MTN is on a roadshow in the US and UK this week to gauge investor appetite for the sale of debt securities.

"These financing arrangements are in line with the MTN's funding strategy, which aims to improve its debt maturity structure on an ongoing basis and maintain adequate bank facility headroom to support its credit rating," the company said.

"MTN's funding strategy further aims to maintain a balance of operating currency and dollar-denominated debt."

MTN's move to attract funding



comes after the company reported its first-ever half-year loss in August, partly caused by an agreement to settle a record 330 billion naira (\$1 billion) fine in Nigeria. MTN and its subsidiaries have \$3.2bn of debt and interest payments due by the end of July next year, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

That includes a \$2.75bn bridge-term loan, a R2bn senior unsecured loan and R1.25bn of bonds, the data shows. Two loan deals were signed on August 25, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. A facility for \$250m

matures in 2019 and a \$750m agreement closes in 2021, the data show. In both instances, the agent for the facilities was Citigroup's global markets unit, which was also a joint book runner along with Bank of America Merrill Lynch. The lead arrangers for the credit included units of Barclays Africa Group, Mizuho Bank, Societe Generale and State Bank of India. There were 10 lenders in total, according to the data. They included Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, JPMorgan Chase, Standard Chartered and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking.

MTN's subscriber base of 233 million didn't grow during the six months through June and the company is struggling to repatriate R15.4bn tied up in its Iranian unit. "The process of repatriating money out of Iran has been more complex than we initially thought, with Iran not having ties with international banks," MTN's outgoing Chief Financial Officer Brett Goschen said at the company's first-half results presentation on August 5. "Every week we are getting a little bit closer, but it will take us at least five to six months to get the money out once we start the first tranche." MTN hopes to start moving the funds out of Iran during the first half of 2017, according to Goschen. He will leave at the end of the month and a successor has yet to be appointed. "MTN remains confident of its ability to remit monies in the short to medium term, and is currently on a process of putting in place the appropriate governance structures to facilitate the repatriation of funds," the company said on Tuesday.

**Bloomberg News**

## Liquid Telecom's bid to buy Neotel 'on track'

JOHANNESBURG - A R6.55bn sale of a majority stake in Neotel to connectivity provider Liquid Telecom is still on track and could be finalised by the end of 2016.

Nic Rudnick, CEO of Liquid Telecom, told Fin24 that the parties could comment on the timelines which remain within the control of the regulator and the Competition Commission.

"We are hopeful that, with all due process, the applications will be dealt with as speedily as possible and ideally before the close of the calendar year," he said.

Kennedy Memani, who is acting as Neotel CEO, told Fin24 the next steps will be to submit the transaction to ICASA (Independent Communications Authority of South Africa), the Competition Commission and then the Competition Tribunal for approval.

The acquisition by Liquid Telecom came after Tata Communications announced it would sell its controlling stake in the company.

"The acquisition will create the largest pan-African broadband network and B2B telecoms provider spanning 12 countries from South Africa to Kenya with further expansion planned," Memani told Fin24.

Memani is acting in place of former CEO Sunil Joshi, who resigned after an investigation in August 2015 by the board of the company cleared him of bribery. **Fin24**

## SA's big 4 banks amongst best capitalised globally

CAPE TOWN - The patience required for successful equity investing can be greatly enhanced through a reasonable exposure to preference shares, according to Overberg Asset Management (OAM).

Pref shares are a form of subordinated debt but rank senior to ordinary shares in the capital structure.

OAM said in its weekly overview of the economic and political landscape in South Africa that following several years of weak performance, the valuations of pref shares have become extremely compelling.

"SA's big 4 banks have capital adequacy ratios in excess of 15%,

making them amongst the best capitalised banks in the world. Moreover, with changes to Basel 3 regulations, pref shares will no longer count towards bank capital in the future. As a result, banks will be keen to redeem their pref shares, which now form an unnecessarily costly form of funding."

• The rand recovered some ground in the past week against the US dollar, pound sterling, and euro from R/\$14.47 to 14.37, from R/€16.15 to 16.11, and from R/£19.26 to 19.05, although these gains are modest compared to the previous week's -7.6%, -6.3% and -9.6% declines. The rand is likely to react positively to an improved current account deficit in the second quarter,

although may be held in check by the release later in the week of SA Airways' financial accounts. Mirroring the rand's stability, gilt yields narrowed in the past week with the benchmark R186 2025 yield falling from 8.93% to 8.56%. • In his address at the annual 2016 Tax Indaba Standard & Poor's Global Ratings (S&P) Managing Director Konrad Reuss said the decision for leaving SA's long-term sovereign credit rating unchanged in June was due largely to the National Treasury's fiscal prudence. While Treasury Deputy Director General Anthony Julies confirmed that the October medium-term budget policy statement would contain a package of measures aimed at addressing rating agency concerns, the question of Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan's survival is tantamount. **Fin24**

## Deal or no deal, OPEC's freeze talks already succeeding

LONDON - Even as speculation builds over whether the members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will clinch an output deal with Russia this month, their negotiations are already paying off.

Hedge funds and other investors reversed their bets on falling oil prices at the fastest pace in five months after producers said they would meet in Algiers, data from the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission show.

While scepticism has grown about whether the OPEC, whose representatives held a flurry of meetings from Moscow to Paris

last week, can overcome internal conflicts, speculative short positions in US crude are still 41% below their August peak.

### Production

Oil climbed as much as 16% in the weeks after OPEC announced talks in the Algerian capital, extending a rebound from a four-month low.

While the desire of Iran and Iraq to boost output prompted doubts there will be a deal, crude has held much of the gain, just as prices retained their initial boost from the previous failed attempt to freeze production in Doha in April.

"The best they can do is alert short-sellers that, if they really

are pushed, they can take a few barrels away," Jan Stuart, global energy economist at Credit Suisse Securities in New York, said by e-mail.

"That changes the risk-reward calculation for investors, and the record short position of just a few weeks ago is unwound and becomes more neutral."

Money managers slashed their short positions in West Texas Intermediate crude by 124 819 contracts, in the three weeks to August 30, the biggest percentage pullback for such a space of time since late March, according to data from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**Bloomberg News**

## Big SA banks doing exceptionally well - PwC

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's major banking groups reported solid results for the first half of the year, delivering value to shareholders which compares favourably to European counterparts, according to PwC Africa.

PwC published its analysis on the results of the six months to end-June 2016 for the following banks: Barclays Africa Group Limited [JSE:BGA], FirstRand [JSE:FSR], Nedbank [JSE:NED] and Standard Bank [JSE:SBK] yesterday.

"It is exceptional that our banks have been able to increase operating income by what they have in the last six months," said Johannes Grosskopf,

financial services industry leader for PwC Africa. "Banks are finding it difficult to navigate in the current macro-economic environment. What we see happening in the macro-economic environment comes through in results."

The banks posted combined headline earnings of R34.6bn - up 5.7% compared to the same period in 2015. Total operating income lifted 13.3% and operating expenses rose 12.6%.

"Banks are doing exceptionally well in terms of delivering shareholder value. They still deliver value to shareholders," said Grosskopf. This is measured by the economic spread between the return on equity (ROE) and the cost of equity.

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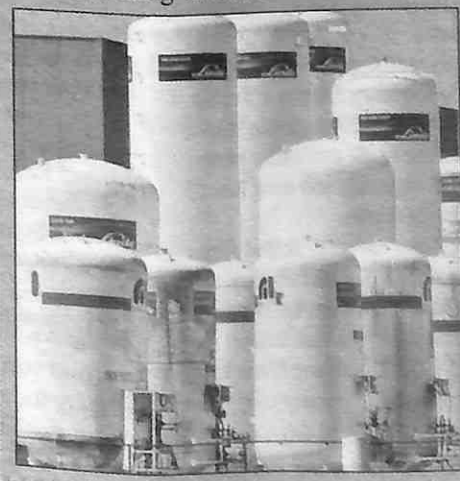
## Linde fires CFO after merger talks with Praxair fail

FRANKFURT - German industrial gas company Linde on Tuesday announced the immediate departure of its chief financial officer after he was singled out for blame over the firm's failed merger talks with US giant Praxair.

Linde shares closed up more than 4.6 percent on news of Georg Denoke's dismissal, which came a day after Linde said a deal to create the world's largest industrial gas supplier had been abandoned.

"Georg Denoke will leave the management board of Linde AG, effective today," the firm said in a statement.

His duties as CFO will be handled by Linde's Head of Group Treasury, Sven Schneider, until a successor is appointed, it added. Linde said the tie-up talks with Praxair had been halted after "discussions about details, specifically about governance aspects, did not result in a mutual understanding". **News24**







# NIGERIA'S LARGEST AIRLINE GROUNDED, THOUSANDS STRANDED

**LAGOS** - Thousands of passengers across Africa have been left stranded after Nigeria's largest airline said Tuesday it had suspended operations and might remain grounded for several days.

Arik Air attributed the "temporary disruption" to "pending approval of aircraft documentation related to insurance renewal... a challenge due to the long weekend holidays" for the Muslim feast of Eid al-Adha.

Two other Nigerian carriers, Aero and First Nation, also suspended flights this month.

A dire shortage of dollars, linked to the drop in the price of oil, which accounts for 70 per cent of Nigeria's economy, has drastically reduced banks' liquidity and left the country's airlines unable to pay their bills.

Frequent sabotage by armed



**GROUNDED:** Thousands of passengers across Africa have been left stranded after Arik Air suspended operations and might remain grounded for several days. (Google)

groups in the Delta region - of which there was another incident Tuesday - has also affected oil revenue.

Earlier this year, Angola became Africa's largest oil producer, overtaking longtime leader Nigeria, which slipped into recession at the end of August.

"The airline business is very capital intensive. No airline operator can do this business without having to go borrowing," Allen Onyema, head of another airline, Air Peace, wrote in a newspaper column published Tuesday.

Earlier Tuesday, the Niger Delta Greenland Justice Mandate, a newly-formed rebel group, said it had "brought down" a pipeline overnight. In a statement sent to journalists, the group, established just over a month ago, said the attack in the Delta State was "a mark of our faith to totally grounding the Nigerian oil economy." The pipeline leads to a major pumping station operated by the Nigerian Petroleum Development Company.

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## S Sudan rubbishes corruption report

**JUBA** - A report commissioned by actor-activist George Clooney alleging massive corruption and war profiteering by leaders of South Sudan, the world's newest nation, is "completely rubbish," the government said.

A spokesperson for President Salva Kiir said the report released in Washington at a high-profile press conference headed by Clooney was "misleading" and ill-intentioned.

The result of a two-year inquiry, the report details how Kiir and his former deputy turned rebel leader Riek Machar - who is currently in Khartoum receiving medical treatment - profited largely from a three-year conflict that has driven 2.5 million people from their homes and left half the population dependent on food aid to survive.

The "key catalyst" of the war was "competition for the grand prize - control over state assets and the country's abundant natural resources," notably its oil, it said.

"The report itself is completely rubbish," said Wek. "Yes, there is corruption in South Sudan but this report has fallen short of detailing the corruption."

AFP

## 'Allow Mugabe to exercise his freedom of expression'

**HARARE** - President Robert Mugabe's critics say he denies them freedom of expression but what about allowing the long-time president the right to exercise his?

That's the contorted argument being put forward in the star letter of Tuesday's Herald newspaper in Zimbabwe - and it demonstrates the lengths to which Mugabe supporters will go to defend a leader who is coming under the kind of pressure he's never previously seen during his 36 years in power.

Reacting to widespread criticism from activists at the president's attack on the judiciary earlier this month, letter-writer 'John Sigauke' says Mugabe, 92, merely "expressed his opinion" and was exercising his own right to freedom of expression.

"President Mugabe still has a constitutional right to freedom of expression and opinion. He is still a human being like anybody else," the letter reads.

Earlier this month, Mugabe said Zimbabwe judges who'd given the go-ahead to protests were "negligent" and "reckless". Churches and opposition officials have demanded he retract those statements.

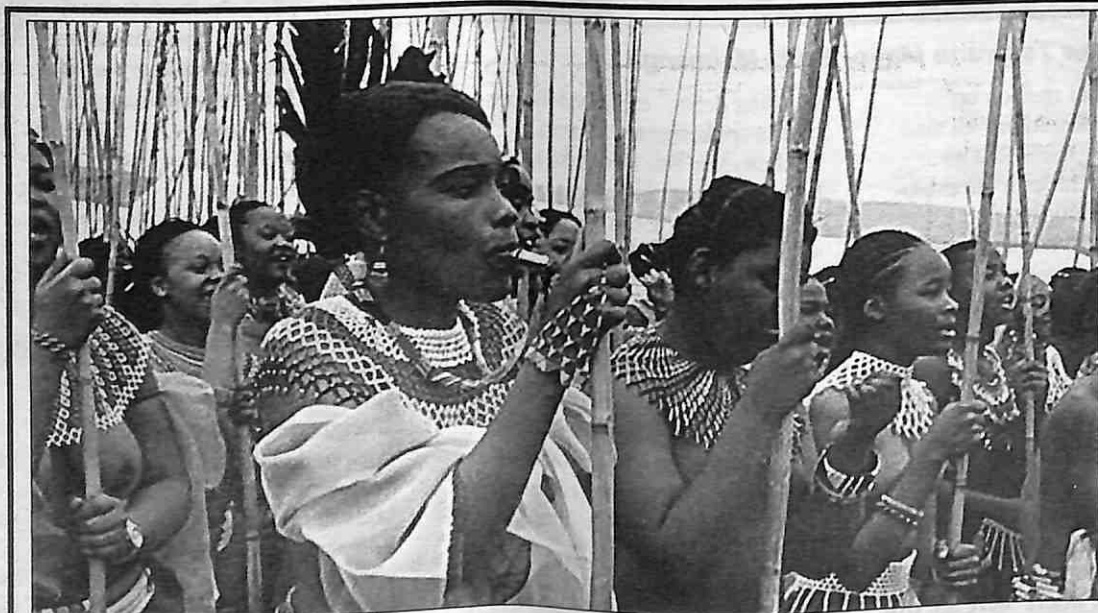
There has long been a suspicion that Herald letters are written in-

house or at least by members of Mugabe's Central Intelligence Organisation (CIO), since all printed correspondence to the paper reflects its overwhelmingly pro-Mugabe stance.

A quick Google search for 'John Sigauke' shows he's crossed swords with reporters in the private press before. He is also named as the author of pro-ZANU-PF columns on local news website Bulawayo24.

"Being a president of Zimbabwe... does not take away the president's rights to express his personal opinion," says 'Sigauke'.

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**CULTURE:** King Goodwill Zwelithini's daughter leads thousands of young women to present their reed to the king. (News24)

## BRIEFS

### 7 Niger soldiers killed

**NIAMEY** - Seven Niger soldiers were killed and eight others wounded in two separate attacks by Boko Haram Islamists over the past week, the army has said. The two attacks took place in the southeastern Diffa region near the border with Nigeria, according to a military statement released late on Tuesday. Five of them were killed in an ambush on Monday morning carried out by "members of the Boko Haram terrorist group" which also left six others wounded. AFP

### \$700 000 for Tanzania quake victims

**DAR ES SALAAM** - Members of the diplomatic corps accredited to Tanzania and the business community on Tuesday contributed about \$700 000 (about R10 million) and other relief supplies to help Tanzania's quake victims. A total of \$323 000 was contributed in cash and \$350 000 was in pledges made during an event organised by Tanzanian Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa at State House in the commercial capital Dar es Salaam. Among donors at the event, the Chinese Embassy pledged \$50 000. Africa News

### Moza ceasefire talks resume

**MAPUTO** - After a two-week break, the talks between the Mozambican government and the RENAMO rebels resumed in

Maputo under international mediation, but there was no sign



of any advance towards a cessation of hostilities. The talks, beginning in the late afternoon on Monday, lasted for about four hours, but the government and RENAMO did not talk to each other directly. Instead the mediators met with each delegation separately. Citizen

### Egypt refuses to free prisoners

**CAIRO** - As a goodwill gesture during the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha, Egypt has released hundreds of prisoners so they can spend the holiday with their families. But only those with criminal backgrounds will spend time with their families. Political prisoners have been denied the same luxury, as the North African country continues to persecute political opponents, including human rights activists, lawyers and journalists. ANA

### Somalia lifts ban on Kenyan imports

**MOGADISHU** - Somalia on Tuesday agreed to lift a week-old ban on imports of Kenyan khat after a storm of controversy from angry growers of the leafy narcotic in neighbouring Kenya. The decision was made on the margins of a historic one-day summit in the Somali capital, which was hosting a top-level African gathering for the first time in more than four decades.

Speaking at the close of the summit of the eight-nation IGAD trade bloc, Kenya's Foreign Minister Amina Mohamed said "the leaders have discussed relations between the two countries" ANA



# Focus on SA scene

## EFF BLACKMAILS DA COUNCILS, THREATENS TO 'PUT IT ON NOTICE'

**TSHWANE** - The EFF's acting provincial chairperson reminded the DA that it had to get her party's vote to be able to run Jo'burg and Tshwane.

The Democratic Alliance's (DA) power in Tshwane and Johannesburg might be hanging in the balance. This after the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) in Gauteng vowed yesterday to "put the DA on notice" should the party fight land invasions, a programme adopted by the Red Berets in 2014.

