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## TERRORIST DRIVES OVER HUNDREDS, KILLING 84

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**MURDER WEAPON:** The key suspect is said to have been parked for nine hours before carrying out the attack and may have earlier been questioned by police but claimed he was delivering ice cream. The back of his lorry contained many weapons and grenades. (AP)



**INVESTIGATION:** Police in France are now treating this as a terrorist attack and have admitted the killer was known to them and is believed to be from Nice via Tunisia.

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## IN THE WAKE OF JUDGE MUMCY'S RULING ON LATE PHAKAMA'S 4 WIVES:

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

**L**udzidzini Council Secretary Chief Dambuza Lukhele has called upon parliamentarians to adjust the country's laws, particularly those of marriages, to be in line with the Swazi traditional way of life.

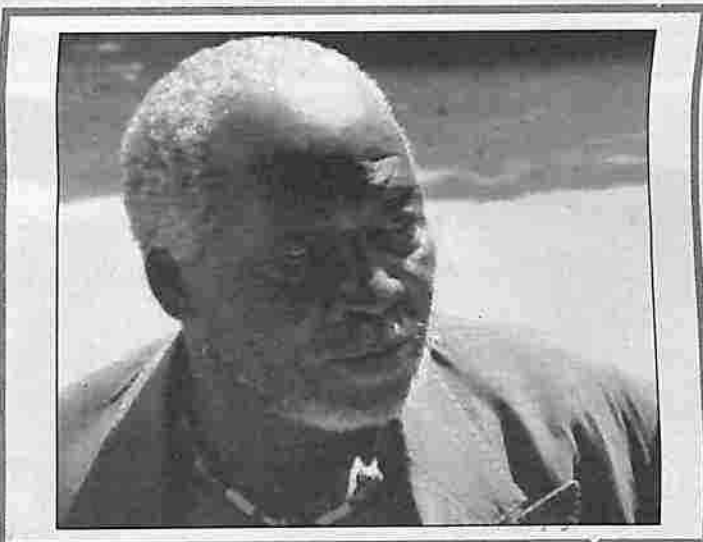
Lukhele's call finds its basis in Section 34 (2) of the Constitution which states: "Parliament shall, as soon as practical after the commencement of this Constitution, enact legislation regulating the property rights of spouses including common-law husband and wife."

He made this call in reference to High Court Judge Mumcy Dlamini's last week nullification of three other marriages of former public transport operator Richard Themba Dlamini of Phakama Bus Service after his first wife, Sarah, whom he married through civil rites ran to court seeking an order to declare those marriages null and void.

Lukhele observed that this was a burning issue, highlighting that enlightened Swazis not showing others the rightful Swazi traditional way is what has exacerbated such matters in the country.

He said what was annoying is that such cases are growing where marriages are questioned in court after the husband is dead instead of doing such while he is still alive.

# CHIEF DAMBUZA CALLS FOR REVIEW OF MARRIAGE LAWS



**REVIEW:** Ludzidzini Council Secretary Chief Dambuza Lukhele has called for a review on marriage laws.

He said most of the cases are motivated by materialism where there are battles for the deceased's estate amongst the remaining wives and sometimes children.

### Cultures

Lukhele noted that the current situation is a result of the country's former colonial masters who came with their western cultures and infused them into Swazis.

"They are now gone, but as Swazis we have not gone back

to re-direct the way we should live. We have our own Constitution now, but it has not fully tackled the issue of marriages as it gave parliament a directive to solve this issue when it was adopted back in 2005, but such has still not happened. The laws that are needed to direct us as Swazis have not been fully enacted hence the current situation we often find ourselves in," he said.

The Chief went on to argue that in western culture it is

unlawful to take another way through the very same civil rites, but observed that the argument that then ensues in the Swazi way of doing things and has not yet been solved is what then happens if one then elects to take another wife through Swazi law and custom.

"Fundamentally it is a problem that is not only facing Swaziland, but the entire African continent as we all tend to get taken away by western culture that then upset our way of doing things."

It is therefore imperative that we revisit our culture and how we used to do things before we adopted other cultures. The former colonial masters have now gone and it is upon us to then adjust our laws to suit our way of life. Materialism is causing all the war which is usually over estates.

### Rift

It is a foreign element that is causing this entire rift within families," he added.

He went on to state that in Swazi tradition it is known what belongs to whom and there is never a need to approach the court of law to declare which wife is superior and what is rightfully theirs.

## 'Western marriage not superior to Swazi Law and Custom'

**S**taunch traditionalist Tuluwane Sikhondze is not happy with the impression that Swazi Law and Custom marriages are inferior to the western ways of marriage, which he feels is now taken as the common truth in the country.

"Kwendza kuyalingana," Sikhondze said when stressing a point that whether one marries the Swazi way or through civil rites, both marriages are equal, at least in the traditional eyes of the Swazis.

He lamented what was currently happening in the country where a man after taking many wives and later succumbing to death one of the wives then takes the court route to nullify the other marriages despite that the deceased has lived many years with the other wives.

He viewed this as the decay of the Swazi way of doing things stating: "Loku sekufa kwemihambo yemaSwati."

This he said after a recent ruling by High Court Judge Mumcy Dlamini that the late former senator and public transport operator of Phakama Bus Service Richard Themba Dlamini only had one wife, in terms of the law.

Sarah Dlamini, the mother of prominent medical practitioner Dr Futhi Dlamini, PS tourism Emmunual Dlamini and NAMBOARD Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Siphephiso Dlamini and others was declared the only official wife to the late senator.

She declared that Sarah and Richard married on August 5, 1960 in civil rites, ending a dispute between her and three other women, who were married by the late businessman through Swazi Law and Custom. The judge ordered that the Swazi Law and Custom marriage of Richard to Martha Makhanya, Jenneth Sihlongonyane and Cecelia Makhanya was bigamous, therefore declared them null and void.

Sikhondze said he read the judgment with great awe as what he understands is that the late Richard took all the four women as his wives, built them homes and lived with all of them.

"Bonkhe bekubafati bakhe, hhayi nje imitifikuso," bellowed Sikhondze.

He called upon the country's legislators to rightfully repeal the law that gives the impression that civil rites marriages are superior to Swazi Law and Customs marriages which allowed the Judge to reach the decision of nullifying the three other marriages.

## Yes, Parly should stand up and be counted – MP Gundwane

**S**iphofaneni Member of Parliament (MP) Gundwane Gamedze has admitted that as parliamentarians they should stand up and be counted to put an end to the ongoing rifts within families where it concerns marriages.

He said it is important that

they enact proper laws that will end the endless rifts within families especially when it concerns estates.

### Wives

He said what pains him the most is the fact that men take their wives and live with them for some time, only for just one wife to then decide the

others' fate once their husband passes on.

"In some instances you find that the wives have spent all their energies giving their all to their families only to be told at a later stage that their marriages are null and void. Most often this is during a time when they can no longer do

anything for themselves as they have spent all their productive lives living with their husbands. As parliament we need to make strict laws that will put an end to this," he said. He said as a parliamentarian and Swazi citizen he is very concerned about the turn of events in this case.

## Swazis rescued from war torn South Sudan

By Observer Reporter

**A**n undisclosed number of Swazis working in South Sudan where on Monday rescued from the war ravaged country.

This was disclosed by Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation minister Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze yesterday in Kigali, Rwanda when briefing the Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini ahead of the African Union's Summit which starts today.

According to SBIS news, most of the affected workers were



**CRISIS:** An internet image of the the war torn South Sudan.

working for MTN in that country and they were scared when the fighting between the warring

factions got closer to where they work.

The minister is said to have

told the premier who is representing His Majesty the King in the AU summit that a South African Air Force flight was used to fly the employees to Kenya where they then connected to South Africa and then home.

The war is said to have claimed over 100 lives and the AU is still trying to get a peace agreement signed between rebels and the government.

When contacted on the issue of the Swazis in South Sudan, Swazi MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Laphondvo said: "Swazi MTN is unable to



**REVEALS:** Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation minister Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze.

provide an extensive comment on the matter at this point. Once adequate consultation has been made with relevant stakeholders, official communication will be shared."



# SUSPENDED PRINCIPAL MILKS GOVT E2 MILION

## COVER STORY

By Sandile Nkambule

For about nine years now suspended principal at Franson Christian High school has been drawing a salary without his matter brought to finality by the school administration, nor the Teaching Service Commission (TSC).

According to calculations from the old government scale D5 which he is being paid under, he was drawing a salary of E239 819 per annum which effectively means that for the past nine years he has earned E2 158 371 while also making extra money as a lecturer.

Memory Ndwandwe, who was suspended for alleged maladministration, is now employed by one of the country's private institutions of higher learning AMADI University while also being paid by government.

His many years of earning a salary for doing nothing flies in the face of the TSC chairman, Simanga Mamba, who recently defended their position of lifting a suspension against St. Marks Primary School Principal Albert Fakudze for allegedly embezzling thousands of school funds, whom they later posted at New Mbuluzi.

Fakudze had been suspended for hardly a year and the TSC felt he should not remain at home since that was a drain to government coffers.

Ndwandwe is not the only principal drawing a salary whilst at

- Franson Christian High school principal was suspended with pay in 2007 and has been earning E239 819 per annum
- He has neither been hauled for disciplinary hearing or received correspondence from school administration
- Now employed by AMADI university as lecturer
- Will also get 'dvuladvula'

home, waiting for a day where his matter would be heard and finalised, there are many other principals like him, but the Fakudze case now appears to have been an exception to the rule.

All these years Ndwandwe has neither been hauled before a disciplinary tribunal or engaged in any form after being served with a letter of suspension by the school grantee at the mission school situated at Mhlosheni.

Investigations carried out by the Observer on Saturday revealed that the grantee suspended the principal after allegations of maladministration were levelled at him but since then there has not been any development on how far the matter has gone.

This effectively means that Ndwandwe now receives two fat cheques at the end of the month as he draws his salary from government and at his new employer AMADI University where he is now a Lecturer. Government has all along been paying the principal

since the matter he was not suspended by the Ministry of Education under the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) but his suspension was merely an administrative issue within the mission as the grantee suspended him.

Under normal circumstances, principals are suspended with half pay while their matters are being investigated before being hauled for disciplinary hearings.

Concerned parents at the school have questioned the school administration on why Ndwandwe's issue was not dealt with, since the school is now being headed by the deputy who has been holding the fort for the past years. It has been gathered that Ndwandwe will also benefit from the new salary review under Government Circular No 1 of 2016 since he is still deemed a civil servant.

It could however not be gathered as to how much he now earns at AMADI University, an institution he decided to join after lying idle at home.

## Ministry aware, school administration hauled before TSC

- Next week grantee, school administration expected to appear before government employer to shed light on what is happening as regards the matter
- TSC Executive Secretary confirms that principal has been drawing monthly salary for the past nine years

The Ministry of Education and Training confirmed knowledge of suspended principal Memory Ndwandwe's case.

In an interview with the Teaching Service Commission

(TSC) Executive Secretary Mduduzi Nkambule, he said they are aware of the principal's matter and that as a commission they are working on the matter that seems to have taken far too long.

### Solution

Nkambule explained that they have all along been following the suspended principal's case with the hope that the mission would eventually come up with a lasting solution but this has not been the case.

"We are aware of the matter

you are asking me about, however we have since summoned the school administration and the grantee in a bid to deal with the current situation since it was the school that suspended the principal not the TSC,"

Nkambule said.

He said they have also called the suspended principal who is expected to be present during the meeting in order to come up with a lasting solution.

**Suspended**  
This, according to

Nkambule is not only the matter they will now deal with as they are aiming at dealing with all suspended teachers who are either on half or full pay as they want such matters to be finalised.

## Suspended principal has been waiting in vain for outcome

When sought for comment, suspended principal Memory Ndwandwe admitted that he has been drawing a monthly salary from government for the past nine years while no longer doing any work.

Ndwandwe in an interview with the Observer on Saturday said he has been waiting in vain for the school grantee at Franson Christian High to inform him what next would follow pertaining his case.

Ndwandwe was suspended for alleged maladministration at the school sometime in 2007 after the school grantee in consultation with the board at the mission school decided he should go home while his matter was being dealt with.

"For the past nine years, I have been getting paid each month, but am worried that after the grantee suspended me, there has been no correspondence from

- Says there has been no correspondence from school grantee on his case
- Admits drawing salary each month as he is still in government's payroll



**WE KNOW:** The Teaching Service Commission (TSC) Executive Secretary Mduduzi Nkambule has assured that they are working on the principal's matter.

the school on the way forward. I have not been even taken for a disciplinary hearing," Ndwandwe said.

When asked what the ministry of education has been doing as regards the matter, he stated that they approached the school but nothing has been done by the grantee to date.

Efforts to get the school grantee for comment were unsuccessful as the telephone line was faulty each time the school was called at Mhlosheni.

However sources close to the matter confided with this reporter that the grantee has been the person dealing with the principal's issue.

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# Swazi Airways maiden flight hangs in the balance

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

In what may come as a shock to most that are anticipating the maiden flight of the already launched Swazi Airways, plans to have the airplane finally taking off before the end of this month are at the brink of collapse.

It was stated that the maiden flight would be this month, but looking at things this seems almost impossible with the current problems.

This is according to reports that the country is racing against time to raise a sum of E7 million before the end of this month, payable to the lessor of the aircraft in South Africa as a bank guarantee for the lease agreement.