Speaking to The Citizen yesterday, the EFF's acting provincial chairperson Mandisa Mashego reminded the DA that it had to get her party's vote to be able to run both cities of Johannesburg and Tshwane.

During last month's local government elections, the ANC and the DA did not get the required 51% vote in both cities and as a result, coalitions were formed. The EFF made it clear that it was never going to enter into any coalition with the ANC, but opted to give its votes to the DA, a party it described as the "better devil".

Commenting further on the land

grabs issue, Mashego said no one, including the DA, would stand in their way.

"White people are the ones who stole the land in 1652 and not in 1912 when the ANC was formed. "Jan van Riebeeck landed

here and grabbed our land, but we are told we must just move

on... that will never happen," Mashego said. She said the EFF has embarked on 20 successful programmes.

"Most of the invasions have taken place in Tshwane in either privately-owned pieces of land... and in some of the areas some people are still trying to move in.

"The ANC tried before to stop us with rubber bullets and the Red Ants and we are saying to the DA, try that with us, we will end your occupation of council... remember, you (DA) did not get outright majority wins

from the elections," Mashego said.

She said the EFF and ordinary members of the public have been working together on the programme in areas such as Sedibeng, Ekurhuleni, Johannesburg and Tshwane.

"The DA will never liberate our people while the ANC has failed black people for many years, hence we never entered into any coalition agreement... we did not give our

votes to the ANC but chose to give them to the racists," she said.

Asked if he was not worried about the EFF's threats, DA provincial leader John Moodey responded: "It is the EFF's prerogative to decide what they do with their votes."

According to political analyst professor Andre Duvenhage, the ANC is likely to adopt a more radical approach through mass mobilisation in an attempt to disrupt the DA in delivering services. This could include land grabs. *News24*



**EFF**  
ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS

## No more freebies - Tshwane mayor

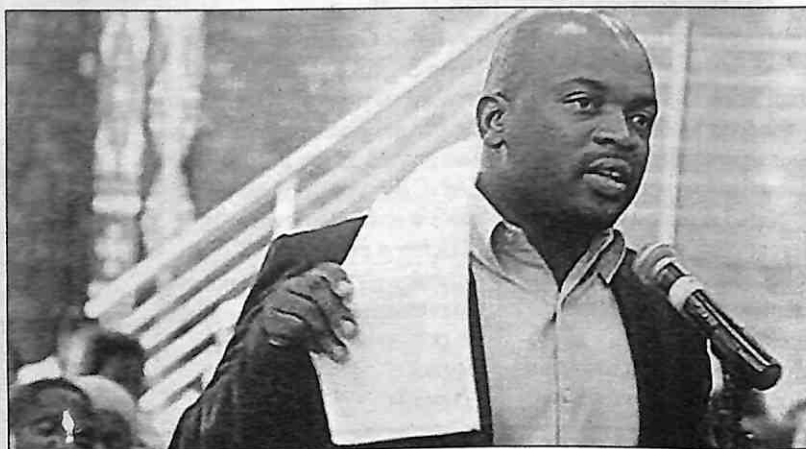
**PRETORIA** - The new Tshwane council has started a review of exemptions from rates and services billing that the previous ANC administration is alleged to have handed out, Mayor Solly Msimanga's office said on Tuesday.

"It cannot be that debt owed to the City of Tshwane by other arms of government goes unpaid any longer," acting mayoral spokesperson Matthew Gerstner said.

Msimanga would expose these debtors and demand full payment at the end of the review he was conducting. Tshwane needed to collect debts to improve service delivery, he said.

Gerstner was responding to claims the EFF had made that provincial and national government departments, the ANC's provincial offices and its Luthuli House headquarters in Johannesburg had not been paying for basic services such as water and electricity for years.

The EFF accused the former mayors of Tshwane and Johannesburg - Kgosietsi Ramokgopa and Parks Tau - of shielding the ANC government as some departments had allegedly not paid utility bills for over five years. Johannesburg Mayor Herman Mashaba's spokesperson Tony Taverna-Turisan said the ANC had brought its Luthuli House bill up



**ASIDLALI: New Tshwane Mayor Solly Msimanga.**

to date, paying R1 million on September 2. The mayor will also revisit the billing crisis that once plagued the city through the establishment of a billing Indaba.

The Gauteng government has expressed concern over the EFF's statement, stating that it had made a commitment to address challenges around billing and unpaid municipal rates as far back as 2011. In a written response, it said it put systems in place to support municipalities in dealing with the issues, including the creation of a debt committee.

"It functions as the first port of call between the department and municipalities in cases where there are disputes over the disconnection of municipal services because of out-

standing debts," explained the premier's spokesperson Phumla Sekhonyane. She said there have been significant improvements in efforts to fast track government debt since the establishment of the committee. She also noted that the Finance MEC Barbara Creecy had set aside funds for this, growing from R300 million in the 2012/2015 financial year to R334 million for 2015/2016. The EFF called for an investigation into the accounts of government departments and the ANC. "And if it is found that indeed the defaults have been protected illegally, the two former mayors must be called to account and charged where applicable," the EFF said in a statement.

## Bank that granted Zuma loan not sharing any details

**JOHANNESBURG** - The CEO of VBS Mutual Bank from whom President Jacob Zuma received a loan to help him pay back R7.81m for non-security upgrades at his Nkandla home says no details of the loan will be made public.

In an exclusive interview on Power FM's Power Business show, VBS Mutual Bank CEO Andile Ramavhunga said the scrutiny that has followed the news of the bank loaning Zuma the money had caught him off-guard.

"We did expect a bit of publicity, but the publicity we have received in the past two days has just been overwhelming. Some of it negative, some of it

positive."

### Loans

The bank has been in operation since 1982 and started with a customer base of residents from the then republic of Venda as clients, specialising in home loans.

When asked about what details could be shared regarding the transaction with Zuma, Ramavhunga said that he could say "pretty much nothing" due to client confidentiality clauses.

He denied that political influence played any part in the bank granting Zuma the loan.

According to Ramavhunga, the bank has approved more than R300m worth of similar loans to other South Africans.

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## Zama-Zamas retrieve last two bodies from Langlaagte mine

**JOHANNESBURG** - Twenty-two volunteer rescue workers had to endure a long night as they miraculously retrieved the bodies of the last two miners that were still trapped underground at the Langlaagte mine.

Chairperson of the Zimbabwe Community in South Africa Ngqabutho Mabheba, who was on the scene and spoke on behalf of the surrounding community, said it was no easy task retrieving the bodies.

Volunteer rescue workers had been searching for the bodies for

several days. Mabheba said the team of volunteers could only find a hole with a 30cm opening and believed they had reached a dead-end.

"They [rescue workers] couldn't access that hole, because of all the heavy equipment that they were carrying," Mabheba said. The team had to breach the hole without most of their equipment. "The team don't have any special equipment on them, they only have headlights and the sticks they find underground."

*citizen*

## WhatsApp message sees robbers arrested in a flash

**PIETERMARITZBURG** - A quick response from police and a little help from technology led to four housebreakers being arrested while trying to enter a Pietermaritzburg home this week.

Residents of the Orient Heights home had sent a distress message on a WhatsApp group, pleading for help while housebreakers were trying to get into the house. Neighbours and the police responded within five minutes, catching the men as they tried to flee the property.

Speaking to The Witness after her ordeal, Trichy Road resident Patsy Naidoo said she and her husband Dev — the parents of road-rage shooting victim

Kavlin Naidoo — were in bed trying to fall asleep when the incident occurred.

"We were battling to fall asleep because Kavlin's shooter's trial is coming up. We got to bed at about 10pm and it was just before 11pm, after I had just dozed off, that I was awoken by noises," Naidoo said. She said the sounds came from the upper floor where her landlords live. "It sounded like the gate was being lifted and we could hear a lot of shuffling and rummaging," Naidoo said.

Her husband immediately called a relative who works closely with the police, while Naidoo sent a distress message on a WhatsApp community group she is enlisted in.

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# NORTH KOREA'S MOST LUXURIOUS HOTEL SLAMMED BY TOURISTS

**NORTH KOREA** - Dozens of outraged tourists have slammed North Korea's only six-star hotel for its 'prison-like' conditions, online.

The Ryanggang Hotel in Pyongyang - which is described by locals as a 'first class' establishment - has received 31 reviews on TripAdvisor, with the majority of tourists giving it big thumbs down.

But for tourists seeking an alternative luxury accommodation, the capital's other premier hotel, Kim Jong Un's swanky 1 082ft-high Ryugyong Hotel, remains unopened, 29 years after the project began.

Simon Ryder from Wirral, Merseyside, who booked a room at Ryanggang Hotel in May 2012, wrote: "The beds are so hard I think the floor was more comfortable... I flushed the toilet and my feet got a wash."

Another guest from Cape Town, South Africa, echoed Mr Ryder's sentiments, writing: "Classic Soviet style hotel. Dismal, poorly lit, rock hard beds, miserable food, and intermittent hot water - and these are the good points!"

However, looking on the bright side, the traveller concluded that the hotel stay was all part of the 'North Korean experience'.

David Templeman from Estonia merely described the Ryanggang as 'old and cold'.

Talking about the electrics, he wrote: "The electric wiring is in a really poor state. Half of power sockets are broken, and there's bare (and possibly live) wires coming out of the floor and just end abruptly."

He continued, with a touch of humour: "But on the plus side, there was a huge flat-screen TV with one

- The Ryanggang Hotel in Pyongyang is under fire on TripAdvisor
- The 'luxury' establishment has been likened to a 'prison' by hotel guests
- The capital's other luxury hotel Ryugyong Hotel remains unopened



**UNDER FIRE:** The Ryanggang Hotel, a 'six star' effort in North Korea, is making waves for its 'prison-like' conditions with dozens of guests taking to TripAdvisor to slam it. A photo of the dining area shows dozens of empty tables; it is unclear what view the hotel offers. (Daily Mail)

channel: the North Korean propaganda channel, where the female narrator tries her best to sound upbeat while clips of Kim Jong Un and some fields and buildings show."

There is no word on how much rooms at the Ryanggang Hotel go for and there is no website for the

business.

Many guests said they booked while being led around the city on a tour.

Overall the Ryanggang emerges with a rating of 2.5 out of five on TripAdvisor, with the majority of reviewers marking it 'average' or 'poor'.

In North Korea it appears that luxury hotels are lacking.

For years, visitors have been anticipating the opening of Kim Jong-un's swanky 1 082ft-high Ryugyong Hotel.

However, the pyramid-like glass and steel building which has apparently cost more than \$750million

(£565million) to construct, remains unopened.

Work actually began in 1987 under the regime of Kim Jong-un's grandfather, Kim Il-sung, and was meant to open two years later as a calculated snub to neighbouring South Korea.

As Seoul hosted the 1988 Olympics, North Korea would open what would then have been the world's tallest hotel.

The structure of the mighty pyramid was quickly completed, but work came to a shuddering halt in 1992 after the collapse of Pyongyang's benefactor, the Soviet Union.

It was an economic disaster for North Korea and provoked a devastating famine that killed up to 3.5million people.

So what was supposed to have been a towering symbol of the country's technical mastery instead became an idle landmark which has attracted international ridicule.

An inspection by a European delegation in the nineties concluded that the shell was irreparable and it should be torn down because of its poor-quality concrete and crooked elevator shafts.

Esquire magazine described it as 'the worst building in the history of mankind'. Others labelled it the Hotel of Doom. The name has stuck.

In 2008, after 16 years of inactivity and to the astonishment of Western observers, work suddenly resumed.

Then in 2011 its concrete was strengthened and its exterior coated in £11million worth of glass, which dazzles when it catches the sun.

Its fortunes were further revived by the deep-pocketed Egyptian Orascom Group which took over as developer in 2008 after reportedly signing a \$400 million deal to establish a mobile phone network in North Korea.

Orascom were responsible for installing the glass panels along with a telecom antennae.

Daily Mail



**HAPPY MEAL?:** Many guests were not impressed with the food offerings, here it appears to be an effort at French Toast, and something undistinguishable.

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## BRIEFS

## Anti-radicalisation centre to open

PARIS - The veil has been lifted on what is billed as France's first centre to prevent those on the road to radicalisation from becoming extremists. Officials said on Tuesday that the centre in a small town in western France would take in a half-dozen volunteers without a judicial history by month's end. The centre is to be the model for others and will hold a maximum of 25 people, aged between 18 and 30, who will stay in the converted domain for up to 10 months.

AP

## Saved woman meets rescuer

DENHAM SPRINGS - Millions of people have seen and shared the video of a good Samaritan jumping off a boat to rescue Hailey Brouillette and her dog from a car sinking into south Louisiana floodwaters last month. Brouillette isn't one of them, but she finally got to meet the man who saved her life. Although she heard David Phung's voice during the rescue, Brouillette never saw her rescuer's face before their reunion on Monday at a Denham Springs home where she is temporarily staying.

AP

## China warns Taiwan on Dalai Lama

BEIJING - China yesterday warned Taiwan's new government against allowing exiled Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama to visit, after a high-profile Taiwanese legislator invited him to the self-ruled island that Beijing claims as its own. China regards the 80-year-old monk as a separatist. Taiwan's former president Ma Ying-jeou, who favoured closer economic ties with China, refused the Dalai Lama entry several times since his last visit to Taiwan in 2009. On that occasion Ma did allow him in, but did not meet him. *Reuters*



## Humour that hurt Italians is commonplace

PARIS - The editor of the French satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo says the cartoons that offended a quake-hit Italian town are standard fare for the paper's signature "black humour". Riss, also a cartoonist, said in a radio interview on Tuesday that the weekly isn't concerned by a defamation complaint brought by Amatrice, where most of the 295 killed in the August 24 earthquake lived. The town is famous for its tomato sauce and one Charlie Hebdo cartoon depicted victims in layers of lasagne. *AP*

## UN Syria envoy hails ceasefire

GENEVA - The UN's Syria envoy on Tuesday applauded a fall in violence through the first 24 hours of a fragile ceasefire but said security concerns meant aid convoys had not yet deployed. Staffan de Mistura told reporters that the powers which brokered the truce - the United States and Russia - would likely provide a full assessment of the pact in the coming days or hours.

AFP



# OBAMA SAYS TRUMP IS NO FRIEND OF THE WORKING CLASS

PHILADELPHIA - With Hillary Clinton sidelined by pneumonia, President Barack Obama took up the Democrats' fight against Donald Trump on Tuesday, trying to quash the Republican presidential candidate's bid to appeal to working-class voters.

Obama, whose 50 percent job approval rating could help improve the climate for the Democratic ticket in the November 8 election, rallied party faithful against Trump, the 70-year-old New York real estate developer, at an outdoor event in Philadelphia.

"This is a guy who spent 70 years on this earth showing no concern for working people. He spent most of his life trying to stay far away from working peo-

ple. He wasn't going to let you on his golf course," Obama said.

Obama's campaign appearance was his first as a solo act on behalf of Clinton as he tries to ensure Democrats retain control of the White House once his eight years are over in January.

The president lauded new census numbers on income growth as proof that his administration's policies have helped improve the economy, an attempt to undermine Trump's argument that economic woes are deep.

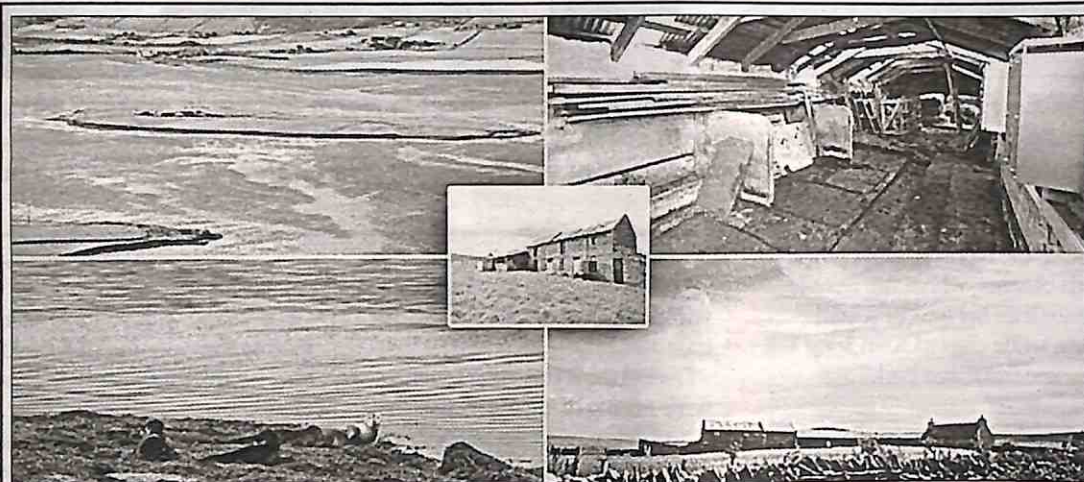
"By so many measures, America is stronger and more prosperous than when we started out on this journey together," Obama said. Clinton, who was Obama's secretary of state during his first term, rested at her home in the New York City suburb of



THE PROLETARIAN AND BOURGEOIS: President Barack Obama and Presidential hopeful Donald Trump.

Chappaqua, from pneumonia. She was diagnosed with pneumonia on Friday but she kept it secret until she nearly collapsed on Sunday at a ceremony in Manhattan marking the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

At a rally in Des Moines, Trump steered clear of mentioning her illness but stepped up efforts to wring maximum advantage from Clinton's controversial comment that his supporters are "deplorables." *AFP*



FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD: With 40 acres of land and a small cottage once described as the 'loneliest farm in Britain', the Holm of Grimbister is the ultimate place to 'get away from it all'. And those wishing for space and privacy are in luck as the remote Scottish island is now up for sale for just £300 000 - half the price of an average London home. Don't be put off by the grim name, as the island - off the coast of Orkney - boasts free electricity and its own seal colony. *(Daily Mail)*

## Strongest typhoon of the year hits Taiwan

TAIPEI - Parts of Taiwan were brought to a standstill yesterday as the strongest typhoon of the year skirted past the island's southern tip, knocking out power for more than 180 000 households.

Although super typhoon Meranti did not make landfall, the storm brought record strong winds and torrential rains to eastern and southern Taiwan.

At 02:15 GMT, Meranti was 30km southwest of southernmost Hengchun township, packing gusts of up to 263km/h.

Hengchun's observation station recorded the strongest winds in its 120-year history earlier yesterday, according to Taiwan's

Central Weather Bureau.

"Meranti will have its most significant impact on Taiwan today," said forecaster Hsieh Pei-yun.

Television footage showed flooded streets and violent winds in southern Kenting, a tourist destination known for its white-sand beaches.

School and work were cancelled for most eastern and southern counties while trains running along the east coast have been halted - affecting travel for the Mid-Autumn Festival long weekend which starts today.

The storm is expected to dump as much as 800 millimetres of rain in mountainous areas, poten-

tially triggering landslides.

Close to 1 500 people have been evacuated from at-risk areas, with about half in temporary shelters, according to the Central Emergency Operation Centre.

Meranti was moving northwest into the Taiwan Strait at 18km/h. Another storm brewing east of the Philippines may also affect Taiwan later this week.

The weather bureau's Hsieh said tropical storm Malakas was expected to be closest to the island tomorrow and Saturday, but was unlikely to make landfall.

AFP

## Zika funding's already spent in US: Doctors

MIAMI - Money to fight the spread of Zika virus in the US is "essentially all spent", top US doctors said on Tuesday, urging Congress to come to agreement on new funding measures.

The US and its territories have recorded more than 19 600 Zika infections, and Florida is seeing a rise in locally transmitted cases of the virus which is particularly dangerous for pregnant women because it can cause microcephaly, an irreversible deformation of the brain and skull, in infants. Already, 18 babies have been born with Zika-related birth defects in the US, said Beth Bell, director of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases. However, a \$1.1-billion (R15.88bn) funding bill was rejected last week for the third time by US Senate Democrats, after Republicans inserted language that would end funding for a major abortion provider, Planned Parenthood. In a conference call with reporters on Tuesday, leading doctors from the CDC, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Academy of Pediatrics warned that critical elements of the public health response and research on vaccines may come to a halt by month's end. *AFP*





With Majaha Nkonyane

## CHURCH NEWS



# DIVINE BRANCHES PREPARE FOR REVIVALS

By Majaha Nkonyane

**DIVINE Healing Ministries Branches are preparing to host revivals that are meant to bring back the fire in the church.**

Mafutseni branch will be hosting on September 19 to 25. The Siteki branch will have a special visit from Bishop Nash Shongwe on September 18.

The two branches under the leadership of Bishop Nash Shongwe are hosting services under different themes. The Siteki branch will be hosting a service of prayer and deliverance which was a request from the brethren who requested to see the Bishop.

Bishop Nash Shongwe will have a special visit to the Siteki Branch which is opposite the Siteki police station.

The service is scheduled to start at 10:00am and music will be offered by Linda Dlamini who is a member of the church in the

Manzini branch.

Bishop Nash Shongwe will be the main speaker and more music will be rendered by the praise and worship Team.

"We are therefore inviting the Siteki community to come and make use of this rare opportunity. These services are open to everybody who is interested to come and worship God", Rev Fana Sihlongonyane said.

On the other hand, the Mafutseni branch under Rev Mduduzi Mntambo, will be hosting week long revivals services from September 19 to 25.

The revivals are themed 'having an encounter with God'.

The revivals are meant to bring healing to the sick, deliverance to the bound and further preach the word of God to the people of Mafutseni.

The week long revivals will have a special guest from South Africa Durban, Apostle Sandile Mlambo, who is better known as 'the Lamborghini'.

The Apostle is a senior pastor at

Rhema of Hope International Ministries.

He is well known as a preaching machine who is multi gifted, he operates in the entire five-fold ministry.

His preaching style is full of grace and the host, Pastor Mntambo has promised great things for the church.

"I would like to encourage everyone to make time and come to these

revivals, the word of God will be ministered, I would further like to encourage everyone to bring those who are sick to these services as the

move of God will be great. This will surely be an encounter with God; we are looking forward to these services as God is ready to meet His people," Revival host, Pastor Mntambo said.

Maculube and Mafutseni Praise Team will render music during the services. The revivals are scheduled to run from 18:30-20:30pm daily.



**LEADERSHIP: Divine Healing Ministries Founder Bishop Nash Shongwe.**

## Crossworks Ministries to host Poetic Revival

By Majaha Nkonyane

**Magevini based Crossworks Ministries will be hosting a Poetry and Music Revival for young people.**

The services are scheduled for September 16 and will be starting from 18:00 20:00 hours.

The services will take a different shape than the usual revivals held in other churches, the services will be focusing on the poetry gift as a point of revival for young people. The revivals are themed 'God's Expression through Poetry, Poetry is Praise' and will have guest poet Ntobi Ndabukelwako.

Moreover, the services will have musical motivation from Judah Silitshema who will be motivating the brethren about music and what goes into being a music minister in the church and the word of God will be shared by the host, Pastor Mhlonishwa Motsa.

"It is very exciting to have young people gather under the word of God, we are excited to host such services for the youth and especially because we have guest poets coming to minister to the young people. I would like to encourage everyone to come to the church and experience God in a different way," Pastor Mhlonishwa Motsa said.

The services will also have a word of motivation from Thabo Moloi who will be touching on issues that try and stop brethren in their Christian walk.



## Chaplaincy Course at the New Covenant of Jesus

By Simon Shabangu

**THE Chief Coordinator Chaplain in Southern Africa, Bishop Enock Maseko of the New Covenant of Jesus Christ Ministries International will host a five day Emergency Services Chaplaincy Course in Matsapha.**

Bishop Maseko who is also a Chief Chaplain of the Umbutfo Swaziland Defense Force said the course will equip chaplains with a number of skills that will help them to deal with the many challenging situations they face in their day to day duties as ministers of the word in their different

ent institutions.

Maseko said this is a five day course which commences on September 19 to 23 at the church at Kahlobile in Matsapha.

He said this is the fourth time this course is being hosted and urged pastors not to miss this opportunity.

"This course is not restricted to pastors working in the forces it is also open to Bishops, Pastors and church leaders. We are also expecting people who are working in departments like the

fire emergency and Paramedics because the course content is more relevant to their nature of work.

The people who work in these departments need to have someone to talk to in the event they have been in 'traumatic situations' he said.

Maseko added that the course will have a number of interesting topics such as Crisis Management, all types of counseling, Child and Adult abuse,

Support and understanding of death and Dealing with Emergency issues for example car accidents, road accidents and floods.

"We invite all the concerned sectors to get in touch with us and register for this course especially because we have tried to cut the costs and minimised them to E1500.

From this amount they will get a certificate and manuals.

They will also get meals during the duration of the course. Initially this course was supposed to be held in South Africa but we negotiated that it comes to Swaziland to cut costs.

I must say that facilitators will come from South Africa and two locals including myself," he added.



## MATTHEW 6:33-34

"BUT SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL. THEREFORE DO NOT WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW. FOR TOMORROW WILL WORRY ABOUT ITSELF. EACH DAY HAS ENOUGH TROUBLE OF ITS OWN."



**HOST: Bishop Enock Maseko.**

He said those who are interested can register with the church in Matsapha at 25502243 or contact him at 76072040.

He also added that the church has services held in their Manzana Branch in Mbabane which started on Tuesday and will last for about two weeks.





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**GOOD MORNING MZANSI:** Simphiwe Ncongwane and his co-host live on air.

## SIMPHIWE NCONGWANE HOSTS SABC'S MORNING LIVE

By Phumelele Mkhonta

SOUTH African based yet Swazi born media personnel, Simphiwe Ncongwane, yet again stunned the Swazi nation by hosting the Morning Live Show on SABC1 yesterday morning.

Currently, he is an SABC News and Sfm anchor, presenter, journalist, writer, public speaker, MC and entrepreneur.

Ncongwane worked for five years in the local media as he was a journalist and news anchor on Channel Swazi. He was also a presenter on Swazi TV. He moved to South Africa to join eNCA and he recently joined Sfm.

He expressed excitement on his Facebook status on being put as the Morning Live Show temporary presenter.

"Join me as I host Morning Live this morning on SABC 2 between 6am to 8am and 6am to 9am on



**STAND-IN:** Simphiwe Ncongwane and Leanne Manas.

SABC News Channel 404. Don't get too excited, just filling in for Leanne Manas as she's on an Outside Broadcast. It's a date folks," said Ncongwane.

Manas is a South African radio and television presenter.

She is a co-anchor on SABC's flag-



ship breakfast programme Morning Live on SABC 2 and she was the national anchor for the 2004 elections and presidential inauguration. She was also an Ambassador to Nelson Mandela's 46664 campaign and one of Cosmopolitan Magazines 2005 Most Awesome Women.

## Jukes' spin and drifting sessions returns, Shota incorporated

By Phumelele Mkhonta

THE once famous spin and drifting sessions are coming back this year at 'KaMjuda' in Nhlangano on October, 1 headlined by South Africa's artist and music producer Shota.

The spin and drift session is being hosted under the courtesy of Kool Swazi Entertainment.

According to Kool Swazi Entertainment's co-founder Mfundo 'DJ Mfundo' Mbhamali, the area where this event would be held is owned by Nhlangano's popular businessman known as Mjuda and his place has been recently renovated and can accommodate close to 10 000 people.

The spin session will commence at 3pm until 9pm and they will be headlined by the following teams:

### South Africa

- Feel It Am Here
- Poison
- 360 Boys
- Bhuzuzu
- Maventer
- Fingers
- Sthwashtwa
- Team Swazi
- Suid Crew
- Swazi Machine
- Matsapha Crew

- Team Salim
- Masina Brothers
- Team Icr
- Revolution Crew
- Eddie
- Ghetto Ruff

"After the spin and drifting session, there will be an after party headlined by South Africa's Shota and he will be supported by; Master P, Mfundo, Lady Cream, Deepmotion vs Freestyle and many more," said Mbhamali.



## Upcoming artist Jason Era to launch EP

By Nomfundo Sifundza

UPCOMING rap artist Jason Era is scheduled to launch his new EP called 'Harzadous' at the Mbabane Theatre Club on October 1.

The upcoming artist is not new to the entertainment industry as his debut song 'Pelepele' made it to the airwaves and local top 20 SBIS 2 Charts.

"I once performed that track in Johannesburg and they called me 'Pelepele', as they forgot my name!

They kept asking my friends over there 'Where is that Swazi

guy 'Pelepele', when is he coming back again?' I still owe them a visit, but for now my main aim is making it in Swaziland first," he said.

### Concerns

The determined artist then went on to drop a thought provoking single titled 'Problems' which addresses social concerns in society.

"Problems was more on a conscious trip, as I don't want to be known as the artist who can make people dance only," he added.

The artist further urged members of the public to support his upcoming launch on October 1.

## North West University Choir pushes Matthews Singers out of top ten

....As Old Mutual finals race gains momentum

By Simon Shabangu

AS competition gets tough in the struggle for top 10 in the Old Mutual National Choir Festival, Matthews Singers has been pushed out of the list by North West University Choir who amassed 175.67 points and secured a somewhat safe spot on position four.

This is according to the latest log standing after the Botswana Regional eliminations which took place in the past weekend. All the choirs below North West were pushed down by one spot, which resulted in Matthews Singers being kicked out of the top 10 as they were on the bottom of the log.

With four regional eliminations, including the most feared Swaziland region, still to come, more South African giants in the choral music might lose their spots in the final 10. Chances are high that four of the five choirs in the bottom five might not make it

to the Ellis Park Indoor Arena in Johannesburg for the finals.

The final 10 choirs will be joined by last year's champions who gain automatic entry to this year's final to defend the championships. These are SA Singers who are in the large category and Simon Estes Alumni Choir to join the 10 choirs in the standard category.

Currently the bottom five choirs are, respectively, Voices of the Nation, The Sounds of Joy Choral Society, Gauteng Choristers, Zwelitsha Adult Choir and Transnet Port Terminals Choir.

In the standard category, the six choirs who have secured themselves spaces in the finals are; African Sweet Melodies (Gauteng), Belcanto Singers (Eastern Cape), Diamond City Chorus (Northern Cape), Chitungwiza Harmony Singers (Zimbabwe) and Prince Mshiyeni Choir (Kwazulu Natal) and Gaborone Youth Singers (Botswana).

## LARGE CHOIR LEAGUE STANDINGS AS AT SATURDAY:

Choir Name	Total Marks
1. Easton Cape Police Choir	184.66
2. Sound of the Nation	178.00
3. Kopano Chorus	176.33
4. North West University Choir	175.67
5. African Chorus	175.00
6. Voices of the Nation	172.00
7. The Sounds of Joy Choral Society	165.33
8. Gauteng Choristers	161.00
9. Zwelitsha Adult Choir	161.00
10. Transnet Port Terminals Choir	159.34

Dates and venues for the remaining regional championships:

Free State	Saturday
Swaziland	September 25
Western Cape	October 2
Mpumalanga	October 8

Boet Troskie Hall - Bloemfontein  
Esibayeni Lodge - Matsapha  
Arts Cape Main Opera House - Cape Town  
Civic Centre - Nelspruit



# INKHOSIKATI LAMBIKIZA TO COLLABORATE WITH MAHALIA

By Simon Shabangu

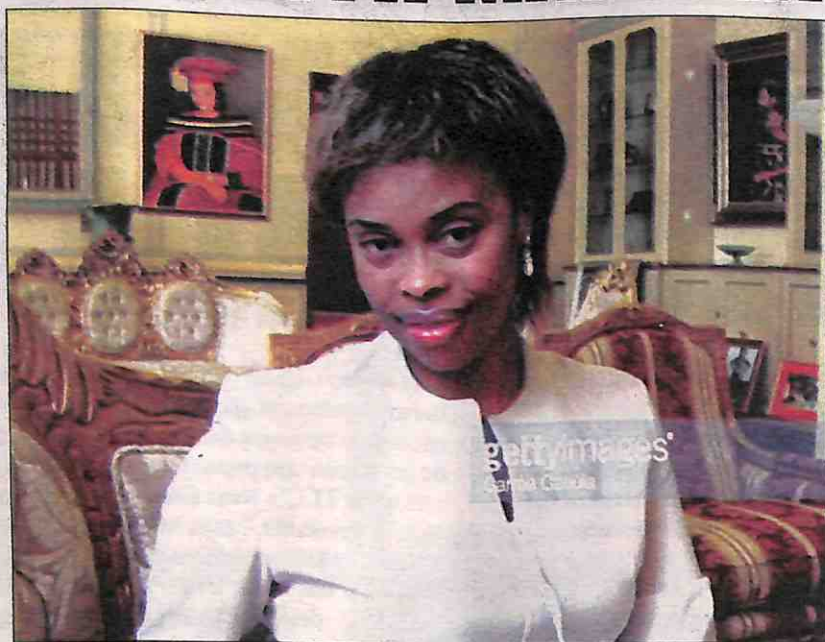
**SOUTH** African gospel artist Mahalia Buchanan, will collaborate in a duet with Inkhosikati LaMbikiza in rendering a Siswati song titled 'Siyakhotsama' during the Redemption Story's live CD and DVD recording.

The event would be held at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre on October 1. The South African gospel sensation and former Joyous Celebration member has already received the guides of the song for rehearsal in readiness for the much anticipated show.

According to the choir Director Thulani Ntshangase, Mahalia is excited about the opportunity to share the stage with the Inkhosikati who also happens to be the founder and patron of the group. Ntshangase said preparations for what he described as an amazing night are at an advanced stage stating that the choir is also doing final touches to the many songs to be recorded on the night.

He said Mahalia would also be featured on the CD and DVD to be recorded on the night adding that the artist was humbled and honoured to share the stage with Inkhosikati LaMbikiza.

"The song HRH will be doing with Mahalia is in siSwati and was composed by a Swazi,



IN DUET: Inkhosikati LaMbikiza.

Siyabonga Sukati who has worked with Redemption Story before, with Keke and Spirit of praise to mention but a few.

Sukati is now based in South Africa. He has recorded a collaboration with the Inkhosikati before.