According to impeccable sources, what has further compounded the delay in the preparations for the maiden flight is the fact that Royal Swazi National Airways Corporation (RSNAC) Board's term of office came to an end, thus placing a snag in the preparations.

## Behind

With no authority to push the project, government has been running behind in all its commitments in this matter, including obtaining a license from the Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority (SWACAA) that is recognised by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) that will in turn allow the airline to enter their territories.

Prime Minister Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini recently disclosed to the Editors Forum that the process of applying for an Air Operator's Certificate (AOC) is ongoing while admitting that it has already taken longer than anticipated when the announcement was made in February.

He explained that the exercise involves about 20 manuals and other technical documents, which have to be scrutinised thoroughly by SWACAA's technical personnel and approved.

He said Swazi Airways personnel have been making the necessary interventions to satisfy SWACAA's requirements.

"In simple terms an AOC is the approval granted by a Civil Aviation Authority like SWACAA to an air-



craft operator to allow it to use aircraft for commercial purposes. The AOC is recognised by all International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Member States which will not permit any airline to enter their territories without one," he said. While government has already spent over E20 million towards seeing the plans of the maiden flight through, but all that could go to waste if the preparations fail to materialise on time.

## Conceded

Ministry of Public Works and Transport Principal Secretary Makhosini Mndawe, when reached on the matter conceded that the term of office for the RSNAC Board had come to an end, but highlighted that the term had since been extended by the minister in charge, soon after it elapsed. This is despite that when some members of the Board when reached could only state that they just recently received the letter alerting them of the extension and were worried that they currently have nothing that directs them to speedily work on the Swazi Airways issue.

"It is true that the RSNAC Board's term of office came to an end and there were a few days uncertainty. However, this was sorted out when the minister extended the term with effect from the day after the date of expiry. There is no longer a snag since the board is back in place," said the PS.

Mndawe went on to disclose that the minister will work with the Public

Enterprise Unit (PEU) for the appointment of a new board over the next few months once the extended term expires. He allayed fears that the preparations for the maiden flight have not been abandoned.

"The board will continue working with UNICORPE, the consulting firm that was appointed for the revival of the airline," he assured.

He also highlighted that the Swazi Airways needs to have an aircraft in place to facilitate the issuance of an Air Operator's Certificate by SWACAA hence the company leased an aircraft from a company in South Africa.

## Failure

"The said E7 million is a sum of money that the lessor wants for the bank to issue a guarantee in the event of Swazi Airways' failure to pay the lease. E16.4 million was spent in the 2015/16 financial year and E4.1 million was released during the first quarter of 2016/17. Another E4.1 million is being released to Swazi Airways for the second quarter of 2016/17," further explained Mndawe.

Meanwhile, the initial plans were such that the Swazi Airways maiden flight would be in February before the date was shifted to this month.

The long term plans of the flight is to service routes as far as Mumbai in India and the Seychelles as well as Zimbabwe and the Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

This publication has been informed reliable that the board term has been extended by two months.



CHIT CHAT: COMESA Secretary General Sandiso Ngwenya meets DPM Paul Dlamini at the latter's offices yesterday. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo)

## COMESA wants KMIII Airport to be passenger hub

COMESA has come with good news to Swaziland courtesy of a visit by the regional organization's Secretary General Sindiso Ngwenya, who is currently in the country and paid a courtesy call to the Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini yesterday.

COMESA is an acronym for Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa.

Ngwenya in his brief meeting with the DPM in Mbabane yesterday highlighted that the organisation wants to contribute in assisting the country in turning the KMIII International Airport into a passenger hub very soon.

He further disclosed that they also want to be involved in the plans to turn the Matsapha airport into a reputable civil aviation school in the region and in the continent.

## Ensure

He said they are currently in consultation with the Ministry of Public Works and Transport to ensure that all the above plans come to fruition.

He assured the country that COMESA was fully behind the country, highlighting that their plans will soon come to fruition soon, which is the time they will start the celebrations.

Ngwenya also pointed out that he was recently in the country to celebrate the organisation's achievements with the country, while this week he was here to hand over a big project they are involved in at Shiselweni.

The project covers 32 hectares of drip irrigation that will produce 2 000 tonnes of vegetables. It will service 42 house-

holds with an annual income of E2.3 million. If this project can be replicated in all the country's four regions the country can prosper and be able to empower its people. We will try to work hard with government to ensure that the project is sustained," he said.

Ngwenya added that there are also plans to empower the Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) to be able to provide credit insurance to a number of Swazis so that they easily assess notable loans with the country's monetary institutions. He said credit insurance should be up to at least E200 million.

## Support

"We're all looking towards the country's vision 2022 and considering many ways we can support such a dream. We're also working on presenting a trade hub in the region," he added.

Meanwhile, the DPM on the other hand appreciated the efforts that are shown by COMESA in assisting development initiatives in the country. He said the project at Shiselweni would assist many people especially women who are the ones that work hard to put food on the table in many homesteads. He said women not only cook anymore, but also ensure that the food is available in their homes.

"Therefore, women need to be assisted by all means in ensuring that their plans are successful. We can only hope that the entire Shiselweni region will benefit from the pilot drip irrigation project," said the Deputy Premier.

## First case of Zika spread by sex from woman to man

NEW YORK - The first known case of a woman spreading the Zika virus to a man during unprotected sex was reported yesterday in New York City, health authorities said.

Until now, experts were aware only of cases in which men spread the virus to their partners during sex, as well as transmission by mosquito bites. The New York case involved a "nonpregnant woman in her twenties who reported she had engaged in a single event of condomless vaginal intercourse with a male partner the day she returned to New York City from travel to an area with ongoing Zika virus transmission," the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. Its report did not specify where the woman may have been infected.

The next day, she developed fever, back pain, swelling and numbness and tingling in her hands and feet.

She tested positive for Zika, a typically mosquito-borne virus that is spreading rapidly through the Caribbean and Latin America.

Her male partner said he had not traveled outside the United States during the prior year.

He also said he did not have any other recent sexual partners and had not been bitten by mosquitoes in the week before his illness.

"The New York City report of female-to-male sexual transmission of Zika virus infection is the first documented case of sexual transmission of Zika from a woman to her sex partner and adds to the growing body of knowledge about the sexual trans-

mission of Zika," the CDC said.

Zika can cause birth defects, including the brain and skull deformity known as microcephaly.

Health authorities are urging pregnant women to abstain from sex or use barrier methods of contraception during sex if their partners have traveled to or live in areas where the Zika virus is present.

"Although no cases of woman-to-woman Zika transmission have been reported, these recommendations now also apply to female sex partners of pregnant women," the CDC said. The federal agency said it is updating its guidelines because the current advice to prevent sexual transmission of Zika "is based on the assumption that transmission occurs from a male partner to a receptive partner." AFP



ALSO THERE: COMESA officials (From L-R) Gabriel Masuku, Sonnyboy Shongwe and McClay Kanyangara pictured during the meeting at the DPM's office.



# Montigny workers granted their wish, to get over E1m pension refund

By Bodwa Mbingo

In an averted strike that had been planned for today by disgruntled Montigny Investments employees, they will now be happy to learn that they will be refunded their money, which was taken as their pension contributions.

Over 3 000 employees will get their refunds from Monday. The money was deducted from their monthly salaries from June last

year and there have been fears that operations at the company, based in Bhunya, could come to a standstill this morning as the workers threatened to down their tools yet again. This followed rumours that they would not get their pension money yesterday as promised by management. This was not the first time that operations were halted at the company as the workers also downed their tools last month, demanding answers on their pension contributions.

The visibly angry workers stated clearly that they did not want anything to do with the contribution because they were not informed about it in the first place.

However, Federation of Swaziland Trade

Unions (FESWATU) President Mashumi Shongwe in an interview with Observer on Saturday yesterday confirmed that an agreement had been reached between the employer and the workers pertaining to them being refunded the money deducted from their salaries.

He explained that the money was indeed deducted unlawfully as it was through a government gazette, the Pensions Fund Legal Notice of 2015, which did not comply with the provisions of the Wages Act of 1964.

He said the Act has clear guidelines, which were unfortunately not followed by the gazette.

"Section 18 of the Gazette directed that the

employer shall ensure that deductions of 5% on the employee's salary would be deducted, something which is irregular. The Pensions Fund Act of 2000 clearly directs how it should be done.

The money was deducted and remitted with Metropolitan, and it is not true that the money was not remitted as there are records to prove that," Shongwe said.

Shongwe further stated the employees would start getting their money as from Monday and highlighted that it is not because of the strike action that the consensus has been reached between the employer and employee.

He said it has been proper negotiations that have yielded the fruits.

He also highlighted that it is not only Montigny workers that are under this arrangement in the forestry industry all the other companies including Peak Timbers, Swaziland Plantations and Shiselweni Forestry are also under the same arrangement, but said it is up to them to change it if they want.



CONFIRMED: FESWATU President Mashumi Shongwe.

## AKUSEBENTEKI: Mashumi screams at Labour Brokers

FESWATU President Mashumi is not happy with the involvement of Labour Brokers and contractors in the employment of workers as opposed to them being engaged by the principal employer from the onset.

Shongwe noted that it becomes impossible for Trade Unions to negotiate and bargain with the principal (employer) as there is the middleman that bars such negotiations. He screamed; "Akusebenteki," when driving the point that it is just impossible to work with the middleman being the conduit between the employer and employee. He said it is understood that the Labour Brokers and Contractors came into the picture as a result of a break in trust between the employer and employee in the past.

"The situation is such that the Labour Broker can just take everything from the office once they are not happy any more with the arrangement between the parties. It is impossible for trade unions to negotiate on behalf of the workers and when we can handle issues better we don't get that particular chance," he said.

Shongwe then highlighted that in the workplace it is not always about fighting, but about improving the working conditions and production so that all parties benefit from the union. He said for workers' benefits to improve there is a need for them to work harder for the company to be more productive.

"We therefore cannot as workers expect to get a 13th cheque from 'the employer' when there is no money that the company is making. It is important that workers understand this for better production in the country," he added.



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| Somhlolo Road (Lower) | Profund, Sifundzani Primary  | Closing Date | 19-Jul-16 | 23-Jul-16 | 27-Jul-16 | 31-Jul-16 |
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| Somhlolo Road (Upper) | Queens gate, SCOT, Sandla, Kent Rock, 35, Alliance Church, Selection Park                  | Closing Date | 19-Jul-16 | 23-Jul-16 | 27-Jul-16 | 31-Jul-16 |
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|                       |  | Opening Date | 21-Jul-16 | 25-Jul-16 | 29-Jul-16 | 2-Aug-16  |
| Motshane              | Motshane Clinic, Motshane Training Centre  | Closing Date | 20-Jul-16 | 24-Jul-16 | 28-Jul-16 | 1-Aug-16  |
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| Ngwenya               | Ngwenya Industrial Area, Village, Border Gate, Atlas                                       | Closing Date | 20-Jul-16 | 24-Jul-16 | 28-Jul-16 | 1-Aug-16  |
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| Makholokholo          | Makholokholo, Sitibeni, Nkoyoyo (Malayini), Maplazini, Mpolonjeni                          | Closing Date | 20-Jul-16 | 24-Jul-16 | 28-Jul-16 | 1-Aug-16  |
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| Thembelihle           | Thembelihle, Beverly Hills, Woodlands, Mbuluzi, Castle Hotel, Dingabantu, Mbandzeni Street | Closing Date | 21-Jul-16 | 25-Jul-16 | 29-Jul-16 | 2-Aug-16  |
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| Sidwashini            | Qobonga, Sidwashini South, Ndingilizini, Dark City, Manzana                                | Closing Date | 21-Jul-16 | 25-Jul-16 | 29-Jul-16 | 2-Aug-16  |
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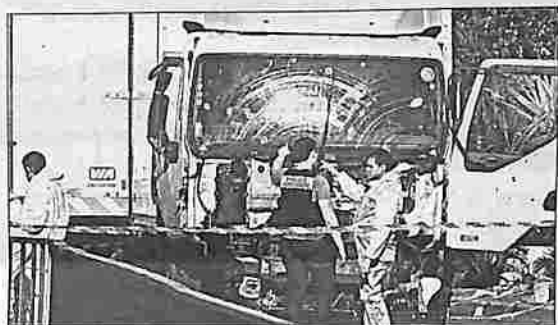
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## NEWS EXTRA



**MURDER WEAPON:** The key suspect is said to have been parked up for nine hours before carrying out the attack and may have been stopped by police but claimed he was delivering ice cream.



**AFTERMATH:** Police halted the truck after firing more than 40 rounds into the cab as it ploughed through more than 100 people in Nice last night.



**OVERWHELMED:** Paramedics help a stricken victim on the left side of the picture, on the right hand side a man crouches, clearly in tears over the body of a victim.

## GUN, TRUCK ATTACK MOWS DOWN DOZENS IN NICE

**N**ICE - A terrorist gunman has killed 84 people and seriously injured dozens more after he used a 25-tonne lorry to go on a mile-long killing spree by mounting pavements at high speed and ploughing through crowds celebrating Bastille Day in Nice on Thursday night.

The killer, a 31-year-old French-Tunisian Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel who was known to police, then got out and sprayed fleeing revellers with bullets before being shot dead by police after his 30 minute rampage, which has left 54 children injured alone.

One eyewitness described seeing 'bodies flying like bowling pins' and others 'jammed' under the lorry's wheels as the horror unfolded at around 10.30pm local time last night.

Heartbroken men and women refused to leave the bodies of their

loved ones and the dead remain strewn across the famous Promenade de Anglais yesterday.

Some of the victims were children, with young girls and boys lying dead covered in blankets with their dolls and buggies still next to them. Footage taken at the time of the attack shows bodies piled up in the roads and people running for their lives as they tried to avoid the zig-zagging lorry while paramedics treated the injured and dying in the street.

### Mission

The truck driver was said to have shouted 'Allahu Akbar' - God is great in Arabic - before being killed in a clear suicide mission. Pro-ISIS groups have been celebrating the attack, orchestrated to coincide with France's most important national holiday.

A huge cache of guns, grenades and 'larger weapons' and the terror-

ist's identity papers were later found inside the lorry, which mounted the pavement at approximately 40mph and steered directly towards hundreds of people watching a fireworks display.

### Coincidence

ISIS supporters have been celebrating the attack, orchestrated to coincide with France's most important national holiday.

The gunman is believed to be from Nice and was known to police for crimes of theft and violence, but not intelligence services, a police source said. A suspected accomplice is on the run.

French President Francois Hollande yesterday pledged to 'hit' ISIS in Syria and Iraq 'even harder' after the devastating attack, saying: 'France is in tears, it is hurting but it is strong and she will be stronger - always stronger than the fanatics who wish to hurt us.'

Yesterday the delivery truck, riddled with bullets, remains in the centre of Nice with bodies strewn nearby.

Damien Allemand, a journalist for French regional newspaper Nice Matin saw the horror unfold.

He said the attack began just as the fireworks display ended as thousands of people were milling around the waterside.

He said: 'He rode up onto the Prom and piled into the crowd. A fraction of a second later, an enormous white truck came along at a crazy speed, turning the wheel to mow down the maximum number of people. I saw bodies flying like bowling pins along its route. Heard noises, cries that I will never forget.'

### Gunshots

Witnesses of the attack in Nice described seeing people run through the streets as they heard gunshots.

Wassim Bouhel told the French TV channel iTele that the lorry zigzagged across the road.

He said: 'We almost died. It was like hallucinating ... (the lorry) zigzagged - you had no idea where it was going. My wife was a metre away. The lorry ripped through everything, poles, and trees. We

have never seen anything like it. Some people were hanging on the door and tried to stop it.'

Around 100 people were forced to dive into the sea as panic ensued and holiday crowds desperately ran for their lives. The gunman then jumped out of the truck and opened fire, which is when he was shot dead by police.

French President Francois Hollande said several children were among the dead and added that it was 'undeniable' the massacre was a terrorist attack.

### Lockdown

Anti-terror police swooped in as the city was put on lockdown and residents were warned to stay indoors for their safety. Gunshots rang out in the streets, with the gunman targeting hotels and cafes in the port city in the south of France.

One witness called Antoine said: 'We were at the Neptune beach and a firework display had just finished. That is when we saw a white lorry. It was going quickly at 60-70 kilometres an hour.'

Eyewitness Wassim Bouhel said that he saw a truck drive into the crowd and then witnessed the man emerge with a gun and started shooting. *Dailymail*

## French Pres pledges to hit ISIS in Syria, Iraq Harder

**N**ICE - French President Francois Hollande said it was undeniable that last night's attack was a terrorist atrocity.

In an emotional speech, President Hollande said: 'Last night a lorry hit a crowd of people in Nice with the intention of killing.'

'At the time I speak there are 77 victims, of which many are children.'

'Once again we have seen extreme violence and it is obvious we must do everything to fight against this terrorism.'

'The driver was shot and killed. We are investigating whether he was linked to any others.'

'France has been hit on its national day, the 14th of July.'

'I want to express my solidarity with the nation, which is now in mourning. I have instructed all regional hospitals to be prepared for an influx of injured.'

'Under these circumstances we must display caution, and we must work together but we must during this busy weekend show care and attention for security.'

'I will once again mention our highest military operation of secu-



**VENGEFUL:** French President Francois Holland, centre, and Prime Minister Manuel Valls, left, held crisis talks in the aftermath of the attack.

city which allow the mobilisation of 10 000 military officers across the country.

### Brigades

'This will cover all brigades of the police, who will be called from across the country, to the Nice region to assist their comrades'

'We will also pay much attention to tightening borders and I will now announce that the state of emergency which was meant to be lifted will be extended a further three months.'

'Following this we will show real force and military action in Iraq and Syria. Our defence department will hold a meeting later this morning. Following this meeting I will travel with the prime minister to Nice later today.'

'France has been hit by tragedy once again. This monstrosity of using a lorry to deliberately kill people, many people, who only came out to celebrate their national day.'

*Dailymail*

## THIS IS WAR - DONALD TRUMP

**W**ASHINGTON DC - Donald Trump said if elected president, he would declare war on the Islamic State - hours after quickly seizing on horrific reports of another deadly attack in France to ask his Twitter followers: 'When will we learn?'

Trump was responding to reports that 80 people had been killed and more than 100 injured when a truck carrying weapons and hand grenades ploughed into people celebrating Bastille Day in Nice on Thursday evening.

Although it was not immediately clear who was behind the attack, Trump said in an interview with Fox News Channel's The O'Reilly Factor, Trump said: 'This is war.'

### Attack

He said if he's elected president, he would ask Congress for a declaration of war on ISIS - as unconfirmed reports claimed the terror group had claimed responsibility for the attack. 05

The 70-year-old said that to fight the terror group, which he called a 'cancer,' NATO should

be used 'for a purpose.'

In another interview, Trump called for President Obama to acknowledge the problem was 'radical Islam.'

He also reiterated his call for the United States to tighten its borders and brought up his proposal to ban Muslims from entering the country as a solution.

As news broke of the attack, the billionaire real estate mogul tweeted: 'Another horrific attack, this time in Nice, France. Many dead and injured. When will we learn? It is only getting worse.'

### Radical

In an interview with Fox News' Great van Susteren later on Thursday night, Trump said 'it's about time' Obama used the term 'radical Islam.'

Although not much is known yet about the attacks in Nice, Trump said: 'Generally speaking, I don't think the people come out of Sweden, OK?'

'It's probably, possibly, but if it is indeed radical Islamic terrorism, it's about time that [Obama] would say so, OK?'

*Dailymail*



# FREEZING OF EX-SWAZI MTN EMPLOYEE'S PENSION REVERSED

By Linda Jele  
High Court

The former Swazi MTN employee accused of defrauding the company E480 000 will now receive his pension that had been frozen by Nedbank Swaziland.

The bank had frozen Wandile Nxumalo's pension following a court order won by Swazi MTN in a bid to recover its monies in case Nxumalo is found to have indeed defrauded the monies. Nxumalo challenged the order before the High Court and High Court Principal Judge Stanley Maphalala dismissed the mobile network operator's interim court order. This was after Swazi MTN did not show up before court.

Nxumalo was represented by Nhlabatsi Attorneys in the matter while Musa M Sibandze Attorneys appeared on behalf of Swazi MTN in the matter.

The mobile network operator filed an application to stay the execution of the order that effectively gave Nxumalo access to his bank account on the grounds that the order was granted after Nxumalo's lawyer had employed tricks.

When the stay of execution of the order was argued, Nhlabatsi point-



ed out that the court no longer had powers to re-open the matter and deal with it because it had already issued an order cancelling the one that froze Nxumalo's bank accounts which had his pension payout from Tibiyo Insurance Brokers.

## Argued

He further argued that the order dismissing Swazi MTN's application had been granted properly and the only remedy available to Swazi MTN was to apply for rescission order.

The judge said the court had dealt with the matter to finality and had no further business in the conduct of the case.

"In the instant case, the applicant (Swazi MTN) can only apply for a rescission of the order advancing proper grounds for such applica-

tion. In the exercise of my discretion on costs, I rule that costs be in the ordinary scale," he said.

He dismissed Swazi MTN's application to stall reopening of Nxumalo's bank account.

Nxumalo is charged with defrauding the company of the money by secretly and unlawfully selling airtime at discounted rates using two cell phone numbers. It was alleged that he had been employed as a billing administrator under the sales and distribution department.

## Resigned

He resigned on March 27, 2016; about a week after the company had instituted investigations on airtime resellers who were allegedly selling airtime at discounted rates fraudulently.

It was alleged that two cell phone numbers were allegedly being used to fraudulently refill and sell airtime and one of them belonged to Nxumalo. The company claimed that after Nxumalo's resignation, he was paid his pension and it was deposited into his bank account. The company applied for an interim order to freeze the bank account so that it could use the pension as security in case it won its claim against him.

The civil claim is still pending before the High Court.

# Businessman allegedly pocketed E17 000 in Hhelehhele robbery

By Linda Jele  
High Court

Fonteyn businessman Douglas Stanford is alleged to have pocketed E17 000 from the daring armed robbery at Hhelehhele candle making factory where over E640 000 worth of property was stolen at gun point.

Over E320 000 in cash and property such as cars, firearms, ammunition and valuable gadgets were taken by the suspected robbers on April 8, 2016. Stanford has applied to be admitted to bail but investigating officer detective Constable V Mngometulu had opposed it. In his application Stanford has said he is innocent of the charges preferred against him because he was merely a passenger in the motor vehicle that was hurled with bullets by police where one of the suspects named Vusi was in.

He claimed that he was linked to the crimes just because the said Vusi was using his cellphone when communicating with the other suspects who were part of the syndicate that committed the crime.

But the investigating officer has a different version. Mngometulu, in an affidavit filed by the Director of Public Prosecutions Nkosinathi Maseko's office, says Stanford has a history of violence. He claimed that he has a pending case of armed robbery committed at Madonsa in 2013 and a firearm was also used and was out on bail when he was arrested for the Hhelehhele robbery. He says releasing him would undermine the bail system because he might commit another similar offence.

"I submit that the applicant (Stanford) participated in the planning of the current offence. He was present on the first attempt to commit the offence at around 7 pm on April 7, 2016. However, they were disturbed by dogs. I submit that he slept with his co-accused at Ngculwini at a Shongwe homestead, which was a base of their robbery operation. I submit that he did not then attend the robbery on the morning of April 8, 2016 and remained at Ngculwini on the pretext that he had fallen sick," Mngometulu said. He claimed that after the robbery had been committed, the other suspects returned at Ngculwini and divided the spoils where Stanford was given E17 000. The officer claimed that the money was recovered by the police from Stanford's wife in their rented flat.

## Robbery

He claimed that the robbery was wrongly executed by the suspects as some of them were arrested on the scene and then alerted their buddies. He claimed that Stanford and the said Vusi were part of the robbery operation and the only ones from Mbabane. He claimed that the two were not aware that their friends had been arrested. Therefore, they drove to Manzini to collect Vusi's cellphone which had remained with one of the accomplices at Hhelehhele. He also claimed that there was also accomplice evidence linking him to the offence, therefore he stood to be punished like the others and face above eight years in prison if convicted. The matter was before High Court Judge Stanley Maphalala who postponed it to hear arguments between the parties. Stanford is represented by Mabuza Attorneys in the matter.



Swaziland Environment Authority

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### RE: PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF HAWANE RESORT RESIDENTIAL VILLAGE

A public notice is hereby published in terms of Section 52 of the Environmental Management Act, 2002. Hawane Resort has prepared an Environmental Impact Assessment report formulated a Comprehensive Mitigation Plan for the proposed Residential Village at Hawane in Hhohho administrative region.

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

1. Swaziland Environment Authority – Rhus Office Park, Mbabane.
2. Mbabane National Library
3. Hawane Primary School
4. Mbabane Municipal Council
5. Hawane Resorts
6. Malolotja Environmental Education Centre
7. Ngwenya Town Board
8. Hawane Nature Reserve

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 Executive Director, Swaziland Environment Authority, P. O. Box 2602, Mbabane. Fax: 24041719

The deadline for submission of comments is 15 August 2016\*

\*20 days from last week of publication notice.

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## GENERAL NOTICE

### HUMAN SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY ACT OF 1988

### AS AMENDED IN 1992

(Act No.2 of 1988)

### APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A HUMAN SETTLEMENT

(Under Section 10)

It is hereby notified for general information that, in terms of Human Settlements Authority (Amendment) Act of 1992, Mns Architects and Surveyors Pty Ltd on Behalf of the Heirs of the Late J.M. Van Der Meer has lodged an application for permission to establish a human settlement with the Human Settlements Authority.

The proposed human settlement, to be known as Injelwane Township, is to be established on Portion 5 of Farm 954 situated in Hhohho District, Swaziland.

Plans, documents and information regarding this application will be open to the public at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Fifth Floor, Income Tax Building, Mbabane for a period of two (2) weeks from the date of its first publication of this notice in the newspaper.

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

  
C.S. MAMBA

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

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# CHIEF JUSTICE BHEKI MAPHALALA ADMITS DON'T DRINK TOO MUCH

Stories by Linda Jele

**T**he Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala has sternly warned lawyers to desist from imbibing on alcohol too much, because it caused embarrassment to the legal profession.

He made these remarks yesterday, when addressing legal practitioners, after admitting 31 new attorneys to practice at the High Court. He congratulated the new legal practitioners and encouraged them to improve the standards of the profession and uphold the rule of law. He said the learned friends had a duty to uphold the constitution at all times and to respect the bill of rights.