"Guides for the song titled Siyakhotsama are already with sister Mahalia in South Africa. She says she can't wait for the experience and exposure she will get from this collaboration," Ntshangase said.

Asked if he will be conducting the choir on the night of the recording the gospel musician said people must just get themselves tickets to the show to witness him and the choir blessing them on the night. He also noted that the choir will do a Siswati version of Mahalia's song titled "Holy is our God.

"We have already rearranged the song to siSwati lyrics and I am happy that the song will also be recorded on the night and featured on this project and I must say that the choir has mastered the song which we hope the people will enjoy as

we will also feature Mahalia when performing it on the night.

I must also add that most of the songs on this project are Siswati songs of which we are proud because this is a proudly Swazi project" he added. Ntshangase is not new in the gospel music scene as he was a member of the choir before it took a long break.

He also led Courageous Gospel Group for eight years during which period they toured the United States of America in the 90s hence the new crop of Redemption Story members have their faith in him.

"The fact that I am also one of the co founders of RS and did Story one's live DVD recording in 2003 which was the first of its kind in this kingdom under the patronage of HRH also gives great hope and motivation to the choir members" he said.

He also noted that from the old group they were only able to retain about five members who are part of the new look and youthful choir.

They are Nokulunga Simelane, Nompumelelo Ntshangase, Upendoh, Thula Simelane and Bongie Gwebu.



## Mzilankatha releases second album

By Majaha Nkonyane

**GOSPEL** Maskandi artist Siyabonga Mzilankatha Matse has released his second album titled 'Sdumis' uJesu'.

The album is an 11 track offering that is only a few weeks old since its release.

Matse's album comes after his first album release in 2014, and sold up to 5000 copies. His new album is already selling fast; in its first week of release the album has sold 70 copies.

The artist who is an ACASWA Best Maskandi award holder and NACA best Maskandi of the year album holder has performed in various places in the country and outside the country.

"It is very exciting to have released the second album and continue share my gift with my fans. I would like to

request people to continually support and enjoy more music from this album. The album is a mixture of my life journey and musical experiences I have had as an artist," Matse said.

The artist is continually working hard in his craft which he gives himself time to produce; his first album and second album have a two year gap. In between the release of his first and second album the artist carefully crafted content for his album.

Matse is also preparing for a tour where he will be performing in different places in order to promote his album as a Gospel Maskandi artist. He has performed in the previous Miss Cultural Heritage and in the recent SADC Summit.

The artist is also on a mission to make his music known on international stages; he is one of the few artists in the country that have come out to make Gospel Mskandi music popular.



## Sibebe Night Live Series back, applications open

By Phumelele Mkhonta

**THE** popular Sibebe Night Live Series, season six, is back with a bang and will kick off on September, 30.

Sibebe Night Live is a concept developed by House on Fire and Swaziland Beverages as a platform to develop the arts in Swaziland. This platform exposes upcoming acts, as well as established performers to the public in a space that is 100 per cent local.

The series features live music, dance, poetry, DJs, interactive arts and fashion from within Swaziland.

Sibebe Friday Night Live has over the past five years introduced over 70 Swazi acts to the House on Fire stage as well as attracting over 12 000 attendees to share in this home-grown artistic brew.

Season six boasts of some exciting new editions which will feature three high intensity events; this season culminates in a finale that will earn the winner of the series a performance tour to Maputo in Mozambique with an accompanying party bus for travelling fans.

To add to this, there will also be an opportunity of performing at the globally acclaimed MTN Bushfire Festival in 2017.

According to House on Fire's

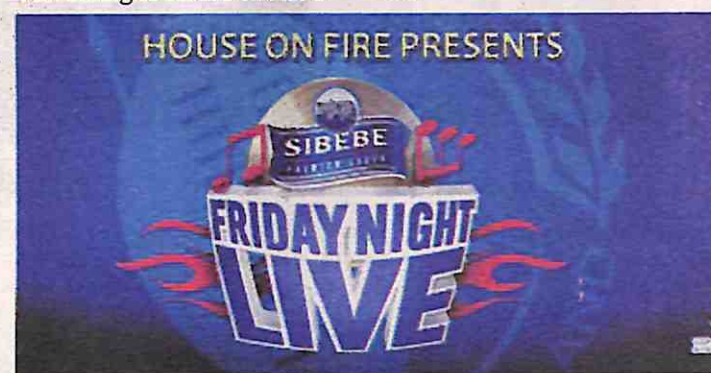
Communications Officer Khulile Neto Dlamini, applications are now open to all locals.

"This series has played a major role in providing a much needed stage and exposure to most of Swaziland's emerging acts, whilst contributing to the evolving Swazi arts industry and the broader creative economy.

"Previous performers on the Sibebe Friday Night Live stage include a long list of recognised Swazi household names such as; King Terry, Bholoja, Nomzamo, Qibho and Sands, Velemsemi, Pele Pele and many more. This year's series sees a larger performance pool than ever before boasting of over E50 000 up for grabs to candidates who will be successful in their applications.

"The judging panel this year features Mthunzi 'Shadow' Zwane from Swaziboy Entertainment, Elfoe Masilela from Swazi TV, Sinethemba Dlamini from SBIS, Thobeka Manyathela from the Times of Swaziland, Jiggs Thorne from House on Fire and more industry influencers are still to be added," Dlamini said.

Application forms are available from the House on Fire Facebook page, Swazi Observer Entertainment desk as well as at House on Fire in the dungeon and they close on September, 21 with the announcement of participants scheduled for September, 23.



NEWS EXTRA

## Bonang bursaries officially open

**POPULAR** TV personality Bonang 'Queen B' Matheba is certainly a woman of her word!

Earlier this year, Bonang said she'll be launching a Bonang Matheba Bursaries soon. Read the article here.

She said: "I want to help, change and inspire the lives of young women in Mzansi", and she's doing just that!

The TV personality took to social media to announce that the Bonang Matheba Bursary Fund is officially open are they are ready to pay tuition fees for 10 lucky young girls.

She wrote: "The Bonang Matheba Bursary Fund is excited

to announce 10 bursaries for 2017. Calling on all the LADIES with a matric certificate or currently in GRADE 12. Stand a chance to be awarded 1 of 10 Bursaries with me & Boston Colleges. Send a motivational letter of how a bursary would change your life to bonangbursary@boston.co.za. With the letter also send your full details, a copy of your Matric certificate, name of your nearest Boston branch & study dreams. If you're currently in Grade 12, please send a copy of your Grade 11 results. Entries close on September 20th 2016. Good luck! Love, Bonang."

Daily Sun





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## HIGHLIGHTS



**South Park**  
Today at 21:25 on Comedy Central (122)

Watch the premiere of South Park's landmark 20th season right here on Comedy Central. Cartman, Kenny, Stan and Kyle are back in the award-winning animated series.

Last season creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker covered weighty current affairs like gentrification and gun

control with tongue-in-cheek humour. Garrison started running for president as a Trump-like figure and the aggressive politically correct principal was introduced. Despite Cartman's best efforts, PC Principal couldn't be ousted. Tune in this month as the election campaign heats up.



**Blindspot**  
Tomorrow at 14:00 on M-Net (101)

The Emmy-nominated creator of Arrow helms this drama that centres on the discovery of a mysterious

woman covered in cryptic tattoos, with no memory of who she is.



**Rob and Chyna**  
Sunday at 20:00 on E! Entertainment Television (124)

This month E! takes you inside the lives of Robert Kardashian and Blac Chyna with the brand new series, 'Rob & Chyna.' After a whirlwind romance, the reality stars are now engaged and expecting their first child. From announcing their engagement on Instagram to

Rob's ongoing fight with his weight, the pair are quite happy to share their love with the world. Follow Rob and Chyna as they continue to get to know one another and come to terms with their expanding family – all in the full glare of the world's press and Rob's sisters.

# SA'S MIKAELA MAKES TLC SEMI-FINALS

TLC, in association with Colgate Optic White, has announced 20-year-old Mikaela Oosthuizen as the sixth semi-finalist making it through to the next stage of the TLC Next Great Presenter search.

Hailing from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, the third year Media Communications and Culture student secured her spot in the 'Lucky 13' from more than 1 500 auditions received from across the continent.

With extensive experience in television, radio, modelling and acting, Mikaela believes her sincere and welcoming personality is what will set her apart from her fellow contestants "I feel so honoured to be a part of the TLC family and cannot

wait to grow under the guidance of the entertainment specialists. I'm so excited to be given the opportunity to be on screen and prove why I deserve to be TLC's Next Great

Presenter," says Mikaela.

This ambitious young lady has never let her young age deter her from pursuing her dreams. From attaining one of the highest monetary academic university scholarships in the country, to being crowned the youngest Miss SA Teen at the

age of 14, Mikaela has no desire to slow down.

Now, all roads lead to Cape Town for Boot Camp, as Mikaela along with 12 contestants

from all over Africa aim to turn their 90-second video audition into their dream job. During the four-day Boot Camp, they will be put through their presenting paces by the judges and industry experts as they undertake screen tests, performance coaching, fashion styling, as well as brand and media training to see who really has what it takes to be a host on Africa's #1 lifestyle and entertainment channel.

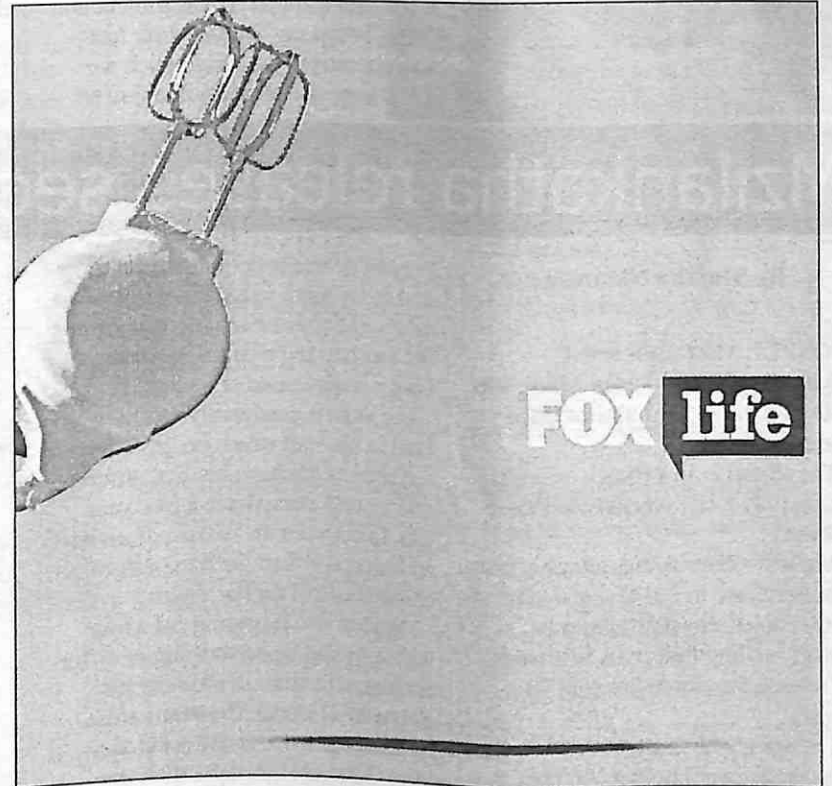
At Boot Camp, it will be down to the star-studded line-up of experts which includes; radio and TV personality Thando Thabethe, Head of Content at MultiChoice Aletta Alberts, Editor of ZALebs.com Zee Dladla, celebrity publicist and Communications Strategist Jarred Doyle and VP of Channels for Discovery Networks CEEMEA Lee Hobbs to choose the Top 3 finalists.

Then, in the end it will be up to the TLC audience to decide who should be crowned the winner and travel to London to film the brand new series, TLC's Most Extreme coming to TLC Entertainment (135) in 2017. The winner will also feature in a special once off documentary and win a luxury holiday for two, courtesy of Sun International.

## Fox life launches next month

**CONSIDERED** one of the world's leading destinations for scripted and unscripted entertainment, FOX Life, launching on October 3, will be tailored for Africa, and will be available on channel 126.

As part of the new channel, an additional 954 hours of fresh new programming will be added to the schedule over the coming months, focused on localised storytelling, created specifically for African viewers. FOX Life will have the best of Hollywood in the form of Pitch and Atlanta, Turkish and Brazilian telenovelas, scripted and unscripted local content as well as dramas. Some of the lifestyle and drama shows will be coming from across the African continent like Maliposa, a Zambian drama and Wrath from Nigeria. There is also an exciting show on young Nigerian-born DJ Cuppy (Florence Ifeoluwa Otedola) who goes on an ambitious tour of eight countries across Africa. In a male-dominated field – DJ Cuppy has made inroads and describes her sound as 'Neo Afrobeats'. "FOX Life is core to our global entertainment portfolio and its entry into this market signals FNG's continued investment in Africa," says Gary



Alfonso, GM, FOX Networks Group Africa. "From hit US programming, to 954 hours of brand new, locally developed and produced content, our new channel portfolio reflects the best in entertainment, factual and sports."

The new channel, available to DStv Premium, DStv Compact Plus, DStv Compact, DStv Family and DStv Access customers. The channel will also sit alongside an extensive FNG portfolio of channels in Africa, which includes FOX, National Geographic



## International Celebrity News

### Lil Wayne denies retirement, won't work with Birdman again

LA - Lil Wayne said he will no longer work with Birdman and denied recent retirement rumours during an interview on FS1's 'Undisputed.'

The interview began with a discussion about the rapper's song, 'No Mercy,' which is the **Undisputed** theme song. The conversation quickly turned to Weezy's recent tweet, "I am now defenceless and mentally defeated and I leave gracefully and thankful I luh my fanz but I'm dun." "This was a tweet after an argument," Wayne says when



**IT'S NOT TRUE: Lil Wayne.**

Bayless asks about his retirement. He doesn't answer whether or not he's retiring directly though, but it sounds like or nah. Later on he echoes this by saying,

"The height of my talent, or the height of my career, I haven't reached that at all."

The tweets in question saw his fans (both with and without clout) jump up in arms - 2 Chainz, Rick Ross, Chance The Rapper and Young Thug among them; the latter of

whom professed his love and support of his idol on Twitter.

Vipirial.com

### Drake buys neighbour's house after noise complaint

CALIFORNIA - Drake has

officially expanded his estate by purchasing his neighbour's Hidden Hills, California home for nearly \$3 million, as referenced in his

collaborative track with Future, 'Where Ya At,' saying "I'll buy the neighbour's house if they complain about the noise."

Drake reportedly bought the neighbour's house for a little under \$3 million during the summer of 2015. The Views rapper paid \$7.7 million for his larger Calabasas,

Calif. property, complete with

seven bedrooms and an enormous pool, back in 2012.

Additionally, his mentor Lil Wayne, who famously rapped "Got 10 bathrooms, I could shit all day" on "We Be Steady Mobbin,'" is

probably most proud of Drizzy because he's got

nine bathrooms in the new crib. No word on what Drake's plans are with the new acquisition, but with an extra acre of property, he should have a little more space for his OVO squad.

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**JUST FOR CON-TROLS: Drake.**

### Eminem's bodyguard almost had shootout with him

LA - When we last heard from Eminem's former bodyguard Byron 'Big Naz' Williams he was telling a pretty wild tale about protecting Shady from Suge Knight at



**ALMOST: Big Naz.**

the 2001 Source awards. He just dropped another dozy of story about Em on the Murder Master Music Show. Williams explained to Prez and Mac Jay of MMM, "The last time that I seen Em, we both had our hands on our

weapons. That's the last time I seen him. We had our hands on our guns man! O.K. Corral, man! That's how the relationship ended with Em and I, we had our hands on our guns."

Williams also spoke in detail about why the argument started, "It was about the money! It started off as a misunderstanding and it ended up being about money after a resignation and then it got ugly."

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### Georgina Leigh Cantwell, Jackson Blyton 'engaged'

HOLLYWOOD - They met in the Big Brother house this

summer and fell head-over-heels in love for each other.

And TV lovebirds Georgina Leigh Cantwell and

Jackson Blyton are now

reportedly engaged, just two months after they first met.

Georgina, 26, appeared to be toasting her bride-to-be status at a bar in Soho, London, showing off

a sparkler on her ring finger to an excited male pal.



**ENGAGED: Georgina Leigh and Jackson Blyton.**

The brunette was dressed to impress in a strapless black number, adding a demure touch to her look with a string of pearls. She ensured onlookers got a good look at the diamond sparkler while her friend cooed over her new ring as they guzzled a glass of bubbly.

MailOnline has contacted both Georgina and Jackson's representatives for comment. **Daily Mail**

## SA Celebrity News

### I'm not the killer here, says Kelly Khumalo

JOHANNESBURG - In an upcoming tell-all interview on

'Real Talk' with Anele Mdoda, Kelly Khumalo opens up about the murder mystery following the death of her then boyfriend, Senzo Meyiwa, asserting that the "police are not doing enough".

In a teaser shared by Anele on Instagram, Kelly revealed that the elaborate investigation of Senzo's murder is driving her "crazy," as



**INNOCENT: Kelly Khumalo.**

she has been barred from speaking out about the events leading up to his death on

October 26, 2014. "The investigation thing is driving me crazy, because people want to know. And I want to get this out of my system and move on with my life," she explained in the short clip.

"At the end of the day, I'm not the killer here. At the

end of the day, I'm one person that wants the country to know what happened."

Timeslive

### Black Coffee dismisses Beyoncé collaboration rumours

JOHANNESBURG- Black Coffee has denied claims he is

working on a collaboration with US superstar Beyoncé Knowles. This comes after DRUM reported that the two world-renowned artists are

currently working on new music together. The local publication's

source was quoted as saying: "The two of them are working together. Neither of them has

hinted on it, but people will hear their music soon." However, taking to Twitter on

Tuesday morning, Black Coffee denied the speculation when excited fans inundated his account, wanting to confirm whether it is

true or not. In addition to his several replies saying it isn't true,

Black Coffee revealed "it would be a dream come true".



**IT'S A FALLACY: BlackCoffee.**

Timeslive

### Tshedi Mholo unravels mystery of Malaika's silence

JOHANNESBURG- If ever a band were ripe for a ride on the reunion carousel, it's award-winning afro-pop group

Malaika. The last time fans got to see them performing was in 2013 at a Jazz Festival in Moretele Park, Pretoria.

But sadly, since then, lead singer Tshedi Mholo and

bandmate Bongani Nchang have not only stopped performing

together, they're also not on speaking terms. "It just breaks my heart," Tshedi bemoans during a

tell-all interview with TMG Entertainment.

"Last time I spoke to Bongani was around March/April when I asked him if we could meet, and he asked what would we be talking about. I told him we would talk about Malaika. And he just never pitched." The songbird

took a sip of her water, in what appeared to be an attempt to stem the tears that welled up in her eyes, as she opened up about her troubled relationship with Bongani.

Sowetan



**STORY OF MY LIFE: Tshedi Mholo.**

### Nakhane Touré survives traumatic knife attack

EASTERN CAPE- SAMA award-winning musician

Nakhane Touré is grateful for his life, after being assaulted on Monday afternoon.

The star was visiting his hometown in the Eastern Cape this week when he offered to help someone who he thought

was in trouble. But after Nakhane played the good samaritan, the man appar-

ently pulled a knife on him and threatened his life. According to Nakhane, the man



**SURVIVOR: Nakhane.**

robbed him and threatened to stab him in the neck.

A shaken but grateful Nakhane took to Instagram after the incident to recount the experience and express his gratitude for being alive. "Offering to help someone who, after helping him, turns a knife on you and robs you. Heeee!

Hometown is showing me flames! At least I'm alive, even after I was threatened to be stabbed in the neck. Ouchiiiiiee! What a dick!" Nakhane wrote.

Sowetan

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Mabuyi doubts her uncle will budge. Sihle continues to manipulate the people around her in order to carry out her plan. In order to keep her daughter happy, Beauty faces a difficult choice.



**HAS DOUBTS: Mabuyi.**

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Lerato tells Sechaba the wedding is off, infuriating him to the point where he has to be held back. Obakeng rolls up the dead body, but his stomach can't take it. Nikiwe and Gabriel kiss.



**IN LOVE: Nikiwe.**

Muvhango

TODAY

Khomotjo's ally turns against her to save his own skin. Ranthomeng and KK get into a brawl. Gizara gets a better idea of what car to buy Rendani.



**IN A BRAWL: KK.**

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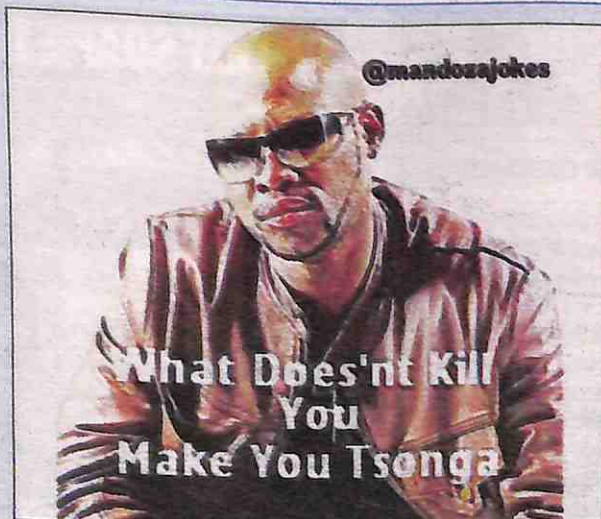
TODAY

Puleng informs Niki that Busi is in Joburg. Niki tries to take her daughter. Meanwhile Puleng searches for the right time to tell Suffo about her own pregnancy. Fats and Rene help Jamaica create his new persona..



**ON A MISSION: Puleng.**





## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

**Capricorn** - Like the pilot that agreed to pilot a privately owned spaceship, you are willing to take a chance on something new. This may mean anything from a long shot in horse racing to signing up for a survival experience the next time you have a vacation or a long weekend.



**Aquarius** - Everything may be pouring in at once and it's all good news. Your career direction gets some encouragement and life's problems become easier to solve. You may find this a moody, even dreamy time.



**Pisces** - Others may find you especially witty and unconventional this morning. You may have many insights with regard to your life. People value you for your independence and unique qualities.



**Aries** - Learning new ways to make money is where your mind may be focused now. Obtaining and exchanging information takes on more importance just now. There is a basic struggle between your feelings and your livelihood just now.



**Taurus** - There may be a sense of challenge or blockage just now. You may not find the support you think you might need. Other people see your reaction to some event in your life and are automatically impressed by your composure.



**Gemini** - Perhaps this is a good time to think and study, for you have a real appreciation for ideas and thoughts. You may also find yourself enjoying long conversations, meetings and paperwork. Your own requirements may appear to limit and separate you from where the rest of the gang is headed.



**Cancer** - Heavy work duties may create some wonderfully creative inspirations. When you put your new ideas to use or record your ideas on paper, you have great results. Think about adding to your list of friends—these relationships are the ones that will help you grow in positive, healthy ways.



**Leo** - You have the ability to turn a difficult business situation around into more positive results. Higher-ups will notice your hard work. This is a productive workday in which you will have opportunities to expand your talents and enjoy the rewards.



**Virgo** - You make it a point to do the best you can in everything you set out to do. Your responsibilities have increased over these recent months and if you look back to this time last year, you will see some real progress.



**Libra** - Meetings and ideas, mental things, information exchange and the interrelating of all these are central to your outer makeup. This is a wonderful time to show your creative talents. Communication is the interface that holds the rest of you together.



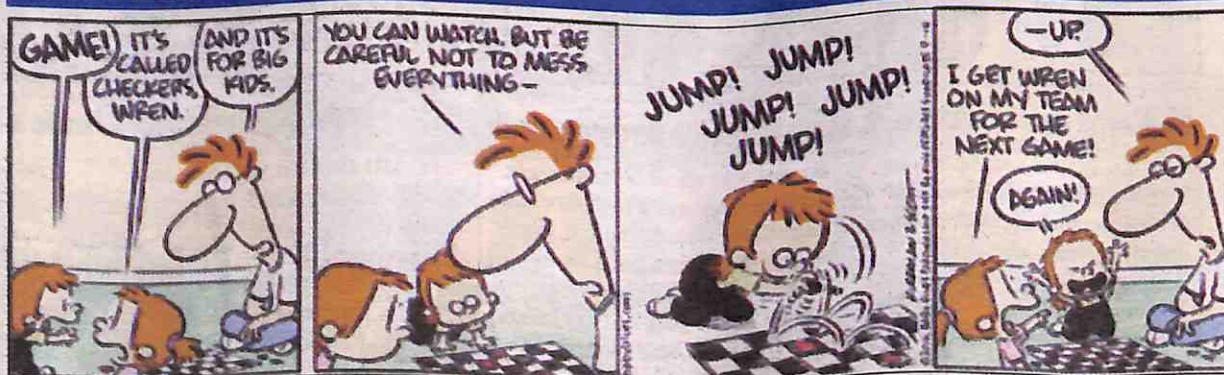
**Scorpio** - Someone older than you or an authority figure gives you an opportunity to express yourself today. This could be the time to display your ability to quickly solve work issues. Take note that your feelings and emotions may not be your best guide.



**Sagittarius** - You have an incredible drive to accomplish and achieve these days. Your ambitions are backed up by the will to get things done. Be aware of your tendency for pushiness—you can be very passionate when involved in your work.



## BABY BLUES



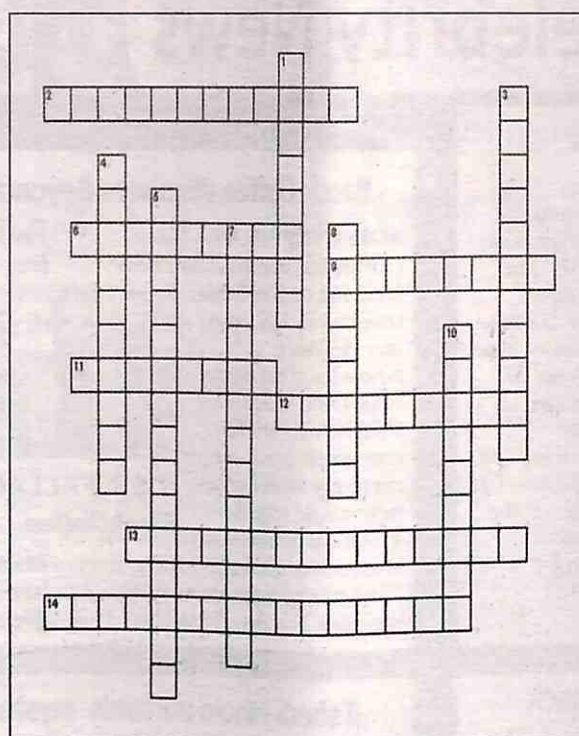
## BUCKLES



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## PUZZLE CHOICE



## Across

- President James Marshall in the 1997 movie, *Air Force One* (8,4)
- Wilhelm Grimm in the 2005 movie, *The Brothers Grimm* (4,5)
- Shylock in the 2004 movie, *The Merchant of Venice* (2,6)
- Captain Rich in the 2005 movie, *Flightplan* (4,4)
- Vincent in the 2004 movie, *Collateral* (3,6)
- Director of the 1958 classic, *Vertigo* (6,9)
- Ben Marco in the 2004 movie, *The Manchurian Candidate* (6,10)

## Down

- Dr Robert Langdon in the 2006 movie, *The Da Vinci Code* (3,5)
- Capt. Benjamin L. Willard in the 1979 movie, *Apocalypse Now* (6,5)
- Mel Gibson was William Wallace in this 1995 movie (10)
- Director of the 2002 movie, *Catch Me If You Can* (6,9)
- The Boss in the 2006 movie, *Lucky Number Slevin* (6,7)
- Halle Berry was Patience Phillips in this 2004 movie (8)
- Faye Dunaway was Evelyn Cross Mulwray in this 1974 movie (9)



## Advice

A man called to testify at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), asked his accountant for advice on what to wear. "Wear your shabbiest clothing. Let him think you are a pauper," the accountant replied. Then he asked his lawyer the same question, but got the opposite advice. "Do not let them intimidate you. Wear your most elegant suit and tie." Confused, the man went to his priest, told him of the conflicting advice, and requested some resolution of the dilemma. "Let me tell you a

story," replied the priest. "A woman, about to be married, asked her mother what to wear on her wedding night. 'Wear a heavy, long, flannel nightgown that goes right up to your neck.' But when she asked her best friend, she got conflicting advice. Wear your most sexy negligee, with a V neck right down to your navel." The man protested: "What does all this have to do with my problem with the IRS?" "Simple," replied the priest... "It doesn't matter what you wear, you are going to get screwed!"

## USELESS FACTS

- Mr. Rogers is an ordained minister.
- John Lennon's first girlfriend was named Thelma Pickles.
- There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.
- The scene where Indiana Jones shoots the swordsman in

Raiders of the Lost Ark was Harrison Ford's idea so that he could take a bathroom break. 5. A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out. 6. A snail can sleep for three years.

BRAINTEASERS  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Yesterday's brainteasers**  
1. Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it, you'll die. What is it?  
Answer: Nothing!

2. I have a head but no body, a heart but no blood. Just leaves and no branches, I grow without wood. What am I?

**Answer:**  
Lettuce!

## Today's brainteasers

- What do you throw out when you want to use it, but take in when you don't want to use it?
- What only gets wetter the more it dries?



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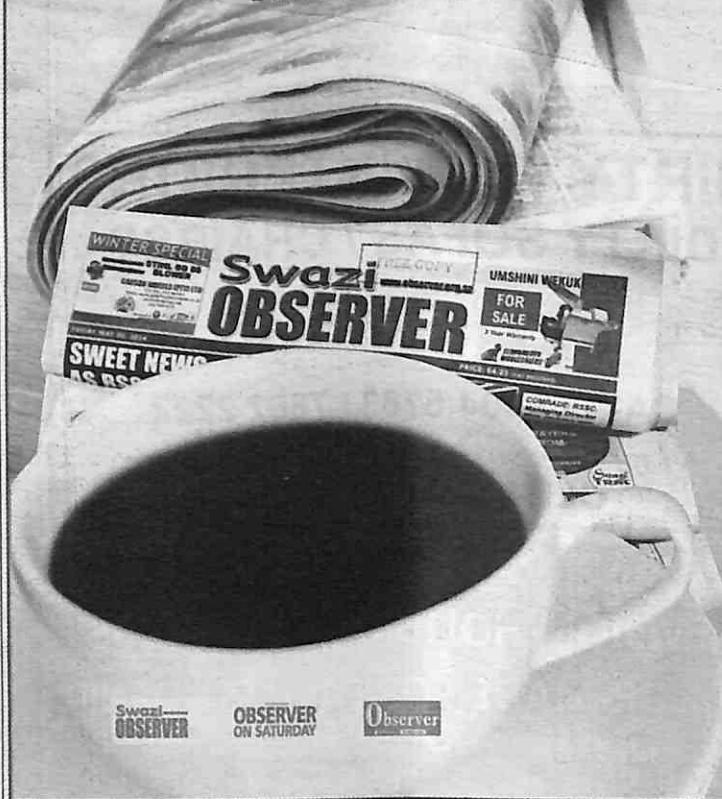
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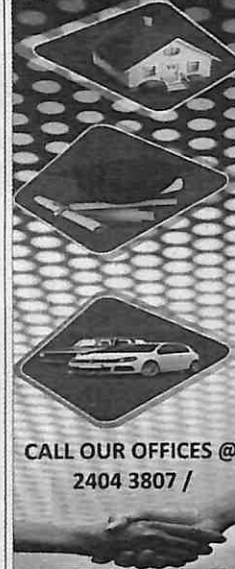
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## 11 DEATHS



Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeneni kutsi **Hendry Walter Solwako Khoza** akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekhakhakhe kaDlamini kaBhekinkhosi nelibandla lakhe iAEC bakaSukati bagcugcuteli kanye nebase Bible Society. Usishiye emhlabeni mhlaka 9 September 2016. Memorial Service ingeMgcibelo nga 1.00pm eNkiliji AEC. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 18 September 2016 kulindzelwa ngeMgcibelo ekhaya lakhe eNkiliji. Simemetelo sikhishwa bantwabakhe egameni lemndeneni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeneni wa **Siphwe Gezeph Shaya** lowendze kaDlamini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekhakhakhe kaDlamini kaMalandzela naseNtabamhloshan a kanye nebekhabonina kaMaphanga eMpofu eMadelezini. Ufihlwa mhlaka 17.09.16. Umlindzelo ungaleSihlanu mhlaka 16.09.16 ekhakhakhe kuMalandzela. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumyeni wakhe Mpendulo Nicholas Dlamini egameni lemndeneni.



Friends, Relatives, Dlamini family and Bhembe family of **Wilson Mkhethwa Dlamini** affectionately known as Waneswa are notified that he has answered to the Lords Call. Funeral at Magele on the 17 September 2016 after a night vigil on Friday. Announcement by his wife on behalf of family.



Kwatiswa tihlobo ne bangani baSikhombiso **"Seveni" Dlamini** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakaNkhosi eMpaka nebaka gogo wakhe ka Vilakati eNdzingeni naseNkambeni nebakaNdwandwe eBuhlebuyeza nebakaMdluli eNkambeni. Kulindzelwa ngeMgcibelo afihlwe ngeliSontfo ekuseni mhlaka 18 September 2016 ekhaya kubo kuMalindza. Siteshi kuse Maphepheni. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguMagolwane Dlamini egameni lemndeneni.

JOB 13:15

Though He slay me,  
yet will I hope in him;  
I will surely  
defend my ways to  
his face.



Kwatiswa tihlobo ta **Bizi Moses Maseko** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utofihlwa ekhaya kubo kaHlatsi kuMtsambama eceleni kwesikolwa eThembelihe mhlaka 17.09.16. Kwatiswa bantwabakhe tonkhe tindzawo lapho bakhona lakaNgwane. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubabe wakhe Edward Maseko uyise lomkhulu.



Friends and Family of **Sifiso Goodwill Madolo** are notified of his demise. Funeral service will be held at Piggs Peak Glen Township No. 73 on Saturday morning 17.09.16 after a night vigil on Friday. Announcement by family.