"You are beginning a career in law, a demanding and honourable profession. I wish you success. For the administration of justice to prosper, it needs you. Some of you will be representing clients in

courts. You have a duty to uphold the law and improve the standards," he said.

Legal practitioners should not embarrass the profession by being drunkards and through bad conduct," he said.

He urged legal practitioners to ensure that they maintained a good integrity.

He further urged the new lawyers to join the Law Society of Swaziland (LSS) and pay subscriptions.

He said by virtue of being admitted attorneys, they were members of the organisation and needed to abide by the Legal Practitioners Act.

He said he had realised over the years that attorneys, upon being admitted, forgot about their membership to the law society. He urged attorneys to attend lawyers' meetings because the organisation needed their contribution.



**RARE MOMENT:** The new learned friends had an opportunity to pose with the Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala after receiving their certificates.

## SWEARING IN



**HELP ME GOD:** Siyabonga Dlamini from Mkhwanazi Attorneys lifts a holy bible as the Chief Justice administers the oath.



Sithembile Simelane



**FAMILY AFFAIR:** Pholisile Dlamini (second left) from the AG's office sandwiched by her sisters Khanyisile and Swazi Observer's Editorial Secretary Hlobisile and Samora. (Pics: Linda Jele)



Christopher Sibandze



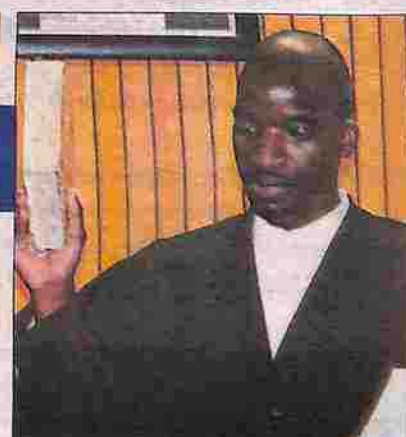
Pholisile Dlamini



**I SWEAR:** Master of the High Court Phumzile Thomo-Masilela takes the oath.



**OOPS.** Ntombikayise Dlamini from Malinga and Malinga Incorporated seemed confused for a second after she was given a wrong oath.



Nkosingivile Dlamini



**ELATED:** Lawyer Thabo Dlamini and newly-admitted attorney Dumisile Dladla from Nzima and Associates pose with St Michael's High School Principal Stanley Dlamini and his sister Ellen while Neliswa Dladla stands on the back.



# 31 ATTORNEYS AT HIGH COURT: - CJ WARNS LAWYERS



**IN ORDER.** Registrar of the High Court Sipiwo Mabila, Assistant Registrar Phephile Hlatshwako and Lungile Msimango, the Registrar of the Supreme Court ensured that the proceedings ran smoothly.

"For the administration of justice to prosper, it needs you. Make sure the rule of law is maintained at all times, for the political and economic stability

of the country. That is our duty as lawyers," Maphalala said.

He congratulated the new attorneys and their parents for showing support.

## ...VOWS TO BAN LAWYERS WHO FAIL TO PAY FIDELITY FUND

**L**awyers who fail to pay the Fidelity Fund stand the risk of being barred from appearing before any court of law in the country.

This was declared by the Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala to lawyers yesterday. He was encouraging lawyers to maintain high standards of the profession and further abide by the Legal Practitioners Act. He said he recently checked the list of lawyers who defaulted in paying the Fidelity Fund and found it alarming.

He also encouraged all admitted attorneys to ensure that they paid

subscriptions. A fidelity certificate is issued to lawyers who have paid money that will act as insurance in case monies kept in lawyers' trust account on behalf of their clients is misappropriated.

It is stipulated in the Legal Practitioners Act that all practicing lawyers should pay the fidelity fund and the chief justice urged them to comply.

"There will come a time where I will bar lawyers from appearing in courts for not paying the fidelity fund and their law society of Swaziland subscriptions," Maphalala said.



**UNIT:** Teaching Service Commission (TSC) Chairman, lawyer Simanga Mamba poses with newly-admitted legal eagle Mbutfo Tsabedze and his family.



**GORGEOUS:** Assistant Master of the High Court with her mother and friends who had gone to support her.



**WELL DONE:** President of the Law Society of Swaziland Jose Rodrigues poses with his associate Lwazi Sibiya after he was admitted as High Court attorney.



**FAMILY SUPPORT.** Lawyers Sipiwe Nxumalo, Sithembile Simelane and High Court Assistant Registrar Nelisiwe Tsabedze pose with friends and relatives.



**LOL MOMENT.** Senior Manzini attorney Ben J. Simelane shares a light moment with other lawyers after supporting the new learned friends.



## GUARD ALERT STRIKE



**BATONS DOWN:** Security Guards from one of the country's leading security companies Guard Alert, yesterday downed their batons, demanding management to address their concerns at the company premises. The guards were pictured before they started their demonstration while the Police monitored the situation. (Pics: Sandile Nkambule)

# SECURITY GUARDS DOWN BATONS AT GUARD ALERT

By Sandile Nkambule

Security guards employed by one of the country's leading security entity, Guard Alert, yesterday literally downed their batons in Mbabane as they wanted the company to address a list of grievances they have.

Amongst the grievances is the review of their salary, which they feel is long overdue since they can no longer cope with the high inflation rate.

The security guards invaded the company offices just after 8am yesterday demanding to see management, which they accused of playing hide and seek since they tabled their grievances some time back, but to date they have not been addressed.

Chanting slogans normally used during an industrial action by workers, the security guards, who were represented by the Swaziland Amalgamated Trade Union (SATU), kept toying outside the offices while the union was engaged in talks with management.

According to SATU Secretary General Frank Mncina, all the guards want is for management to address their concerns, which they raised a long time ago.

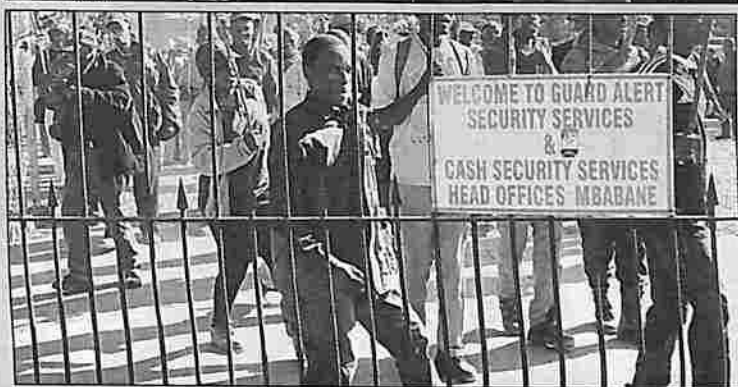
Mncina, who was locked in a meeting with the company's Human Resources Officer (HR) Mbuso Dube, blamed management for letting the situation reach a boiling point since yesterday's action could have been averted, had the concerns been addressed.

"Why have you as management let the situation to reach this point, you are an HR officer you know the law why don't you advise your bosses on these issues since they touch in the Industrial Relations Act," Mncina asked a visibly confused Dube.

During the meeting with management, Mncina advised the HR to call

● They invade company offices with list of grievances including a call for salary review amongst others

● Want company to address their poor working conditions, citing no guard houses, questionable deduction of their salaries



**BLOCKED:** The guards locked the gate blocking company cars from leaving the premises.

his bosses, which Dube did in front of Hhohho Police Regional Commissioner Charles Tsabedze, as the toying guards would hear none of Dube's word.

### Address

However, upon ending the call, Dube told the union representatives that he was speaking to the Director Christopher Scottlong's son, who informed him that his father is indisposed and could not make it to the offices to address the workers.

It was then that Mncina advised

Dube that this was in fact a complex situation as the guards would not understand any of the explanation since all they wanted was word that their concerns are addressed.

The union, Tsabedze and the management later resolved that Dube should be the one addressing the guards and relay the message of the Director's position, this Mncina said after stating that the guards at times hold the view that they are being bribed by the company hence their grievances not addressed.



**PLEASE:** Guard Alert Human Resources Officer Mbuso Dube was ordered to stand on a dust bin as he addressed the guards after the meeting with the union.



**ADDRESS:** SAWTU's Frank Mncina (in glasses), Guard Alert HR Mbuso Dube (in blue jersey) with Hhohho Regional Commissioner Charles Tsabedze as he addresses the guards after the meeting with management.

## Management held hostage, cars blocked from leaving offices

Drama unfolded when the toying security guards held management hostage as they prevented cars from leaving the company premises.

At one point the main door to the company offices had to be locked as the guards tried to force their way into the HR office demanding that he comes out with the company directors to address their concerns.

The directors were, however, not in office when the incident happened and the presence of the police came in handy as they calmed down the situation bringing the guards to order. They told them not to go anywhere near the offices, but remain at the company yard.

An additional 15 police officers were deployed at the scene to bring law and order as they prevented damage of property.

One of the managers tried to drive off in the company car, but had to call off his journey as the car was blocked and prevented from leaving the premises.

Upon seeing he could not move an inch the manager killed the engine, alighted from the vehicle and went back to the meeting with the

### Grievances:

- They want their salaries to be reviewed
- They complain that some of them are posted at premises that do not have guard houses exposing them to cold and rain
- They have their salaries deducted when one has a case to answer

union members and the HR officer.

The toying lasted for more than two hours before Mncina and the union, the Regional Commissioner and Dube came out to address the guards.

At first the guards would hear none of Dube's word as they shouted to the effect that he was always dishonest as regards the matter.

However, after the union leaders from SATU reasoned with the guards, they eventually gave Dube an ear and this is when Dube informed them that the director is indisposed but their concerns would be addressed.

The guards have vowed to continue with their demonstrations which will be held in Manzini and Matsapha until their grievances are addressed.



# Asian nationals now occupy irregular business spaces

Stories by Sandile Nkambule

While Members of Parliament successfully voted for the intensive investigations into the influx of Asian nationals into the country, it has been gathered that some of them posing as investors, actually occupy irregular business spaces within the country's cities and towns.

In fact the Observer on Saturday has unearthed that some have gone to the extent of using the business outlets, which in most cases are for groceries, as their sources of accommodation since they sleep under the same roof consumables are kept in.

The Kingdom's hub (Manzini), which has become densely populated with Asian nationals, mostly of Pakistani origin, has some of them using the little space they can lay their hands on to run their cellphone businesses. Stairways in some of the buildings within the city have been turned into business outlets since these are now converted into small office spaces where the businesses are operated.

According to some residents from Manzini, who have been following parliament's concern closely, they held the view that the motion moved by Lobamba Lomdzala Member of Parliament (MP) Marwick Khumalo was long overdue.

They felt that most towns, especially Manzini, have now been turned into foreign towns owing to the fact that during the Ramadan period and



**CONCERNED:** Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo.

on Fridays, the city shuts down as the majority of the business outlets including car dealing ones, which are operated by the Asian nationals. "We have been observing the continued influx of Asian nationals especially those of Pakistani and Indian origin into Swaziland and wondered what is being done, since these people appear in court almost on a daily basis for being in the country illegally. Selling and fixing cellphones is not an investment," said an air-time vendor Samkeliso Sithole.

Another vendor shared the same sentiments as he was of the view that parliament was right when stating that economically the country does not benefit since most of these nationals do not even do banking with the local banks. "This is a very serious issue touching on how

some of these people get to be holders of almost all Swazi documents yet some Swazis even struggle to obtain the same. Get me clearly here, I am not against these people, but I am worried about their continued influx into the country. Our children now fight for spaces in some schools with them," said Manqoba Khumalo, who operates a hair dressing business within the city.

An inspection carried out by a team from this publication this week revealed that indeed some of the Pakistani nationals spend the nights in their shopping outlets within the country's cities and towns.

## Same roof

Shockingly, some who own restaurants sleep under the same roof where food meant to be served to members of the public is prepared. The Ministry of Home Affairs has already stopped the issuance of Khonta Certificates for foreign nationals in the country after, revelations to the effect that such were being abused and the rot has been unearthed.

The Lobamba Lomdzala MP Khumalo successfully moved a motion calling for the election of a powerful 10 member committee to look into the loopholes of the country's immigration system causing the influx of illegal immigrants, the majority being those of Asian origin.

MP Khumalo instructed Minister Tsandzile to ensure that not even a single illegal immigrant enters the country.

● Most Pakistani, Indian nationals use stairways as business domicile

● Others use rented restaurants, grocery outlets as bedrooms in both rural, urban areas

Part of the elected committee's mandate would be to look into the residential status of the illegal immigrants, investigate issuance of memos or entry permits within the department of immigration at the ministry that accord free entry to these immigrants.

It has been gathered that most of these people are trafficked into the country by their fellow countrymen who kept them as slaves to work in their shops and factories in return for meals.

MP Khumalo said government was equally concerned if these people were being trafficked and that money collected from Swazis is kept in trunk boxes creating confusion as to whether they are criminals or genuine investors.

He said those who came to the country for genuine reasons should not suffer at the hands of these Asians.

He wondered what kind of investors were these people who come into the country and operate grocery shops and fish and chips, outlets? And to making matters worse what about the fact that these people do not even bank the money collected from Swazis at the local banks with some ending up in neighboring countries such as South Africa and Mozambique; an indication that they make Swaziland a conduit.

Minister Princess Tsandzile welcomed the motion observing that, should such a matter not be addressed, the whole country would have been occupied by these foreign nationals in the next 20 years, yet they are here to rip-off the country of the little it has.

## CLOSING SHOPS DURING LUNCH ON FRIDAYS SHOULD STOP - PUBLIC

Concerned members of the public have called for the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade to look into the issue of businesses run by Asian nationals, who close for two hours on Fridays.

With most parts of the country's towns and cities invaded by the Asian nationals mostly of Indian and Pakistani origin, members of the public feel that the towns come to a standstill between the hours of 12 noon and 2pm on Fridays while owners of the outlets go to church due to their religious beliefs.

The Home affairs Ministry had made mention

that such an issue will be looked upon by the relevant ministry, that of Commerce, calling for such to actually come to an end. Ministry of Commerce's Magenius Hlophe, when contacted for comment said he is not in a position to comment as regards the matter for now since it is now political. "I cannot comment on the matter now, the person who can be in a position to do so is the Minister," Hlophe said briefly.

However, when sought for comment, Minister for Commerce Gideon Dlamini could not be reached on his mobile phone, at least by the time this report was compiled.

## Only 3 hoteliers interested in running Pigg's Peak Hotel

By Bodwa Mbingo

In a latest development, three companies are now interested in running the Pigg's Peak Hotel and Casino, which is located 10km away from the Northern Hhohho Region's main town of Pigg's Peak.

The Observer on Saturday has learnt that initial negotiations with one investor from the neighbouring South Africa later fell through after it turned out that the new investors would have to run both the hotel and casino. This happened after the company that was running the casino pulled out from the deal forcing government to then lease out the hotel and casino as a package, something the South African company had no interest in.

Pigg's Peak Hotel General Manager Zachariah Dlamini yesterday confirmed that they could not reach finality on the negotiations with the initial investor.

He said for now they have to start the negotiations afresh as the hotel is now a package with the casino.

"For now we cannot separate the hotel from the casino as there would be conflicting inter-

... This is after initial company drops interest in hotel and negotiations with new potential investors start afresh

ests between the company running the hotel and the one running the casino. What usually happens is that if the casino has a certain number of gamblers they want to bring in, they also have to complement this with accommodation, but with a different owner of the hotel such proves difficult because they usually have different interests. The three remaining companies are interested in running both the hotel and casino. The one that pulled was not interested in running both, but only the hotel part of the package," he explained.

Meanwhile, Dlamini further confirmed that the E7 million renovations that have been ongoing in the hotel are almost complete. He said they had finished working on the previously leaking roof and glasses and all that was left was to do work on the interior. This is the second phase of the project.



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| 26 July 2016 | Manzini    | The George Hotel    |
| 27 July 2016 | Lubombo    | Siteki Hotel        |
| 28 July 2016 | Shiselweni | Phumula Guest House |
| 29 July 2016 | Hhohho     | LA Casserole        |

Starting time: 09:00hrs

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All stakeholders are encouraged to ensure that they attend these sessions and are requested to book through the office of the Chief Inspector. Late bookings may not be considered.

Any queries regarding this notice should be directed to the undersigned.

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**WOMAN POWER:** A woman was pictured pushing a wheelbarrow ferrying water containers after drawing water from the nearby Mhlathuze River in the Lubombo region. Such is a normal sight on this dry area. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo)



**WATER FOR SURVIVAL:** These children were also pictured carrying water in smaller containers.

# Hungry families sandwiched by green sugarcane fields

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

Some families are still left behind as they are forced to only marvel at the riches some of their fellow society members have accrued from the fast growing sugarcane industry mainly in the Lubombo region.

Sandwiched between the sugarcane rich areas of KaNgcamphalala and Siphofaneni in this region, some homesteads glaringly look worse off and only depend on the handouts from the World Food Programme (WFP). It has already been reported in local daily newspapers that emergency relief distributions have begun in the country in response to drought, which has resulted in hundreds of thousands of people not having enough to eat. The recent El Nino induced drought that swept across the country left most families with no yields from their fields where they grow maize.

## Turned

Indeed on the way to St. Phillip's it is clear that the maize fields are very dry and that the farmers in this part of the country have had nothing to show for the ploughing season. Driving along this part of the country one is met with two almost dry rivers that have turned into mere streams with streams having become dry. What these two rivers, Mhlathuze and Mhlathuzana, can now only show is just thin trickles of water running along their sandy courses. In places, people had dug holes in the river bed to collect some water for themselves or perhaps for their cattle.

Further moving around the area, the sight of women pushing wheelbarrows carrying containers of water and children carrying more containers on their heads is what is common. They are all forced to go and draw the water from the rivers-turned-streams, which they share with their livestock. It is the recent minimal rains that have improved the otherwise unyielding situation, giving hope to the community that more water is forthcoming.



**LAUNDRY:** These women were pictured at the Mhlathuzana River washing their clothes this week.

The bottom line is that people are very hungry and have nothing to eat in this part of the country. What compounds the disadvantaged families' situation is the very green surroundings, which are made up of sugarcane fields that are supported by the Lower Usuthu Irrigation Project (LUSIP I) under the Swaziland Water & Agricultural Development Enterprise (SWADE), which has provided irrigation through the Lubovane Dam for the projects under them.

## Disputes

"What you see is just what you get here. The situation is bad for some of us either because some of our sugarcane schemes have not kick-started because of certain disputes amongst the various chiefs in the area pertaining land where we are supposed to grow the sugarcane. We cannot fend for ourselves because we could not get any yields from our maize fields hence we have to rely on WFP to give us food. We have for a long time been left with no water to be able to grow maize and vegetables hence our insoluble situation," said one resident.

The WFP was first to assess the situation in all parts of the country that have been affected by the drought including the Lubombo and Shiselweni regions. Their assessment showed that in the country

alone, some 350,000 people are in need of urgent food assistance and that is nearly a third of the population.

## Discoveries

They also made a number of shocking discoveries during their assessment, which WFP's Communications Officer for Southern Africa David Orr compiled in his report carried on the organisation's website.

"We worked in our fields but didn't harvest anything", Vuyisile Shabangu (40), who resides on the way to Sithobela, told Orr.

"The situation is really very bad; we don't know what we're going to

eat from one day to the next."

## Distribution

In his report he further described the situation on the ground stating that on a piece of open ground near the road, a few hundred people had gathered for a distribution of rations – maize, yellow peas and vegetable oil – from the World Food Programme.

The supplies were being handed out by WFP partners, Save the Children, then measured out and divided up according to household size. Most of those who had gathered there were women, who went about their tasks with efficiency and good humour.

WFP has launched its relief operation in response to the worst food security crisis in the region in more than two decades. It has been caused by two consecutive years of drought, most recently as a result of the El Niño phenomenon which meant reduced rains during the ploughing season.

Swaziland is one of five countries in the region that has declared a state of disaster and appealed for international assistance. Because the drought is so widespread, casual work in neighbouring South Africa has also dried up and incomes have fallen. Also causing hardship is a rise in prices as maize now costs more than twice what it did a year ago in the Kingdom.

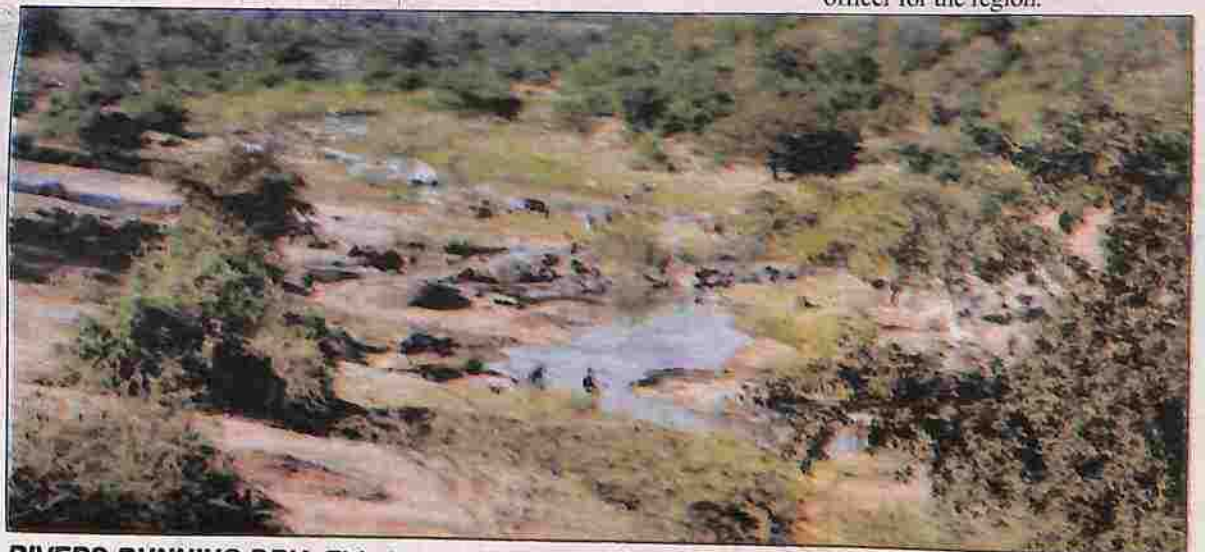
## Hungry

"It's been very difficult", explains Vuyisile. "Since I was born, this is the worst drought I've ever experienced. As parents, we often go to bed hungry so our children can eat. Sometimes if they have some food, the neighbours will give us something to eat."

For now at least, the people who have gathered here will have some food for themselves and their families.

But the harsh fact is that the lean season has come early this year and it will be a long time till the next harvest in April next year.

To meet the growing needs, WFP is working to scale up its relief operations in support of the government. It will only be able to do so, however, if the necessary funding is secured. David Orr, a former newspaper foreign correspondent, has been working for WFP since 2010. He is based in Johannesburg as the organisation's communications officer for the region.



**RIVERS RUNNING DRY:** This is a picture of the Mhlathuzana River as it runs downstream.



# WFP needs E143m for drought relief in SD

...UN agency still requires more than E10.9 billion in Southern Africa to scale up its operations to meet needs of the most vulnerable through the lean season into next year



**BATH TIME:** These children were seen taking advantage of the little water that has been made available in the Mhlathuze River by the recent minimal rains.

Management Agency.

WFP plans to reach 100 000 people in August and to scale up again to reach some 150 000 people by the height of the lean season in early 2017 through a combination of food and cash assistance.

Government has also committed substantial resources to assist those in need.

Government, through Prime Minister Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini declared a state of emergency in February and launched its National Emergency Response, Mitigation and Adaptation Plan

requiring almost US\$85 million (about E1 215 500 000), of which some US\$61 million (about E87 230 000 million has yet to be secured.

"The Government is aware of the need created by the drought and appreciates the support by partners like WFP whose efforts complement those of the Government, especially in providing food assistance to those who need it the most. The Government has committed about US\$10 million for food relief," said Russell Dlamini, the chief executive officer of the

National Disaster Management Agency. The United Nations has contributed US\$2.8 million (about E4 004 000) to food relief through its Central Emergency Response Fund. However, WFP still requires more than US\$10 million (about E143 million) to scale up its operations to meet needs of the most vulnerable through the lean season into next year. Swaziland is among the countries in the region hardest hit by two years of successive drought, most recently as a result of the El Niño weather event in Southern Africa.

During the last agricultural season, many farmers in Swaziland planted not just once but twice, only to see their crops wither and die in the ground. Parents at WFP food distributions have reported going hungry themselves in order to feed their children.

Water sources have declined by more than 50% in Swaziland due to the lack of rain. Contributing to the hardship faced by many has been a hike in food costs – maize prices have more than doubled since last year.

In addition to supporting the National Disaster Management Agency, WFP is working with non-government organisations including World Vision International, Save the Children Fund, Caritas and Africa Co-operative Action Trust Lilima (Swaziland).

Meanwhile, in Malawi, WFP has said it needed US\$288 million, but had only sourced US\$43 million, while in Zimbabwe – where drought has exacerbated an economic meltdown, which has led to unrest – US\$228 million was required, but only a tenth of that has been raised.

WFP is the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide, delivering food assistance in emergencies and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience. Each year, WFP assists some 80 million people in around 80 countries.

An El Niño weather pattern, which ended in May, triggered drought conditions across the region, which hit the staple maize and other crops and dented economic growth.

(Additional reporting by KFGO, All Africa)



**WATER AFFAIRS:** This is a road sign showing the Mhlathuzane River.



**GREEN PASTURES:** This is part of the green sugarcane fields around the area.



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# SADC, EU, KENYA SUPPORTED WINNIE IN GENEVA CONFERENCE

By Alec Lushaba  
Editor

**L**abour and Social Security Minister Winnie Magagula had a number of countries in Geneva appreciating the progress the country had made in meeting the concerns raised in last year's conference.

The Government member of Botswana, speaking on behalf of the member States of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), stated that the Government briefed the member States and social partners of the SADC at their tripartite meetings on May 12 and June 1 2016 on progress made with regard to the implementation of the Convention.

He noted with satisfaction the significant progress made by the Government in addressing the issues to comply with the Convention, and noted in particular, the tabling in Parliament of amendments that had been brought to the legislation.

Numerous achievements were made in order to create a conducive



**PRAISED:** Labour and Social Security Minister Winnie Magagula.

environment for effective social dialogue, which was evidenced by the fact that tripartite social dialogue structures were operational.