Friends and Relatives of **Nomvula Mtsetfwa** known as Mvulazane are notified of her demise. Funeral Service will be held at Buhleni (Tincatsavaneni) on Saturday morning after a night vigil on Friday. Announcement by family



Kwatiswa bantwabaneNkhosi beGundvini kutsi umntfwaneNkhosi **Thandanani Dlamini** lebekasebenta eTown Council kaManzini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekhakhakhe kaNkhambule eGundvini, bekhabinina ka Vilakati eNgculwini. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 18.09.16 ngemuva kwemlindzelo ngeMgcibelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumntfwaneNkhosi Zemu egameni lebantwabaneNkhosi.



Friends and Relatives of **Linah Lomasotja Dlamini** are notified that she has responded to the Lord. She will be laid to rest on 18.09.16 at her homestead at Mphosi, Macetjeni after a night vigil on Saturday. Announcement by her husband Dlamini Christopher.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeneni wa **Musa Masuku** kaLogoba eLuhlokohla lotalwa nguZembe Masuku kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo emva kwemlindzelo ngaleSihlanu ekhaya lakhe kaLogoba. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguyise Zembe Masuku.

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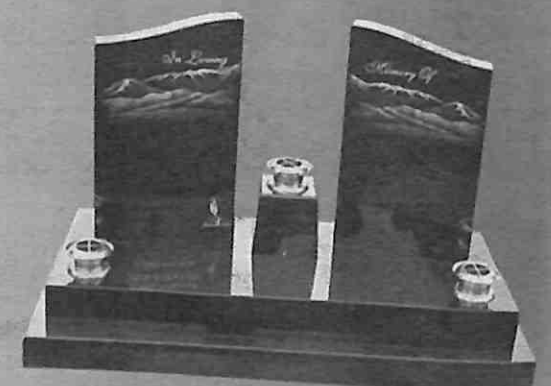
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They were joined by Foxes full-back Christian Fuchs, one of only three players with UCL experience at the club.

The band talked about their

love of Champions League football and their hopes ahead of Leicester's UCL debut against Club Brugge last night.

### Tournament

"It's pretty amazing to have the trophy here in our studio. It's just unbelievable that Leicester are in the tournament and have a real chance of getting through the group," said Kasabian guitarist Serge Pizzomo.

UEFA will be taking the band behind the scenes of Leicester's first home game as part of #AccessAllAreas.

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## BARCELONA'S MSN REIGN, ARSENAL DRAW

**BARCELONA** - Barcelona's lethal MSN - Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Neymar - dissected Celtic 7-0 while a deluge washed out Pep Guardiola's eagerly awaited first Champions League game in charge of Manchester City on Tuesday.

There was no rain but there was a flood of goals at the Camp Nou, where a sparkling Messi hat-trick with four assists and a goal from Neymar, Andres Iniesta and a Suarez brace humiliated Celtic.

"There can be no embarrassment because they do that to better teams than ourselves," said Celtic boss Brendan Rodgers.

"They are special players. It is a front three that can occupy as many players as you want."

Suarez, reunited with Messi and Neymar for the first time this season, told TV3: "It has been many games since we have been able to enjoy being on the

pitch together and today we did."

Celtic will have to shrug off this worst ever European defeat as their next Group C outing is at home to City.

After the weekend derby defeat of Manchester United, City had Borussia

Moenchengladbach firmly in their sights but the fixture was called off just 20 minutes before kick-off with the Etihad Stadium hit by heavy rain. The match was to now be played last night at 1845GMT.

### Stages

The first goal of the 2016/2017 Champions League group stages came after a mere 42 seconds from the head of Paris Saint Germain striker Edinson Cavani at the Parc des Princes against Arsenal.

The strike was PSG's quickest in the Champions League, but the French champions, and Cavani in particular, were guilty of failing to convert a succession of golden opportunities. The worst possible start for Arsenal hinted at a potential lopsided affair but the Gunners got out of jail with Alexis Sanchez's leveller inside the final quarter of an hour. *AFP*



## Neymar believes MSN friendship key to deadly Barca form

**MADRID** - Neymar has said the almost telepathic understanding between him, Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez is the reason for their devastating relationship on the field for Barcelona.

It was the deadly trio who once again took centre stage on Tuesday

night, playing a hand in all of the seven goals, as they ruthlessly exposed Celtic in the Champions League.

Messi struck a hat-trick, Suarez netted a brace and Neymar found the target with a stunning free-kick and the latter credits the friendship they

share away from the pitch for helping them reap the rewards on it.

"It was special for the three of us to play together for the first time this season and we are very pleased with our performance," he told Goal after the match at the Nou Camp.

*Daily Mail*

## Ceferin makes UCL reforms top priority

**LONDON** - New UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin said Monday his first big challenge would be to look at changes to the Champions League that would give four guaranteed places to England, Germany, Italy and Spain from 2018.

"About the Champions League, we were not informed properly, I still think

so," the Slovenian football leader told a press conference after his victory in becoming UEFA's leader with a 29-vote majority over Dutch rival Michael van Praag.

"I will have to sit down with all 55 national associations to see what is the agreement and what we can do in the future about it," he

added.

"Either I want it or not, I will have to deal with it and that will be the first thing to deal with."

Several small countries have spoken out against the accord announced on August 26 by

UEFA's executive committee that will be for 2018-21.

France's professional league, the fifth of Europe's major leagues, has called the reform a "disaster". *AP*

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# KIMMICH SHINES AS BAYERN ROMP TO VICTORY

MUNICH - Joshua Kimmich grabbed a second-half double and birthday boy Thomas Mueller was on target as Bayern Munich hammered the Russian side Rostov 5-0 in the Champions League on Tuesday.

It was an ominous warning of intent from the Germans in their Group D opener, after prolific Robert Lewandowski scored midway through the first-half from the penalty spot before Mueller doubled the lead in the second minute of first-half injury time.

Kimmich grabbed a simple



**ON FORM:** The Bavarian side cruised to a 5-0 win against Rostov to break Manchester United's record. (AP)

third soon after the break following fine work from Douglas Costa and then the

impressive midfielder headed home to make it 4-0 just minutes later. *Daily Mail*

## 'PSG on right path despite slow start'

PARIS - Paris St Germain's 1-1 home draw with Arsenal is not the kind of result they wanted in their Champions League opener but coach Unai Emery is confident his team are on the right path despite their stuttering start to the season.

The former Sevilla coach took over from Laurent Blanc in the close season as the French champions hope to get past the quarterfinals in Europe's premium club competition after four successive exits at that stage but

PSG have yet to shine.

They started brilliantly against Arsenal with Edinson Cavani scoring after 44 seconds but the Uruguay striker wasted several other chances the visitors eventually equalised through Alexis



**WE CAN DO MORE: PSG Manager Unai Emery.** (AP)

Sanchez in the 78th minute of the Group A clash.

"I am happy with the work of the team," said Emery, who led Sevilla to three successive Europa League titles. "I want all our players to play the way we did today. The players ran, worked, made good use of the ball."

It was probably a veiled reference to forward Hatem Ben Arfa, whose defensive work has not been sufficient and who was left out of the squad for Tuesday's game at Parc des Princes. *Reuters*

## Giroud blames Verratti for sending off

PARIS - Arsenal striker Olivier Giroud has blamed Paris St Germain midfielder Marco Verratti for tricking the referee after they were both sent off in Tuesday's 1-

1 Champions League draw.

Giroud, who was a second-half substitute, and Verratti were each shown a second yellow card by Hungarian official Viktor Kassai following an

off-the-ball incident in stoppage time. The Frenchman also said PSG defender Marquinhos pushed him during the incident at the Parc des Princes. *Reuters*

### DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND NUMBER 46

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an interim dividend (dividend 46) of 53.5 cents per share in the currency of Swaziland for the year ending 31 March 2017 has been declared payable to Shareholders registered in the books of the company at the close of business on 07 October 2016.

The transfer books and register of members will be closed from 08 October 2016 to 14 October 2016 both days inclusive for the purpose of determining those Shareholders to whom the dividend shall be paid. Payment of dividend is expected to be posted on or about 18 November 2016.

Normal and withholding tax will be deducted from dividends paid to local shareholders and non-resident shareholder respectively where applicable.

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### VACANCY

#### ASSOCIATE NURSE ADVISOR FOR SHISELWENI (2 POSTS)

Direct Supervisor : Health Services Manager  
Location : Shiselweni

The Associate Nurse Advisor is a self-motivated individual who provides support to health care workers through capacity building activities (mentorship, trainings, QI) in the provision of the PIHTC; PMTCT/MNHC; HIV Care and Treatment; and TB services for adults, pregnant and lactating women, infants and children in designated facilities.

#### Key Responsibilities

##### National level

- Assists in the development and review of EGPAF's annual work plans with a special focus on clinical services activities
- Assists in compilation of project reports to donor, MOH and EGPAF HQ as needed
- Participate in national review meetings (e.g. NaHSAR)

##### Regional level

- Assists in the development of RHMT's annual work plans with a special focus on clinical activities
- Works with the RHMT to develop site visits schedules to support health facilities in clinical activities
- Develops and shares routine reports on clinical activities in the region
- Supports RHMTs in training of HCWs and lay cadres as needed
- Participates in regional review meetings (e.g. ReHSAR, TB QRM)

##### Facility level

- Provides regular and routine clinical mentorship to HCWs on PIHTC, PMTCT, HIV care and treatment, TB and MNCH service provision
- Provides regular mentorship to HCWs to strengthen M&E in PIHTC, PMTCT, HIV care and treatment, TB and MNCH service provision
- Provides regular mentorship to HCWs to strengthen supply chain management (stock keeping; stock forecasting; stock ordering) in PIHTC, PMTCT, HIV care and treatment, TB and MNCH service provision
- Provides regular mentorship to HCWs to strengthen point of care testing and quality assurance (e.g. rapid HIV testing, POC EID etc.)
- Provides onsite trainings for site staff in PIHTC, PMTCT, HIV care and treatment, TB and MNCH as per need
- Works with HCWs at supported facilities to develop and implement strategies to improve uptake of PIHTC, PMTCT, HIV care and treatment, TB and MNCH service (using the QI approach)
- Documents and shares success stories, lessons learnt and QI projects from supported facilities in PIHTC, PMTCT, HIV care and treatment, TB and MNCH services uptake
- Participates in the site improvement through monitoring system (SIMS) visits and works with HCWs to develop and implement remedial actions as needed
- Manages (dotted line) all EGPAF supported cadres at facility level (HTS Counselors, Cough Monitors)

##### Community level

- Supports the Associate PSS & Adherence Advisor in implementing community engagement activities under EGPAF (community outreach; and community and school mobilization)

Other duties may be assigned as and when needed.

#### Qualifications, knowledge and Skills

- A degree/diploma in nursing/midwifery
- Training in PMTCT, PIHTC, Pediatric and Adult HIV care & treatment, and TB
- Not less than 5 years practical experience in PMTCT, PIHTC, Pediatric and Adult HIV care & treatment, and TB
- Should be NARTIS trained for at least two years
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- Must be well versed with the Swaziland National health system
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## 'Chiefs are on the back foot'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Kaizer Chiefs defender Lorenzo Gordinho has admitted that they may have to change their approach in order to turn their current situation around.

Amakhosi lost their opening two matches of the season, and Gordinho said he was surprised with the way the team started given how well the preparations went during pre-season.

"I am surprised because we came back from the break and we were all confident," Gordinho told reporters.

"The team chemistry was high... the spirit was high; we were ready for the season, but it just shows you that you never really know what's going to happen. We are working hard to not [really] rectify, but to adapt and change from what we were doing to something better [by] giving the fans more and work harder, [by] getting the win for the club because that is the most important thing. Gordinho admitted that he was disappointed to see Chiefs out of the MTN8, but he's confident that they can compete for the remaining three trophies, including the league title. "It is disappointing that we are out of the MTN8, but there are other cups to compete for, there's a league to compete for - it's a marathon and we're going to do our best to sustain ourselves and continue good performances until the end," he said. As much as he feels Chiefs are on the backfoot in the PSL title race, Gordinho revealed that there's still enough time for them to get back into the race, saying it's a blessing in disguise that they find themselves in this situation now rather than later in the season.

**Goal**

## 'Ndoro is a star player'

**CAPE TOWN** - Orlando Pirates head coach Muhsin Ertugral has praised his in-form striker Tendai Ndoro following his brace in a 2-1 victory over Ajax Cape Town on Tuesday.

The Zimbabwean international forward continued with his impressive form for the Buccaneers as the Soweto giants claimed maximum points over the Urban Warriors at the Cape Town Stadium.

Ajax grabbed a consolation goal in the second half courtesy of veteran forward Nathan Paulse. "Tendai (Ndoro) is a star player who has something special with him," Ertugral insisted.

"And we need to nurture that as a technical team. He understands the lines very well and how he has to open up his body. "And he also understands which areas he has to be in and when, so his positioning is also perfect."

Notably, young goalkeeper Brighton Mhlongo made his way back in to the starting line-up for Pirates, replacing Felipe Ovono, and had a stel-



lar game between the sticks.

The Turkish born tactician was pleased. "I must take my hat off to Brighton Mhlongo tonight (Tuesday)," he said.

"He was a standing goalkeeper tonight and even though he was not playing his attitude remained professional. "He knuckled down at training and he was focused

on improving, he has been very supportive of other goalkeepers in the team as well." Pirates will face Cape Town City in their next league encounter at the Orlando Stadium on Saturday while Ajax will welcome Polokwane City to the Cape Town Stadium. **Sport24**

## Manzini faces six-week layoff

**PORT ELIZABETH** - Chippa United have lost the services of in-form forward Rhulani Manzini for the next six weeks after he fractured a metatarsal in his foot.

The 28-year-old was sidelined for last night's league clash with SuperSport United, as well as the upcoming MTN8 semifinal, second leg, against Mamelodi Sundowns (September 21) and the final



if the Port Elizabeth side advance. Manzini scored a brace in the 2-1 league win

over Free State Stars last month and followed that up with another goal as Chippa won their MTN8 quarterfinal against Platinum Stars 2-0. His absence provides an opportunity for his namesake Lerato Manzini to take over up front, or experienced forwards David Zulu and Bongani Ndulula, who are currently working their way back to full match fitness. © **Mzansi Football**

## Igesund in the dark over top position

**CAPE TOWN** - A matter of six weeks ago it was widely suggested that Gordon Igesund, the PSL's most successful coach with four Premier League titles to his credit with four different clubs, was poised to become Zambia's new national coach.

Since then, instead of the deal being concluded, a deafening silence emerged regarding what had been suggested was close to a done deal.

Now, in a development more curious even than SAFA's handling of the Bafana Bafana situation, the Zambian FA on Tuesday announced the appointment of former Kaizer Chiefs striker Wedson Nyirenda as both the assistant and acting coach, while remaining mum on a permanent choice for the pivotal coaching post.

Igesund, for his part, has lately been as difficult to contact as the elusive Hollywood actress, Greta Garbo was in her heyday, while the normally flamboyant coach's agent, Mike Makaab, has been as equally evasive and noncommittal.

And, apart from anything else, the Zambian coaching position might not at this moment appear as attractive as it initially seemed, with the job, in fact, taking on the guise of a poisoned chalice for anyone who will eventually take it on.

The reason? The first task of the new Zambian coach will be to guide the national team to success in the coming 2018 World Cup qualifiers - with Zambia engulfed in what could rightly be termed a "Group of Death", with the three other teams competing for one place in Russia consisting of Nigeria, Algeria and Cameroon.

Indeed Zambia's opening World Cup qualifying game in little more than three weeks is against Nigeria - not an ideal time for the new coach to take over.

Makaab, however, says Igesund's discussions with the Zambian Football Federation are still in the pipeline and that only political complications related to the country's elections may have delayed finality.

**Sport24**

## Polokwane City frustrate Wits

**POLOKWANE** - Polokwane City frustrated Bidvest Wits as they played to a 0-0 draw in their Absa Premiership match at the Old Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane on Tuesday night.

The stalemate left Rise and Shine occupying the number 10 spot on the log standings with one point from a draw and a loss.

Although the match had a scrappy start, the visitors kept the Citizens under pressure.

Defender Bongani Khumalo thought he found the back of the net in the 14th minute, but he was adjudged to have been in an offside position.

Goalkeeper Darren Keet was called to action a few seconds later following a powerful shot by Puleng Tlolané from distance, but the Bafana Bafana stopper tipped the ball away with his finger for a corner.

In the 26th minute, Rodney Ramagalela wasted a wonderful chance to beat Keet as the Wits keep-



er was alert by reading the situation well to easily collect a through ball.

The result means the Clever Boys sit at No 2 on the log table with four points behind Orlando Pirates who now have six points.

Polokwane City : (0) 0  
Bidvest Wits : (0) 0

**TEAMS**  
**Polokwane City**

Chigova, Semenya, Hlongwane, Tshilo, Mbonani, Seabi, Ramagalela, Kanyenda (Tema 46'), Mncwango (Ndou 90+3'), Tlolané (Jembula 88'), Maluleke

**Bidvest Wits**

Keet, Khumalo, Monare, Pelembe (Myeni 78'), Hlanti, Mkhwanazi, Mhango (Pule 65'), Nhlapo, Malajila, Sheppard (Rodgers 55'), Motshwari  
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## Highlands Park claim debut win

**JOHANNESBURG** - Highlands Park marked their Absa Premiership debut with a 2-1 win over fellow newly-promoted side Baroka FC at the Makhulong Stadium in Tembisa on Tuesday evening.