He also noted that the problems related to the registration of federations of trade unions had been resolved and ATUSWA, as well as FESWATU, had been registered.

## Outstanding

Recalling that there were outstanding issues that needed to be addressed, in particular the need for Parliament to pass various bills in an expeditious way, he expressed confidence in the Government's commitment to address those rapidly.

He stated that the SADC encouraged the sharing of lessons and experiences by member States, and regularly reviewed and monitored the implementation of regional instruments such as the SADC Protocol on Employment and Labour, 2014, and the SADC Decent Work Programme 2013-19, which prioritised compliance with international labour standards.

He therefore encouraged and supported the efforts of the Government and social partners to address the outstanding issues to ensure full compliance with the Convention, and urged all stakeholders in Swaziland to work together in this regard. Finally, he commended the ILO for its technical support to the Government and social partners to address these issues.

## EU also supported Government's progress

**T**he Government member of the Netherlands, speaking on behalf of member States of the European Union, indicated that Albania, Iceland, Norway, the member States of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova and Georgia aligned themselves to this statement.

He emphasised that the promotion of the universal ratification and implementation of core labour standards, including this Convention, was part of the European Union Action Plan on Human Rights adopted in 2015, including the protection of human rights defenders including social partners.

He recalled the commitment that had been made by the Government under the Cotonou Agreement – the framework for Swaziland's cooperation with the European Union – to respect democracy, the rule of law and human rights principles, which included freedom of association. The European Parliament Resolution of May 21 2015 (2015/2712(RSP)) had called on the Government to take concrete measures to respect and promote human rights in the country. In that respect, he emphasised that they had engaged in a constructive dialogue with the Government

and non-state actors and were monitoring the progress achieved.

Noting that this case had been discussed a number of times at the Committee, he was pleased to acknowledge a number of positive steps taken by the Government since June 2015. He welcomed the unconditional release, soon after the Committee's discussion, of Thulani Maseko, and welcomed the registration of FESWATU in June 2015 and, recently, of ATUSWA.

## Encouraged

He also acknowledged progress on legislative and administrative matters with ILO assistance, and strongly encouraged the Government to complete its legislative reform, including the amendment of the Suppression of Terrorism Act in consultation with social partners, in order to bring its legislation into compliance with international standards.

He expressed hope that all outstanding issues would be addressed promptly, so as to ensure full compliance with the Convention. He reiterated his readiness to cooperate with the Government and the people of Swaziland to promote development, including the full enjoyment of all human rights in the country.

## Zimbabwe workers side with TUCOSWA

The Worker member of Zimbabwe, speaking on behalf of the Southern African Trade Union Co-ordination Council (SATUCC), recalled that in 2015 the Committee had requested that its recommendations be implemented in full consultation and collaboration with the social partners.

In spite of this, the Government had in fact continued to undermine TUCOSWA in its attempts to exercise its trade union rights.

Social dialogue, moreover, continued to be conducted in an environment that in all respects remained hostile to trade unions.

Such hostility was evident by statements made by the police, to the effect that trade unions were monsters that needed to be crushed, and the fact that the trade unionists, Mario Masuku and Maxwell Dlamini, had been arrested and subjected to grossly unfair conditions of bail.

## Zimbabwe employers support SD's progress

**T**he Employer member of Zimbabwe supported the statement made by the Employer spokesperson regarding the exhaustive examples of advancements demonstrated by Swaziland.

He congratulated the Government on the progress made and acknowledged the need for additional efforts.

The report submitted by the Government confirmed that the ILO missions were not being wane in terms of willingness of the counterparts to com-

ply with the ratified ILO standards. The Government should be encouraged further to pass the pending Bills without further delay.

## Procedures

The registration of trade unions should be based on the standardised procedures, in line with the Convention.

In case the requirements were not to be met, the registration should not be possible. The Government should fully utilise social dialogue, and address to the ILO forum as the last resort.

He stated that the delayed and difficult process TUCOSWA had experienced in getting itself registered attested to the Government's lack of true commitment to social dialogue. Indeed, social dialogue at the national level was not consciously and genuinely cultivated.

He concluded by stressing the importance of ensuring social dia-

logue not only at the national level, but at all levels, including within enterprises. The national situation, in which employers and the Government created and promoted sweetheart unions, was detrimental to the growth of genuine, representative unions, and thus detrimental to the realisation of genuine social dialogue.

## US workers not impressed, urge government to make amendments

**T**he Worker member of the United States deplored the lack of progress in the present case.

In keeping with its strategy of years past, the Government had once again taken only measures of a superficial nature, by proposing amendments to the laws with no intention of passing the said amendments, much less implementing them.

These proposed amendments, furthermore, were still not in conformity with the Convention. Also of particular concern was the failure of the proposed amendments to comply with the requirements of the AGOA – specifically the eligibility benchmarks contained therein which required full guarantees of the exercise of freedom of association.

This failure to enact the necessary legislation resulted in the continued denial, to Swaziland, of preferential access to the US market under the AGOA, to the detriment of the nation and particularly the nation's workers.

## Clarify

With regards to section 2 of the Suppression of Terrorism Act, she stated that while the Government's proposal to include the words "by violent means" was a welcome one, further amendments were necessary to clarify the definition of terrorism; definitions of "lawful activities" and "lawful organisations" were also needed.

She also noted with concern that the overly broad definition of a terrorist group could serve as a means of suppressing trade union activity. She

underscored that dangerous ambiguities also existed in the Government's proposed amendments to the Public Order Act.

The ground on which meetings and gatherings could be prohibited were vague and overly broad, which was tantamount to giving the authorities virtually complete discretion to quash any union gathering.

The penalties for violations of the Act, including even minor offences were overly harsh.

For instance, failure to provide seven days' notice for a public meeting was punishable by a fine and a one-year term of imprisonment. She concluded by urging the Government to immediately enact the amendments necessary for bringing the legislation into conformity with the Convention.

## South African Government welcomes progress

**T**he Government member of South Africa fully endorsed the statement made on behalf of the SADC by the Government member of Botswana and highlighted the positive spirit of the social partners in the region, the SADC Private Sector Forum, and the enthusiasm and role played by the SATUCC and ITUC, which remained critical in the positive developments and notable progress in Swaziland.

Acknowledging the challenges the country had faced with regard to compliance with the Convention, the speaker observed that in 2015, the authorities had faced their situation with renewed vigour and commitment, as evidenced by the amendment of the Industrial Relations Act to facilitate the registration of employers' and workers' federations.

These registrations had led to the reconstitution of all tripartite social dialogue structures and had given a voice to the social partners.

The speaker thanked ILO for the technical assistance it had provided to Swaziland with

regard to the legislative reform process, and in particular its support in the amendment of the Public Order Act. The assessment of the compliance of the amendments with the international labour standards was a crucial step in ensuring that the said amendments effectively addressed the shortfalls and gaps in the legislation.

Following a recommendation of the ILO, ITUC and SATUCC during a February 2016

mission, the authorities had also submitted the

Suppression of Terrorism Act to the social dialogue structures for review and discussion.

In the framework of the SADC, the speaker supported and encouraged

Swaziland to continue its collaborative efforts. This tripartite position was a testimony of the new spirit of cooperation in Swaziland in pursuit of decent work and respect for fundamental principles and rights at work. The Committee was urged to provide assistance to the country by letting it complete the legislative reform work it had begun without the onerous burden of being included in the special paragraph.





## Kenya supports govt progress

The Government member of Kenya welcomed the information provided by the Government and noted that all of the pending issues had been addressed in some way.

There had been significant progress and commitment by the Government with regard to addressing and finalising the outstanding issues, including the urgent submission to Parliament of the bills to amend the Public Order Act and the Suppression of Terrorism Act.

A Code of Good Practice on protests, which was fully operational, had been completed through tripartite participation. The Public Service Bill and the Correctional Services Bill, which had been developed through technical cooperation,



were before Parliament, and comments from the ILO had been received on 24 May 2016. The speaker called upon the ILO to continue supporting the country with regard to the consolidation of the progress made and to the continuous improvement of industrial relations in the country.



## ...COSATU aligned itself with TUCOSWA

● The relationship between labour and civil rights could not be subject to a false dichotomy, as they were interdependent and one directly shaped or affected the other.

Swaziland had appeared before the Committee since 1996 in relation to this Convention and Convention No. 98, which were fundamental to the architecture of international labour standards and to the dignity of workers in general.

As indicated by the SAT-UCC at its 28 March 2016 labour symposium in Botswana, it was a struggle for workers and their civil rights to freely organise, associate and bargain without fear and interference. There could be no separation between the rights of workers at the workplace and in their communities, including freely expressing themselves as part of civil society and as human beings. The speaker also noted the report of the Minister regarding the 2015 conclusions of the Committee in this case and aligned himself with TUCOSWA concerning the progress in this regard.

However, progress within the legislative framework,

aimed at changing the problematic conditions, still needed to be confirmed in practice. The environment of hostility against civil society and other social forces, which related directly or indirectly to workers' rights, persisted and was characterised by the militarised political climate in the country.

### Progressive

The relationship between labour and civil rights could not be subject to a false dichotomy, as they were interdependent and one directly shaped or affected the other. Within the SAT-UCC and the rest of the international progressive trade union movement, it was clear that the convention concerned the rights of workers both as workers and as human beings. The speaker considered that the governments and employers of the SADC needed to honestly and consistently join the workers in their endeavour to free the region from workers' rights' violations.

# LAWYER MANENE THWALA BOWS TO KIRK PRESSURE

By Ackel Zwane

Manzini lawyer Manene Thwala did not pitch at the valuation court sitting at Matsapha Town Board chamber on Thursday after Matsapha businessman Tommy Kirk had moved that he recuses himself because he sat in the court and at the same time was a member of the valuation committee.

Immediately after swearing by oath Kirk reminded the valuation court before Magistrate Sindi Zwane that in the last sitting he had applied that Thwala should recuse himself from the case because he represented the town board at the valuation committee and therefore his contribution in the court would be biased towards the town board. Kirk is contesting the valuation of his properties by the town board, which include mainly portions of a farm in Matsapha within the precinct of the municipality.

"Because he sits in the committee I felt that he would be in conflict of interest."

However, Magistrate Zwane was quick to alert Kirk that Thwala was not present in court. She further explained the processes in terms of the law regarding conflict of interest and suggested that the court should proceed with the business of the day.

However Kirk reiterated that "I just wanted to portray the character we are dealing with, the character we have issues with in other matters pending before the courts."

He then submitted a number of court cases to the court, which Thwala and Kirk are contesting as part of the evidence for his moving that the lawyer should recuse himself.

The crux of the matter in the Kirk properties is that they bear different values and are categorised differently each time Kirk is billed and therefore he feels the Matsapha Town Board has a vendetta against him for being vocal in matters of interest to ratepayers and the valuation of properties. Kirk further challenges the manner in which his properties are described, contending that the farm in question agricultural land yet the town board had claimed at some point that it was small holding.

### Classification

The classification of the land under these categories has a bearing on the tariffs. Agricultural land is valued at 0.45% while smallholding is valued at 1.5%, which is about three times more than agricultural land.

"Be patient with me because there could be a farce as these properties were valued differently over a period of four years. For instance at one point it was claimed that the farm was equestrian which has to do with jockeys or someone who rides horses. I have cows and goats and no horses, not even a donkey on the farm." He then produced a definition of equestrian according to the Oxford Dictionary as part of the evidence.

"Mr Kirk let us try and identify issues. I gather that this is a valuation court on property and land. I gather these issues were raised with the municipality. I ordered the municipality that since you had objected they must send to you a

● Failed to turn up at valuation court sitting Thursday after Matsapha businessman Tommy Kirk had moved application that lawyer should recuse himself because of double interest



PRESSURE: Manzini lawyer Manene Thwala.

corrected version on the uses of the property so that we are together on that one, if it is now corrected," said Magistrate Zwane. Kirk however submitted that he hoped the valuator would provide a clear definition as to whether the property was agricultural land, open space or smallholding.

"This is not the first time they are giving different values to the property. In 2013 they even wrote me that they had 'intent' to get back at me. The property was incorporated in 2012 but to date some of the values go up to 2000%. Obviously the valuator must be getting information from the municipality regarding categorisation and that is why they have also written 'use' to try and rip us off over the years."

### Structure

Paul Malichi of Swaziland Realty Consultants said he was certain the municipality had to come up with the wording for the properties for a way forward. He said the municipality gave him a futuristic structure to work with hence the categorisation into open space, residential, commercial or industrial. He said he used comparable evidence from the same location therefore use or description did not have a bearing on the value hence he asked the owners of the properties to give the value as that of agriculture. However after giving examples of portions 692 and 693 where sales also took place, these being properties in the same location, Malichi agreed that if it was residential in Matsapha it would have changed to commercial or industrial category and the values would change. "But in this case we did not borrow the rates from the town."

Kirk interjected that "I said we were incorporated in 2012 and I've been in property in the industrial town for a long time but I have never come across such. Ours was not supposed to be an issue until I took other matters up and that is when they (municipality) came for me. You were harassed into something you did not know. We also have properties in Malkerns where one is agricultural land and another is residential. Look we are trying to produce food here and now the country is experienc-

ing the El Nino phenomenon and we don't have food in Swaziland and beef is highly treasured for its protein. We are only asking this court to consider the property in question as agricultural land because that is what it is used for and then value it accordingly. But you have confirmed that you were told what to do." Malichi insisted that he was only an independent valuer and was not told what to do. He said market value remained market value. "You can ask for my opinion and this was not because of zoning, we didn't compare it to something else except for the properties in the area. It is not that someone told me to use a particular rate. I am not disputing your opinion presented before the court."

"We are trying to find a solution to this. Can't we just map out a strategy because we are also here as properties owners to give way to urbanisation. We can't resist urbanisation but don't push us this way unless you want to expropriate our land. These people are like the weather, they change with time. I just want to portray that I can't be made to pay up to 2 000% in rates. The issue here is the valuation. Let us find a proper formula for urban farms with a view to incorporate farms into residential areas," Kirk suggested.

### Intervened

The magistrate intervened to say he picked that Malichi was furnished with wrong uses of the land hence the objection and therefore the municipality must produce the corrected uses. "Your argument is that these rates are not comparable because they are not the same. Are you suggesting a way forward with your own suggested values to consider or are you challenging these?"

"Thanks for admitting that the classification on use is wrong and there is a problem. In smallholding the properties attract different values and when you say residential it also has a different value. In some properties you find a kraal and I am not Inkandla to be valued in this manner. Work on the use, if it is agricultural it must be stated so but once you say it is a vacant plot it must be explained. Let us work together with the town board by finding a way of working things around."

After raising the argument Kirk however turned to declare to the court that he had already consolidated the properties and therefore the category of smallholding falls away. "I just wanted the court to know that Matsapha Town Board has been very vindictive towards me."

"I just wanted to help you (Malichi), let bygones be bygones. I am happy that more people are now seeing this. There is the KFC to the bridge road which cost the ratepayer E6 million but does not appear in the financials of the municipality. Most ratepayers do not know and the only one who knows it's me, maybe I shouldn't talk too much." "At one point the town board accused me of *ufusa tinyoni tami, utalufota lolumanti*." The matter returns to the valuation court on July 27.



# Catholic Church ventures into Swazi 'gold'

Stories by Sandile Nkambule

With the Roman Catholic Church growing in leaps and bounds, the church has now ventured into a multi-million Emalangeni sugarcane farming project.

Located at the heart of the Lubombo region, the project covers about 427 hectares at St. Philip's Mission under KaNgcamphalala chiefdom. Since the church is involved in social responsibility drives countrywide, the project is aimed at assisting in the church's quest to reach to the less privileged within the communities it serves in the four regions of the kingdom.

When the late King Sobhuza II gave land to the Roman Catholic Mission in all the corners of the kingdom, he did so very well knowing that the church played a pivotal role in developing the Swazi nation as it does not only spiritually heals the Swazi people, but also affords education to all through schools that have

been built.

Catholics have schools countrywide meeting Government halfway in making sure that Swazi children get education and do not travel long distances to school.

Visited by the Observer on Saturday team this week, it was gathered that the project now employs more than 60 people, depending on the time of production and more than 90 percent of the people are from the local community.

According to Sakhile Ndwandwe, a priest from the Catholic Church, the employees exclude people who were involved in the initial development of the project and those who will be involved during the harvesting period.

Ndwandwe explained that during the harvesting period, about 30 people would be engaged from the local community.

Since the project was initiated in 2015, this would be the first harvest as the Observer on Saturday found that part of the fields are almost ready for harvest.

● Partnership with Illovo Sugar, church ventures into sugar cane farming project at St Philips

● Sugarcane fields cover 427 hectares in the heart of the Lubombo region

Taking our team on a site seeing tour that lasted more than 30 minutes owing to the large scale of the fields, was the resident priest who said water is sourced from the Lubovane Dam, which supplies most of the sugar cane schemes within the region.

Ndwandwe said the church is not getting any financial assistance from any financial institution for the project. "The Church has been trying to farm the land and failing to make progress because of funding and lack of water, in trying to look for financial assistance from donors and local banking institutions, the church failed," Ndwandwe explained.

He said the project eventually kicked off last year after discussions with Illovo Ubombo Sugar Company.

## ...ILLOVO PUMPS IN E47M IN PARTNERSHIP

After failing to secure funding from donors and banking institutions, for a long period of time, the church engaged Big Bend's Ubombo Sugar Company, otherwise known as Illovo for as possible partnership in 2015.

After several discussions with Illovo which is one of the largest sugar producing companies in the country, funding was secured to the tune of E47 million.

Sakhile Ndwandwe explained that they moved from pillar to post trying to secure funding from local bankers and other financial institutions, but failed to secure same, until they engaged the company with the E47 million having a concessional repayment period, hence the project kicked off last year.

He stated that the total net area

covered by the sugar cane farming project is about 427 hectares.

"The project will enable the church to fund the social projects around the area, which shall include, but not limited to, chiefdoms comprising KaNgcamphalala, Ngudzeni and Madlenya," Ndwandwe said.

He said this is in line with the church's social responsibility drive since the church also reaches to the less privileged, catholic and non-catholic.

Situated about 200 metres from the mission, the sugar cane fields run along the Mhlathuze River with homesteads on the other end in the eastern part.

School children and residents walk in between the fields when travelling to and from school and the local busy shopping complex near the mission.



MISSION: Part of St. Philips Mission at Mhlathuze where the Roman Catholic Church has ventured into the Sugar Cane Farming project.



SWEET WALK: School children from St. Philips Primary walking back home through the sugar cane fields.

## Community elated at project

With unemployment hitting hard in the country, many community members around St. Philips are now able to put bread on the table as they have been employed by project.

The local community is happy with the Catholic Church, which has created job opportunities to the jobless. According to the local community, despite the sugarcane project, the church has done a lot for the community as some of their children are able to go to school through scholarships granted by the church through Caritas Swaziland.

"The project has brought smiles to many here as you can see, most people have been employed while others will also get jobs during the harvesting periods which is due anytime soon, if other churches would emulate the catholic community, the country would reach 2022," said a resident Sipho Gamedze.

The sugarcane farming project employs between 20 to 60 people depending on the time of production and more than 90 percent of the people are from the local community.



SWEET CATHOLICS: The Roman Catholic Church has ventured into a sugar cane farming project at St. Philips mission near Mhlathuze. In partnership with Ubombo Sugar company, the company pumped in E47 million for the church to kick start the project. (Pics Sandile Nkambule)



LARGE SCALE: A section of the sugar cane farming project for the Roman Catholic Church at St. Philips.



CANAL: One of the Canals to be used as part of irrigation.



CROSS ROADS: An intersection separating some of the sugar cane fields.





**PARTICIPANTS:** Members of Inner Councils during the workshop.



**BOSES:** Manzini Regional Commissioner Simon Mliilo, World vision's Programme Development Manager Bhekani Dlamini and Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba.



**REMARKS:** World Vision's Programme Development Manager, Bhekani Dlamini making his remarks.

The Royal Swaziland Police Service (RSPS) collaborated with World Vision in conducting an orientation workshop for Inner Council members (bandlancane) under Mkhweni and Mandlangempisi Tinkhundla on the Children's Protection Act and other legislations relative to their duties.

The orientation workshop which was sponsored by World Vision was held at Esibayeni Lodge from July 5 to 8, 2015.

#### Purpose

The purpose of the workshop which was themed "Bandlancane Sisekelo Sekuphepha Nekuvikeleka Kwesive" was to educate members of the Inner Council on various legislations including the Children's Protection Act.

It was also aimed at equipping them with the necessary leadership skills and defining their roles to avoid clashes with the Police in the execution of duties.

A total of eighty (80) inner council members drawn from chiefdoms under the Mkhweni and Mandlangempisi constituencies took part in this workshop which had facilitators from the Police Service, World Vision, Ministry of

Tinkhundla, Attorney General and Director of Public Prosecution offices.

Speaking during the official closing of the workshop on Friday July 8, Manzini Regional Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner of Police Mr. Simon Mliilo commended World vision for sponsoring the workshop for Inner Council Members as they form local governments within the vari-

ous Chiefdoms in the country. He stated that attaining His Majesty's 2022 vision requires that everyone should be actively involved in efforts aimed at developing the country. Chief Mdlaka Gamedze who was representing Manzini Regional Administrator stated that collaboration among all stakeholders is vital in the war against crime in the country.

He urged participants to ensure

that their communities set up goals and objectives that have a specific after which they can be evaluated. World Vision's Programme Development Manager, Bhekani Dlamini revealed that his organisation is committed to ensuring that every child has abundant life.

He urged participants to take the responsibility of identifying needy children so that they can be provided with the necessary assistance.

He further urged communities to ensure that children are not deprived of their land when parents die. Dlamini applauded the existing partnership between World Vision and the Police Service and further commended the latter for organising the workshop.

He challenged the Inner Council Members to share the knowledge obtained from the workshop with people in their communities.



**ATTENTIVE:** National Crime Prevention Coordinator Ms Sibongile Kunene and Madlangempisi Member of Parliament - Mandla Mdluli.



**RA's representative** Chief Mdlaka Gamedze, Manzini Regional Commissioner and World Vision's Programme Development Manager.



**STRESSING A POINT:** RA's representative Chief Mdlaka Gamedze making his remarks.

# POLICE SERVICE COLLABORATES WITH WORLD VISION

...in capacitating inner council members





## IN THE HIGH COURT OF SWAZILAND JUDGMENT

Case No.722/14

In the matter between:

Sarah B. Dlamini  
Applicant

AND

Martha Nokuthula Makhanya

1st Respondent

Jenneth Tholakele Sihlongonyane

2nd Respondent

Cecelia Geinaphi Makhanya

3rd Respondent

Registrar Of Births Marriages & Death

4th Respondent

Master Of The High Court

5th Respondent

The Attorney General

6th Respondent

Themba Dlamini

7th Respondent

Isaac Jiva Dlamini N.O.

8th Respondent

Neutral citation: Sarah B. Dlamini v Martha Nokuthula Makhanya & 7 Others (722/14 [2016] SZHC 112(8th July 2016)

Coram: M. Dlamini J

Heard: 5th July, 2016

Delivered: 8th July 2016

● dispute of facts on motion proceedings – Plascon-Evans Rule – referring matter to trial will not shift equilibrium – marriage regime – speculation or failure to institute divorce or report bigamy not proof that party was not married in terms of civil rites – children born of bigamous relationship not illegitimate –

**Summary:** The applicant seeks for a declaratory order against first, second and third respondents. She contends that prior to deceased marrying the said respondent in terms of Swazi law and custom, he had contracted a civil rites' marriage with her. The first, second and ninth respondents are ferociously contesting the application.

### Issue

[1] On the cumulative reading of the pleadings before me, the issue for determination is whether the deceased did contract a civil rites' marriage with the applicant. The main question for determination herein is whether the applicant was married to the deceased in terms of the civil rites. If the answer is yes, then what are the ramifications on the subsequent marriages in terms of the law?

### Point in limine

[2] The respondents have raised a point of law which is seriously opposed. They submit that the matter is infested with serious disputes of facts which can only be resolved on oral evidence.

### Legal principle on point of law

[3] The classic case of Plascon-Evans Paints (TVL) Ltd v Van Riebeck Paints (Pty) Ltd (53/84) [1984] ZASCA 51: [1984] (2) All SA 366 A [1984] (3) SA 623; [1984] (3) SA 620 (21 May 1984) which led to the Plascon-Evans Rule is very apposite to the issue at hand. The court cited de Villiers JP and Rosenon J in Stellenbosch Farmers Winery

(Pty) Ltd v Stellenbosch Farmers Winery (Pty) Ltd 1957 (4) SA 234 at paragraph J as follows:

"... where there is a dispute as to the facts, final interdict should only be granted in the notice of motion proceedings if the facts as stated by the respondents together with the admitted facts in the applicant's affidavits justify such an order ... Where it is clear that facts, though not formally admitted, cannot be denied, they must be regarded as admitted." (my emphasis)

[4] Sometimes the respondent may deny a fact alleged by the applicant. In such instance, the court is guided:

i) by the question of whether such denial raises "a real, genuine or bona fide dispute of fact", as it was so clarified in Room Hire Co. (Pty) Ltd v Jeppe Street Mansion (Pty) Ltd 1949 (3) S.A. 1155 at 1163-5; or

ii) the court may elect to call the deponent to the respondents' affidavit for cross examination provided an application by the respondent has been made;

iii) In deciding the application to call for cross examination, the court may examine the denials or allegations by respondents with a view to ascertaining whether they are not;

a) "far-fetched; or  
b) clearly untenable that the court may be justified in rejecting them." Botha AJA in Associated South African Bakeries (Pty) Ltd v Oryx & Vereinigte Backereien (Pty) Ltd And Andere 1982 (3) SA 893.

iv) The court may consider the application by inquiring as to whether referring the matter to trial will shift the equilibrium.

### Determination

[5] I have carefully read the founding affidavit and more particularly the answering affidavits filed by the first, second and ninth respondents (respondents) who elected to oppose the applicant's application. It is my considered view that the respondents base their opposition on two grounds I intend to fully demonstrate.

[6] Firstly, the respondents dispute that the applicant was ever married to the deceased in terms of the common law regime. They contend that applicant and deceased married each other under Swazi law and custom as can be seen from the following:

"4. According to my knowledge and belief, the applicant was married to the deceased in terms of Swazi law and custom." (as asserted by first respondent).