The Lions of the North came from a goal down to claim their first three points in South Africa's top flight, with Collins Mbesuma cancelling out an early penalty from the Limpopo side before Charlton Mashumba scored the decisive goal in the second half.

The main story of the first half was two penalties awarded to Baroka: the first was converted by Marshall Munetsi to give the Limpopo side an eighth minute lead, while the second shortly before halftime was well saved by Highlands goalkeeper Tapuwa Kapini.

In between, Mbesuma netted for a seventh different club in his

PSL career to make the score 1-1. The Zambian converted from Franklin Cale's free kick on the half hour mark for his first Highlands goal - he has also scored for Kaizer Chiefs, Mamelodi Sundowns, Moroka Swallows, Golden Arrows, Orlando Pirates and Black Aces in South Africa's top flight.

Baroka responded by sending on all three substitutes within a quarter hour of going behind and they won a third penalty with 20 minutes of regulation time remaining.

Shaku Olakeng took on the responsibility of the spot kick, but Kapini once again pulled off a fine save.

Both teams will be in league action again next midweek: Baroka will host Bidvest Wits next Tuesday, while Highlands will welcome Kaizer Chiefs to Tembisa the following day. © **Backpage TXT**



# Murray replicates classic Beckham goal

**LONDON - Andy Murray might be the second best tennis player in the world but the Scot is clearly capable with a football at his feet.**

Great Britain continue their defence of the Davis Cup with this weekend's semi-final against Argentina.

Leon Smith's side took time out from their gruelling practice schedule in Glasgow with a game of five-a-side where Murray illustrated his football credentials.

Manchester United fans will remember fondly David Beckham's

sublime goal from the halfway line facing Wimbledon in 1996.

The light hearted kick video footage from British Tennis shows the Wimbledon and Olympic champion managing to replicate Beckham's strike with his own lofted long range goal as his opponents from the Great Britain squad watched on in despair.

Following the five-a-side match Murray was evidently pleased with his audacious goal and shared the video on his Facebook with the hashtags #lobbed, #vision. *Dailymail*



**BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM :**  
Tennis player Andy Murray.

## Behardien yearns for Proteas Test debut

**CAPE TOWN - Proteas middle-order batsman Farhaan Behardien still dreams of representing South Africa in the longer format of the game.**

Although Behardien is a regular member of the South African shorter format squads, the right-handed batsman dreams of representing the Proteas in the Test arena.

The Titans batsman is hoping that he can prove his worth with the bat in the upcoming Sunfoil Series four-day tournament, where the Titans will defend their title.

Behardien, who averages 40.04 with the bat in first-class cricket, acknowledges that although he is 'not bad', he feels that he could improve on his game in order to get a Test nod. "That (average) is not bad for a



middle-order batsman in South African cricket, but I wish to change that average to 43 or 44 by sheer volumes of runs in the first three franchise-matches for the Titans," Behardien said on the Titans' official website.

Behardien is part of South Africa's

one-day squad taking on Ireland and Australia and will miss the Titans' first two first-class matches.

"I will miss the first two Sunfoil Series matches, but when I get an opportunity in the franchise games, I want to utilise it.

*Sport24*

## 'Brilliant Rashford will start against Feyenoord'

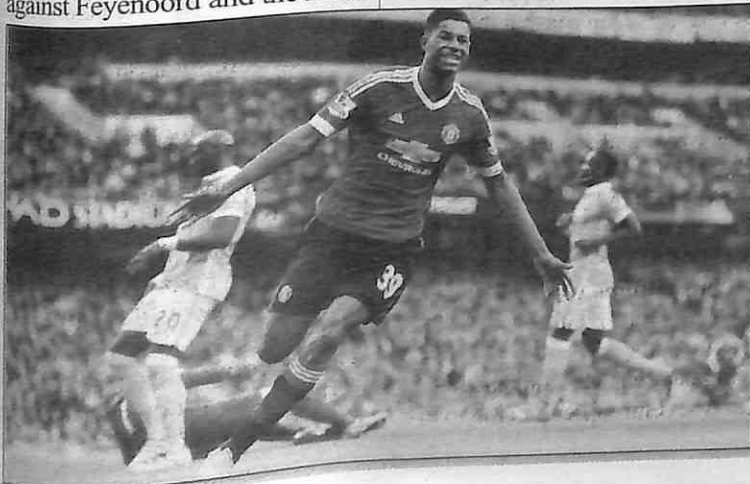
**MANCHESTER - Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho believes Marcus Rashford has an "absolutely brilliant" future, promising the teenager a start against Feyenoord.**

Rashford came on at half-time of the Manchester derby as United fell to a 2-1 defeat to City last Saturday. The 18-year-old is yet to start under Mourinho, but the Portuguese tactician is ready for that to change in the Europa League. "For me the next big game is against Feyenoord and the next

game he is going to play. That is the only thing I can say," Mourinho told reporters. "I trust him completely.

I know his future will be absolutely brilliant. He is mainly a number nine - if you want to play him in different positions, we need to work him, we need to improve him, but his big personality is there. "Normally, people look to the football talent but personality at his level is very important and he was showing that last season - he was showing that immediately."

*Goal*



## Usain Bolt tells fans 'be extraordinary'

**JAMAICA - The fastest man in the world Usain Bolt has taken up a new job as a 'Chief Speed Officer'.**

The Jamaican sprinter, who completed a historic 'triple-triple' of gold medals at Rio 2016, turned up for his first day in the role in a gold Nissan GTR car.

The 30-year-old signed a lifetime partnership with mobile phone network provider Digicel last year and looked to be taking his new CSO role seriously. Dressed in a black dapper suit, Bolt posted a series of pictures on his social media accounts as he posed next to his customised car parking spot.

Digicel, who provide communication services across 33 markets in the Caribbean, Central America and Asia

Pacific, have sponsored the Jamaican athletics icon since 2004 when he was fresh out of high school.

In the pictures Bolt is pleased with his 'good look' and tells his legions of fans, "be extraordinary. I have never let my schooling interfere with my education." Although the job is an advertising campaign for Digicel, Bolt may soon be on the search for fresh employment. Having stormed to 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay gold in Rio, he revealed that he will not compete at Tokyo 2020 at 33 years old. Racing back at the Olympic Stadium in east London will bring back fond memories for Bolt having clinched three of his gold medals during his exemplary 2012 games. *Dailymail*



## Day signs with Nike

**NEW YORK - Jason Day has reportedly signed a lucrative apparel deal with Nike, while he has chosen to stay with TaylorMade clubs.**

The sports industry giant caught

many by surprise in August when the company announced it would cease making golf clubs.

However, Nike is still very much involved with golf and will be hoping the world number one can keep them in the spotlight. It is a lucrative deal

for the Australian, with reports suggesting he will take home over \$10 million a year from donning the iconic swoosh. Meanwhile, Day also signed a contract with equipment company TaylorMade, the details of which will be revealed soon. Nike still has the likes of Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods on their books, though it is not clear for how much longer

*Sport24*

## Park Rangers 0-6 Newcastle United

**NEWCASTLE - It was the warmest September day for 105 years and Newcastle United suitably turned up the heat at the top of the Championship on Tuesday night with their biggest away win in the league since 1962.**

Almost a year ago to the day, Rafa Benitez was managing Real Madrid in a 4-0 win against Shakhtar Donetsk in the Champions League at the Bernabeu.

His Tuesday nights have somewhat changed since but here his side humiliated Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink's Queens Park Rangers inside a hot and humid Loftus Road.

It was men-against-boys football from start to finish. Newcastle came here in search of a sixth successive win in all competitions and a fourth straight clean sheet.

Neither was in doubt with two of their six goals coming from Jonjo Shelvey, one of which was superbly struck and worthy of Europe's elite competition in itself.

There was also a goal apiece

from Ayoze Perez, Ciaran Clark, Aleksandar Mitrovic and Grant Hanley as Newcastle kept QPR on the ropes for 90 minutes and chased down Championship leaders Huddersfield Town.

Hasselbaink said afterwards: "My assessments are it went horribly wrong for us and pretty good for Newcastle.

"We didn't look ourselves. It was hard to take.

Newcastle are a great team with big players. You could see that. They have Mitrovic - £15million, Shelvey - £12m, (Matt) Ritchie - £11m. Shall I go on?

There is a difference. I know I'm not going to sleep."

Neither would the Newcastle supporters making the 300-mile trip back to Tyneside on a school night. The visitors - all 3005 of them - made themselves known inside Loftus Road. They expect promotion to the Premier League this season and are banking on Benitez being the man to take them back to where they feel they belong.

*Dailymail*

### Rio 2016 Paralympics Medal Table

Country	G	S	B
China	64	51	35
Great Britain	35	18	25
Ukraine	27	21	24
United States	22	22	21
Brazil	10	19	11
Australia	8	19	16
Germany	8	12	8
Netherlands	8	11	13
New Zealand	8	5	3
Nigeria	7	2	1
Uzbekistan	6	4	14



# FSRA MARATHON



**THE BEST:** FSRA Marathon champion Graham Malinga flanked by RSP athlete Thulani Ngubane and Zimbabwe's Charles Souza. The marathon was held over the weekend at Lobamba NFAS Technical Centre. (Pics by Sanele Jele)



**KEEPING FIT:** Athletes participating in aerobic exercises.



**PARTAKING:** These SA tourists participated in the 10km race.



**WE ARE ONE:** Zithande athletes were also among the 2000 athletes who took part in the race.



**ON TIME:** 42km winner Graham Malinga upon finishing the race.



**LADIES FIRST:** These ladies gave Prince Lonkhekhela and Swazi Observer Board of Directors Chairperson Sithofeni Ginindza a run for their money in the 10km.



**STILL STRONG:** SNPF CEO Prince Lonkhekhela, Swaziland Building Society MD Tim Nhleko and Swazi Observer Board Chairperson Sithofeni Ginindza in action.



**YOU HAVE DONE US PROUD:** The DPM seems to be saying to 42km runner-up RSP Thulani Ngubane while FSRA CEO Sandile Dlamini looks on.



**HAPPY FAMILY:** Old Mutual staff members who also participated in the race.



**REWARDED:** Part of the top 10 athletes who made it in the 10km.



# CASTLE PREMIER CHALLENGE

## FANS' CORNER POWERED BY CASTLE LAGER



**MARA WHY:** Mbabane Highlanders' Sibusiso Dlamini and Dumsani Matsebula in a sombre mood after their 1-3 loss against Mbabane Swallows on Sunday during the semi-finals of the Castle Premier Challenge. (Pics: Sanele Jele)



**WE WERE THERE:** Mbabane Swallows fans posing for the lenses.



**MR PREDICTOR:** Mancoba Dlamini a Mbabane Swallows fan accurately predicted the final 3-1 scoreline.



**UNITED WE STAND:** Gcinile Khumalo flanked by other Highlanders supporters.



**SOCCER BABES:** Mbabane Swallows faithfuls.



**DON'T FOLLOW ME FOLLOW THE BIRDS:** Swallows fans pose for a group photo during half-time.



**DIE HARD FANS:** These fans seemed to be in a jovial mood despite Highlanders losing on the day.



**BULL'S KRAAL:** Highlanders fans rallying behind their team.



**ITS NOT OVER:** Silevu Bhembe said they will beat Swallows in their league encounter.



## football talk

all your latest world football news

● Liverpool and Tottenham both want River Plate striker Lucas Alario. The 25-year-old has a £15.2m release clause. **(Sun)**

● Tottenham Hotspurs have opened talks with the Qatar Investment Authority over naming rights for the redeveloped White Hart Lane, which is due to open for the 2018-19 season. **(Times)**

● Manchester United's £30m summer signing Henrikh Mkhitaryan, 27, is frustrated he is not being played in his favourite position by Manager Jose Mourinho. **(Sun)**



● Armenia captain Mkhitaryan is set to miss United's next three games after aggravating a thigh injury during Saturday's Manchester derby. **(Times)**

● Arsenal Manager Arsene Wenger will continue to play goalkeeper David Ospina, 28, rather than Petr Cech, 34, in the Champions League after the Colombian's impressive display against Paris St-Germain. **(Guardian)**

● Chelsea could move for Manchester United full-back Matteo Darmian, 26. **(Calcio Mercato via Daily Express)**

● The Blues are also interested in Roma midfielder Radja Nainggolan, 28, but the Belgium international is set to sign a contract extension. **(Talksport)**



● Mourinho has endeared himself to the players at Old Trafford by guaranteeing them a set day off every week, something predecessors Sir Alex Ferguson, David Moyes and Louis van Gaal did not do. **(Manchester Evening News)**

● Former Portugal forward Luis Figo says Eusebio is the country's greatest ever player, not Ronaldo. **(AS)**

● Everton are interested in 18-year-old Juventus midfielder Grigoris Kastanos. **(Daily Mirror)**

● Toffees Manager Ronald Koeman will have talks with midfielder Ross Barkley after he substituted the 22-year-old at half-time of their 3-0 win over Sunderland. **(Daily Star)**



● Sunderland defender Patrick van Aanholt, 26, says it is hard to understand his fellow defenders on the pitch because of a language barrier between the club's new signings. **(Northern Echo)**

● Chelsea winger Juan Cuadrado, 28, says he did everything he could to return to Juventus in the summer. The Colombian will spend the next three years on loan with the Italian side. **(JTV via London Evening Standard)**

# SHISELWENI RA LAUDS CAS

By Sanele Jele

**CYCLING – SHISELWENI Regional Administrator Themba Masuku has applauded the Cycling Association of Swaziland for their kind gesture of donating water tanks in the area.**

The Cycling Association of Swaziland (CAS), in collaboration with its partners in Total Swaziland, Kukhanya and Eclipse, donated 16 water tanks to the Shiselweni region.

Masuku said they were grateful not only to CAS but also to the other organisations like Total Swaziland, Kukhanya and Eclipse, who collaborated for the good cause.

"The tanks came at the right time when we are currently faced with drought. This will go a long way in as far as water harvesting is concerned. Their effort will not go unnoticed and this will benefit Swazis in this area," he said. CAS President Mandla



**JOINING HANDS: Shiselweni RA Themba Masuku with some of the stakeholders who donated the water tanks.**

Simelane said they collaborated with their affiliates, who sponsored the Shiselweni races and used proceeds from these to buy the tanks.

"The association is helping government in the water relief programme and our target area was Shiselweni. We have bought

16 tanks which we have already disseminated to different areas in the region. We thought it would be good of us to assist government in fighting the current drought situation that has seriously hit the country."

Total Swaziland sponsored the Total National Road Champi-

onships held at Nhlanguano recently while Kukhanya sponsors the Kukhanya Shiselweni Road Classic race that is held at Lavumisa. The association and its affiliates have been involved in many charity programmes that have changed people's lives for the better.

## Exciting clashes in Manzini Pool Club League singles

By Sanele Jele

**POOL – SEASONED pool player Nqaba Lukhele will be up against Siyabonga Mndzebele in the E10 000 sponsored Manzini Pool Club League singles.**

This is according to the fixture released by tournament coordinator Andile Malambe.

A set of five games will be played with the earliest starting 9:30am while the last games will be played at 1:30pm at Manzini Pool Club.

### Collecting

Lukhele will be looking at collecting maximum points and continue with his winning ways.

Another interesting clash will see Sifiso Dlamini taking on Sibusiso Dlamini.

Celumusa Dlamini will be up against Mandla Dlamini with Sifiso Dlamini taking on Mandla Dlamini in his second match.

### THE FULL FIXTURE

#### Saturday at Manzini Pool Club at 9:30am

Celumusa Dlamini	vs	Mandla Dlamini
Sifiso Dlamini	vs	Hamilton Nxumalo
Sibusiso Dlamini	vs	Linda Dlamini

#### Saturday at Manzini Pool Club 10:30am

Mandla Dlamini	vs	Hamilton Nxumalo
Sifiso Dlamini	vs	Celumusa Dlamini
Sibusiso Dlamini	vs	Romeo Da Silva

#### Saturday at Manzini Pool Club t 11:30am

Sifiso Dlamini	vs	Sibusiso Dlamini
Nqaba Lukhele	vs	Siyabonga Mzebele
Mandla Mamba	vs	Njabulo Dlamini

#### Saturday at Manzini Pool Club 12:30pm

Romeo Da Silva	vs	Andile Khayoni
Hamilton Nxumalo	vs	Nqaba Lukhele
Mamba Mamba	vs	Siyabonga Mdzebele

#### Saturday at Manzini Pool Club 1:30am

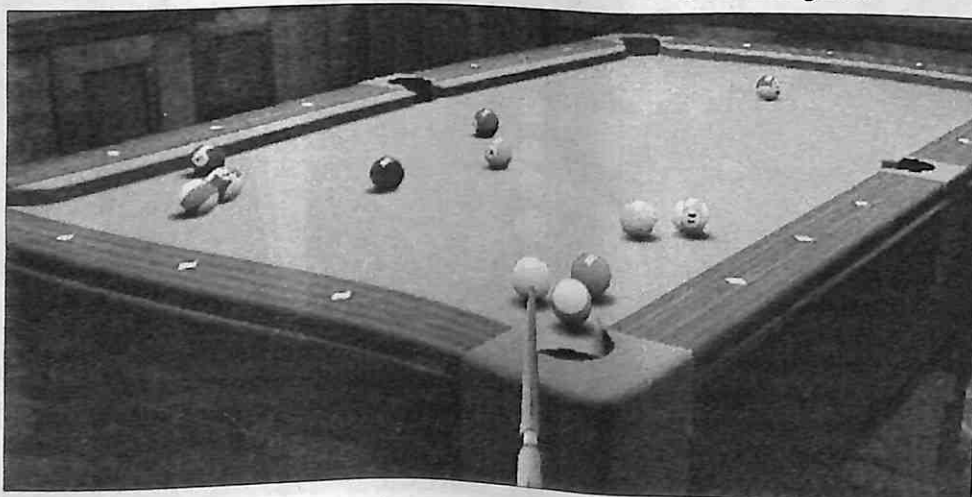
Hamilton Nxumalo	vs	Andile Khayoni
Sifiso Dlamini	vs	Romeo Da Silva

Experienced player Romeo Da Silva has a date with Sifiso Dlamini in the last batch of matches.

Malambe urged players to keep time to avoid delaying the games.

"The games will start at exactly 9:30 and we will not tolerate players coming late for the games."

He then invited pool enthusiasts to come in their numbers to watch the games.



## All Out Lobamba Under-15 league continues

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER – THE All Out Lobamba Under-15 league will this weekend continue at Lobamba Sports Ground.**

This is according to the latest fixture released by Hhohho Regional Football Association Development Officer, Sibonangaye Dlamini.

Log leaders Real Masters will face-off with second placed Fast Reaction at Lobamba Sports Ground while Vicious Lions will entertain OlympAfrica Gunners at the same venue. The league is sponsored to a tune of E25 000. Young Bombers will host Majukujuku in another interesting encounter with Future Stars up against Power Stars.

Dlamini said they were happy with the progress in the junior tournaments. "All the leagues have been interesting throughout the season. We want to thank all the sponsors for investing their money in football development. We have noticed that with the rise of sponsorship in the HRFA leagues, the standard of play has also improved tremendously," Dlamini said. He also thanked parents for allowing their children to take part in these tournaments.

"Without the cooperation of the parents, the tournament would not have been a success. Credit should also go to team managers, referees and players for their commitment. These tournaments do not only benefit the kids but is also aimed at unearthing new talent," he added.

### THE FIXTURES:

#### Saturday at Lobamba Sports Ground A

Fast Reaction	vs	Real Masters	9am
Vicious Lions	vs	Gunners	10am
Bombers	vs	aMajukujuku	11am

#### Saturday at Lobamba Sports Ground B

Power Stars	vs	Future Stars	9am
Ezulwini Aces	vs	SUB	10am
Tinyosi	vs	Sunrise	11am



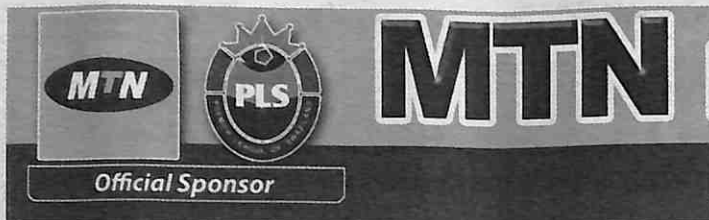
# E30 FOR MAVUSO DOUBLE HEADER

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER - FOOTBALL** fans will part with E30 to watch the MTN Premier League double header at Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday.

The games will see Young Buffaloes hosting Mbabane Swallows while Mbabane Pirates will welcome Manzini Wanderers.

This was confirmed by Young Buffaloes PRO Sandile Gwebu yesterday. "It will be E30 to watch the games and I think we are being reasonable. We urge our supporters to come in great numbers to rally behind the boys. The team is in good shape as we have no injured players and I must say we want to compete for



## MTN Premier League full fixture:

### Saturday at Tambankulu Stadium

Mbabane Highlanders vs Red Lions 3pm

### Saturday at Manzini Club

Manzini Sundowns vs Manzini Sea Birds 3pm

### Saturday at Mayaluka Stadium

Tambuti vs Midas City 2pm

Royal Leopard vs Green Mamba 4pm

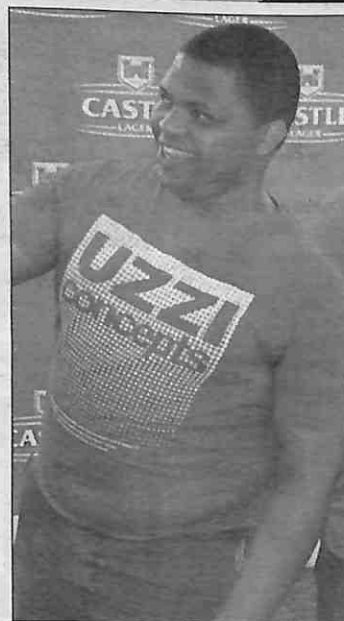
### Saturday at Mavuso Sports Centre

Moneni Pirates vs Manzini Wanderers 2pm

Young Buffaloes vs Mbabane Swallows 4pm

the league this season. We are hoping for positive results in our first game of the league," said Gwebu.

According to the fixture released by the PLS, newly-promoted Moneni Pirates, who are no strangers to the elite league,



## CONFIRMED: Young Buffaloes PRO Sandile Gwebu.

will play the first match on the day.

Premier League debutants, Tambuti will be hosting Midas City at Mayaluka while Green Mamba will be away to Royal Leopard at Mayaluka Stadium.

Of note is that all the games will be played on Saturday at different venues.

# 'Kwere', Takawira on Red Lions' Radar

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER - FAIRVIEW** based outfit, Red Lions, are on the verge of securing the services of former Manzini Wanderers defender Gcina 'Kwere' Mazibuko and Highlanders Takawira Chimwanda.

Information gathered by this publication is that the team is working around the clock to have the duo signed ahead of their MTN league game against Mbabane Highlanders.

The clash is billed for the Tambankulu Stadium on Saturday, starting at 3pm.

A source close to the matter stated that the team was waiting for Highlanders to officially deregister the defender after writing a letter to the National Football of Swaziland (NFAS),

requesting they make this possible.

"The team is looking to sign these two players in order to boost their squad as they prepare to start the new season," he said.

Red Lions PRO Comfort Shongwe said nothing had been finalised with regards to the players' signing.

"I am not in a position to comment on this issue now except to confirm they are amongst our targets for the new season," he said.

Both players were amongst those released by hub giants Manzini Wanderers at the end of last season.

The two players appeared for Highlanders in the SwaziTelecom Charity Cup at the Somhlolo National Stadium last month but failed to impress the Meck Mwase-led technical bench.



NEW HOME: Gcina 'Kwere' Mazibuko and Takawira Chimwanda.

## MTN NFD action continues this weekend

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER - THE MTN National First Division** games will continue this weekend, starting tomorrow at Mavuso Sports Centre.

This is according to the amended fixture released by the PLS COO Pat Vilakati yesterday.

Ambitious Matsapha United will face-off with Madlenya at Mavuso Sports Centre tomorrow.

The match will start at 7:30pm.

Mbabane Citizens will host Hlatikulu Tycoons at Prince of Wales Sports Ground on

### The full fixture

#### Tomorrow at Mavuso Sports Centre

Matsapha United vs Madlenya 7:30pm

#### Saturday at Prince of Wales

Mbabane Citizens vs Hlatikulu Tycoons 3pm

#### Sunday at Manzini Club Stadium

Ludzeludze Brothers vs Malanti Chiefs 1:30pm

Bad Boys vs Vovovo 3:30pm

#### Sunday at Mayaluka Stadium

City Warriors vs Hub Sundowns 1:30pm

Sikhalo Se-Africa vs Amalanda F.C 3:30pm

### Saturday.

There will be a double header on Sunday at Manzini Club where Ludzeludze Brothers will host Malanti Chiefs with Bad Boys taking on Vovovo in the second match of the day.

Mayaluka Stadium will also

host a double header on Sunday featuring City Warriors against Hub Sundowns while Sikhalo Se-Africa will clash with Amalanda.

Vilakati said teams had already been informed about the chances in the fixture.

## Supporters unite against violence

Stories by Sanele Jele

**SOCCER - IN** a bid to stop violence during games, various Premier League teams' fans have come together to encourage peace in the 2016/2017 season.

In light of the violence during games, the supporters have vowed to join hands with the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) and National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) to eliminate the scourge.

They hosted supporters' social games at Matsapha USDF Sports Ground recently where Mbabane Swallows, Royal Leopard and Manzini Sundowns fans took part.

Speaking during the games, one of the organisers of the tournament, Mbabane Swallows' staunch supporter Mduduzi Msane, said the tournament was solely for the supporters to come together and discuss football matters, especially violence during matches.

"This is just to discourage violence at the stadiums. We are the cause of violence and the best way to stop it is for the fans to unite and discuss this issue. In fact we started this initiative in June where more than five teams participated."

He said they would be hosting these games monthly as they were now looking forward to the September games.

Fans interviewed randomly during the games said they were grateful for this tournament and urged other PLS teams to join them. Manzini Sundowns' Thanda Hadebe said he fully supported this initiative.

"Through these games, we network and create friendships. It's all about the spirit of promoting harmony during games. We urge other Premier League teams to support us by taking part in these games," he said. Royal Leopard supporter Photoza Simelane said he was optimistic there would be no violence during PLS sanctioned games this season. "Here we are taught on how violence chases sponsors away. We call for fair play and peace amongst the fans in the stadiums."

## PLS backs supporters' initiative

**SOCCER - PREMIER** League of Swaziland Development and Communications Officer Dumsani 'DU' Sibandze, has applauded supporters for coming up with a strategy to curb violence at the stadiums.

'DU', who also attended the social games played at Matsapha USDF Sports Ground, said this was a good initiative which they fully supported as PLS.

"This initiative should be taken seriously because surely if all the teams attend these tournament, we will be talking a different story altogether."

He said violence drove sponsors away in football and they were hoping this would have a positive impact in as far as addressing this scourge was concerned.

"This scourge also drives supporters away, you cannot take kids to watch games because of violence. We want His Majesty King Mswati III to attend matches and be impressed with the attendance and cheering amongst the supporters. We also encourage supporters to wear their team's replicas this season to beautify the stands," said Sibandze.



BATTLE: Vovovo's Ncamiso Maseko controlling the ball while Tinyosi's Phumlani Gama tries to close him down.



## RESULTS

### ABSA Premiership | Yesterday

SuperSport United	0-0	Chippa United
Golden Arrows	2-0	Cape Town City
Free State Stars	0-0	Bloem Celtic
Maritzburg	0-0	Sundowns
Kaizer Chiefs	1-1	Platinum Stars

### UEFA Champions League

Bayer Leverkusen	2-2	CSKA Moscow
Club Brugge KV	0-3	Leicester
FC Porto	1-1	FC Copenhagen
Juventus	0-0	Sevilla
Legia	0-6	Dortmund
Lyon	3-0	D. Zagreb
Manchester City	4-0	Monchengladbach
Real Madrid	2-1	Sporting
Tottenham	1-2	Monaco

## Pirates set to sign Macwele

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCKER - MTN Premier League** returnees Moneni Pirates, are on the verge of signing former Mhlambanyatsi Rovers defender Sibusiso Macwele, ahead of their season opener against Manzini Wanderers.

The two teams will clash on Saturday at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

The former Alabama University player started training with the 'Sea Robbers' yesterday under the watchful eye of coach Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane.

He is tipped as the right candidate to replace defender Thabiso Gumbi, who was cleared to Green Mamba during pre-season. Moneni Pirates Public Relations Officer Thamie Dlamini said they wanted to beef up their team before the start of the league. "Yes, Macwele started training with us today (yesterday) and I must say he is one of the players we are targeting to make our team competitive this season. We want to compete effectively in all competitions." He said they would wait for the technical team to approve before they sign Macwele. Other players set to be paraded by the 'Buccaneers' include Nigerian goalkeeper Azeez Ameka, South African winger Sihle Ndaba and 'prodigal son' Sebenele 'Pienaar' Dlamini, who has rejoined the team on a loan deal from Young Buffaloes.

## Matsapha United game shifted to tomorrow night

By Qondile Ntiwane

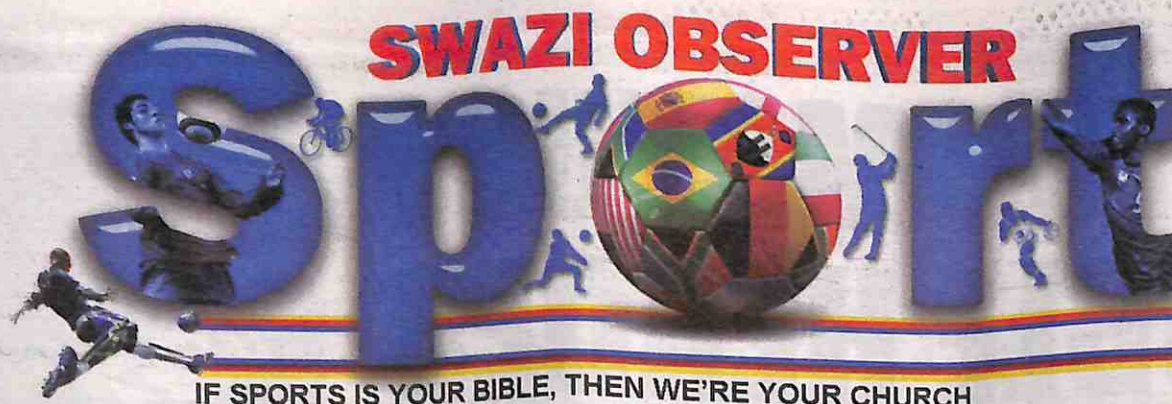
**SOCCKER - THE MTN National First Division** clash pitting Matsapha United against Madlenya will now be played tomorrow night.

The game had been initially scheduled for the Prince of Wales Ground in Mbabane on Sunday but has now been shifted to the Mavuso Sports Centre. Kick-off time for this clash is 7.30pm.

According to the fixture released by the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) yesterday, only one game will be played at the Prince of Wales and this will be the one pitting Mbabane Citizens against Hlatikulu Tycoons to start at 3pm.

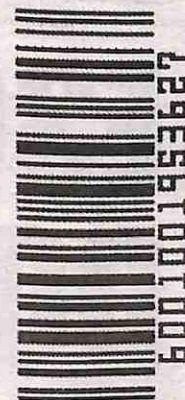
Matsapha United CEO Celucolo 'Dino' Dlamini also confirmed that the game would now be played at Mavuso. "The game will now be closer to our supporters and we therefore invite them to come in great numbers and rally behind the boys. Entry fee would be E10."

"The boys are more than ready for this game on Friday night. We will be at full strength and looking forward to a great game," he said.



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# MIKE'S THREE-MONTH STAY AT SWALLOWS

...If signed, player will be with team for three months as he's headed for Dubai next year.

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCKER - FORMER Mbabane Swallows and SA Maritzburg United striker Mike Mohammed, who is on the verge of rejoining the capital city giants, might be with the team for only three months.**

The red and white outfit is currently in talks with the player, who joined them just over a week ago after being put on transfer by South African Absa Premiership side Maritzburg United.

Information gathered by this publication is the player is on his way to Dubai next year hence the reason he will sign a brief contract with the 'Beautiful Birds' if eventually signed.

"Mike is expected to leave for Dubai in January next year to ply his trade there. It is for this reason he will be in the country for a short while if the deal with Swallows is successful," he said.

The source said negotiations were ongoing between the two parties.

"The player looks happy at training and it is only a matter of time before the deal is finalised,"



**BACK HOME:** Mike Mohammed training with Swallows on Tuesday at Prince of Wales. (Pics: Sanele Jele)

said the source.

Mbabane Swallows CEO Sibusiso Manana said he was not aware of such news when sought for comment yesterday. He stated that negotiations regarding the player's registration were ongoing and they would hopefully conclude talks later this week.

"This is news to me, I am not aware of such. All I know is that negotiations are ongoing. The player is training with the rest of

the team and the matter is being handled by team boss Victor Gamedze," he said briefly.

Swallows are fresh from a sweet 3-1 victory against rivals Mbabane Highlanders in the second leg of the Castle Premier Challenge played at the Somhlolo National Stadium over the past weekend.

The Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati-led charges will face army side in the opening week two fixtures of the

MTN League this weekend.

The match between the two sides will be played at the Mavuso Sports Centre in Manzini on Saturday, starting at 4pm.

Manana invited their supporters to come and rally behind the team. "We want to win this match at all costs and start the league on a high."

**RETURNS:** Mike Mohammed.



**WELCOME CHAMP:** South Korea 1992 World Olympic gold medallist Hwang Young Jo shaking hands with Swazi Observer Managing Editor Mbongeni Mbingo yesterday at Ramblas Restaurant. Young Jo has been in the country for the nine past days as part of health care volunteers. (Pic: Sanele Jele)