"20. According to the best of my knowledge and belief, she was married to the deceased according to Swazi law and custom as well." (by second respondent)

[7] Second respondent similarly avers that deceased could not have contracted a marriage in terms of the civil rites as he demonstrated hatred of such marriage and further at a meeting held in his lawyers' office over the question whether or not he had married, applicant in terms of civil rites, deceased denied the same. She then states at paragraph 3 page 46: "I am only aware that applicant was married in terms of Swazi law and custom."

[8] There is another affidavit filed in this matter. It is titled: "opposing affidavit" by one

Linah Loziga Magagula (born Dlamini). The basis for Linah to file this affidavit in this manner is not clear because she is not cited as a party to the proceedings. However, second respondent did refer to her in her answering affidavit. I will assume that this opposing affidavit was intended to be a confirmatory affidavit although it is not so couched in its body. I will nonetheless consider it as applicant did not object to it. She too attests that applicant was married in terms of Swazi law and customs. She repeats first and second respondents' attestation in support of the view that applicant and deceased married under Swazi law and custom.

### Eighth respondent

[9] Eighth respondent applied to join issue. His application was granted by consent of the parties. He is described as an executor following a will executed by deceased. Like first, second respondents and Linah, he asserts that applicant was married in terms of Swazi law and custom. The reason advanced are that applicant never contended during the lifetime of deceased that she was married in terms of civil rites. Applicant also did not challenge deceased for marrying first, second and third respondents.

[10] I now turn to the second ground for opposing applicant's application as contended by the respondents. First respondent contends: "Besides accepting me, the applicant condoned the deceased's action of taking more wives and this is evidenced by the fact that she never instituted divorce proceedings."

[11] Second respondent similarly attest:

"Applicant did not issue legal proceedings for divorce throughout the lifetime of deceased. If indeed the civil rites marriage lasted for 53 years and Applicant concealed it therefore the conclusion that Applicant embraced and accepted polygamy is an irresistible conclusion. She effectively condoned what deceased did in marrying the three wives and having children therefrom." (my emphasis)

[12] She repeats at paragraph 3.7 page 48: "I deny the contents of this paragraph, and aver that Applicant condoned the relationships and had embraced polygamy as a way of life in the Dlamini household."

[13] The depositions highlighted above show that applicant condoned deceased's breach. What was this breach? It was a breach in terms of the contract that applicant intends to uphold viz. the civil marriage. Effectively respondents are saying there was a civil rites marriage and applicant condoned deceased's action of breaching it by concluding marriages in terms of Swazi law and custom. I say this because respondent would not argue the presence of condonation in the absence of any admission to the existence of the civil rites marriage. Condonation presupposes the existence of a contract and in casu, it is the civil rites marriage.

[14] I have already pointed out that the only factual finding that the court needs to establish in this matter is whether the applicant was married to the deceased in terms of civil rites. The rest turn on the position of the law. Having demonstrated that the respondents themselves in their own answering affidavits admit that applicant was married under civil rites, there is nothing that is disputed as a fact. This means there is no real and bona fide dispute of fact



**ESTATE DISPUTE:** The late Phakama Bus Services owner Richard Themba Dlamini.

and therefore the matter should not be referred to oral evidence. In the words of Plascon-Evans Rule, the equilibrium shall not be shifted by referring the matter to trial.

### The merits

**Did the applicant contract a common law regime marriage?**

[15] The applicant asserts that she was married to the deceased Richard Themba Dlamini in terms of common law marriage on 5th August 1960. The certificate of marriage is attached to her founding affidavit. I have already highlighted the answers by respondents to the applicant's sworn statement.

[16] The respondents have taken two views. They assert that applicant was married to deceased in accordance with Swazi law and custom. They also attest to applicant's condoning deceased action thereby effectively admitting the existence of a civil rites' marriage. In other words, they are saying the marriage is non-existent and at the same time saying it is existing. These two grounds are opposite to each other. They are mutually destructive. They cannot hold. It is for this reason that we say in law a party cannot approbate and reprobate at the same time. In the language of Justinian "ambigua responno contra proferetum est accipienda" (an ambiguous answer is to be taken against him who offers it). For this reason alone respondents' submissions stand to fall.

[18] Second respondent pointed out that at one time deceased was asked by his attorneys, now my brother, the Justice of this court, as "to whether or not the deceased had married applicant by civil rites" and deceased denied this." By reason that this question was directed to deceased on the marriage regime, and not just about any of the wives but specifically applicant's type of marriage, it appears to me that this matter was a bone of contention even during the lifetime of the deceased. The affidavit filed by my brother Mlangeni J who was then deceased's attorney, confirms this as he deposed:

"One of the many instructions I had from him was to draft a will. At this stage I had become aware that there was a dispute regarding the marital regime of his first marriage. In one of the consultations we had at his home at Mahlanga, I specifically asked him whether his first marriage was by Civil Rites or in terms of Swazi Law and Custom. He unequivocally stated that his first marriage was in terms of Swazi Law and Custom. His first



# ON LATE PHAMAKA'S WIVES DISPUTE



**RULING: High Court Judge Mumcy Dlamini.**

wife is the Applicant." (my emphasis)

[19] The averment that applicant's marriage regime was never an issue during the lifetime of deceased flies on the face of respondents in view of the above deposition. It is not clear therefore why respondents, together with Linah say that they learnt for the first time that applicant was married to deceased under civil rites' marriage when they were in the offices of fifth respondent. If ever they did, it is then evidence that they did not know the deceased very well which is contrary to what they firmly attested to in their affidavits. Now that the applicant has produced evidence of her marriage viz. marriage certificate, the matter which commenced during the lifetime of deceased stands to rest.

## Condonation

[20] Having found that applicant was married under common law, the question is not whether applicant did condone the deceased's subsequent action of marrying the first, second and third respondents but whether the action of deceased could be condoned in terms of the law.

## Marriage regime

[21] The applicant asserts that she was married in terms the Marriage Proclamation under Chapter 133 of the Laws of Swaziland. Section 10 which stipulates:

"10. Any person who is married, whether such marriage took place within or without the Territory, and who enters into a second marriage before the dissolution of the first, shall be punished with imprisonment not exceeding three years."

[22] Subsequent to chapter 133 section 10, in 1964 the legislature in Swaziland enacted the Marriage Act No. 47 of 1964. Chapter 133 was therefore no longer operative in the Kingdom. This new piece of legislation carried similar provisions as the Marriage Proclamation, Chapter 133.

[23] Swaziland recognises two forms of marriage regimes, namely civil rites' marriage and the marriage in terms of Swazi law and custom. This position is inferred from section 7 of the Marriage Act No. 47/1964 (the Act) which reads:

## "Person already married."

● 7. (1) No person already legally married may marry in term this Act during the subsistence of the marriage, irrespective of whether

that previous marriage was in accordance with Swazi Law and Custom or civil rites and any person who purports to enter into such a marriage shall be deemed to have committed the offence of bigamy: Provided that nothing contained in this section shall prevent parties married in accordance with Swazi law and custom or other rites from re-marrying one another in terms of this Act.

● (2) No person married in terms of this Act shall, during the subsistence of the marriage, purport to contract a legally recognized ceremony of marriage with any person other than the lawful spouse of the first-named person.

● (3) Any person who contravenes subsection (2) shall be deemed to have committed the offence of bigamy."

[24] Section 7's promulgation is to the effect that parties intending to contract a marriage may, among themselves marry under both regimes. The section prohibits a party who is married under the civil rites regime to marry a third party under any of the regimes. It however allows a man married under Swazi law and custom to marry another woman in terms of the same regime. In other words, the Act recognises that our jurisdiction is patriarchal in terms of Swazi law and custom marriage only as it provides for polygamy.

[25] Turning to the case in casu, Linah Loziga Magagula (Linah) attested that applicant was married to the deceased in terms of Swazi law and custom where applicant was smeared with red ochre during her traditional wedding. First, second and eighth respondents attested similarly. However, a material averment is lacking and that is the date of the said marriage.

This date would assist the court in determining whether the applicant's together with the first, second and third respondents' alleged Swazi law and custom were concluded prior to the 5th August, 1960.

If this was the case, it would have meant that the marriage of the 5th August 1960 to the applicant would have been invalid in terms of section 7 of the Act. However, this is not the evidence before me. I must pose to mention though that from reading the entire answering affidavit, the respondents could not testify of the date of the said Swazi law and customs marriage by applicant because the basis upon which they assert that applicant was married under customary law is mere speculation. For instance, they say that if applicant was married under common law, she would have filed for divorce and would not have accepted their wedding gifts or would have absented herself from their own traditional weddings and etcetera.

[26] I therefore accept that applicant was married to the deceased on 5th August 1960 as supported by the certificate of marriage filed herein. I note that eighth respondent has alluded to the certificate as "fraudulent". Eighth respondent's assertion stands to be rejected for a number of reasons. Firstly, the reference to fraudulent is not asserted with precision but so stated in passing as he puts it as follows: "I wish to highlight that it is applicant that caused the confusion by submitting a fraudulent civil rites' marriage certificate at the next of kin."

[27] Further, no further averments are stated which support such bold allegation. Eighth respondent fails to shed light on how, where, when and by whom was the certificate subjected to fraud. Eighth respondent's averments in this regard stands to fall.

[28] Second respondent alleged some irregu-

larities on the face of the certificate. For instance, that the certificate does not reflect the full name of the marriage officer except to state that it was S. Papin; is without designation order; is silent as regards the law governing the proprietary consequences; and it fails to show the order of marriage.

[29] It is my considered view that the discrepancies, if at all, pointed out by the second respondent, do not vitiate the marriage that took place on the 5th August 1960. Applicant's application is further fortified by annexure at page 14 which is a certificate copy of entries to the Register of Marriage. This certificate copy is evidence that on 30th September 1993, a date ex facie appearing on it, the civil rites' marriage between applicant and deceased was registered in the register held by Government for that purpose. At any rate, applicant secured an affidavit from the Priest confirming applicant's marriage in terms of the civil rites.

[30] The averment that applicant ought to have protested, filed for divorce or laid a charge of bigamy against the deceased also has no bearing on the fact that applicant contracted a civil rites' marriage with the deceased. Although not so expressly stated, it appears to me that the respondents are raising estoppel. Ebersohn J. in *Swaziland Sugar Association vs Eis Marketing (Pty) Ltd* (1974/04) [2006] SZHC 148 at para 25 pointed out as follows: "The person who pleads estoppel has to establish that he acted on the faith of a representation made to him by the representor and that, in doing so, he altered his position to his detriment."

[32] Addressing a similar point F. X. Rooney J as he then was, having found that the subsequent marriage was null and void and the stated: "The first applicant is prima facie guilty of the crime of bigamy and now seeks to undo his own unlawful act."

[33] The learned Judge then cited the English case of *Hayward* as follows:

"It seems to me that it would be contrary to all principle if a ceremony which is by definition null and void could be converted into something valid and binding and capable of conferring status by the act or inaction of a party to it. It would surely be remarkable as a proposition of law if this court were to be prevented from declaring the truth, namely that a marriage is bigamous, and so correcting the status of the parties to it and of their dependents merely because one or both of them has chosen to assert its validity or because one of them failed to dispute or has concurred in the assertion of its validity by the other." (my emphasis)

[34] *Simelane v Simelane and Others* (NVLL) [1997] SZHC 69 (06 June 1997) Dunn J had a share on this subject as he articulated: "Once it is accepted that a marriage that is null and void ab initio is a non-existent marriage, which does not require a formal act of annulment to deprive it of effect, it is difficult to see why the guilty party should be precluded from having this proclaimed by the court. On the contrary, it clearly in the public interest that the question whether or not there is a marriage should be settled once for all, never mind at whose instance.

Status is, by its very nature, indivisible: there is a marriage or there is not. The application of estoppels to a void marriage would lead to the absurd result that a marriage could be both existent and non-existent: existent as far as those are concerned who are estopped from asserting its validity; non-existent as against the

world. I am, with respect, in agreement with the views expressed by the learned author.

There is further, the rule referred to by Mr. Khumalo that public policy does not permit estoppels to operate in circumstances where its application would produce a result not permitted by law. See Rabie, *THE SOUTH AFRICAN LAW OF ESTOPPEL* p105. The defence of estoppels is not open to the 1st respondent in this case." (my emphasis)

[35] In the final analysis, the marriages between the deceased, first, second and third respondents are null and void ab initio by reason that they are bigamous in terms of section 7 of the Act. It would be remiss of me not to point out the arbuter words of Dunn J in *Simelane* (supra) at page 4:

"The rule that a marriage which is null and void ab initio is without legal effect and cannot be ratified in subject to a number of exceptions, one of these being the case of putative marriage. If the requirement for such a marriage are met, certain of the effects of a valid marriage may attach to it. For example, the court may, on application, declare the children born of the marriage to be legitimate."

[36] I must point out that in casu, the children born of first, second and third respondents are legitimate by virtue of section 31 of our Constitution (2005) which abolishes the status of illegitimacy over children.

[37] The rights of the children born out of the union with deceased and the first, second and third respondents are not adversely affected by the finding of this court to the effect that their mothers' marriages to the deceased are null and void. In fact, in terms of section 31 of the Constitution, the children of the first, second and third respondents from deceased enjoy the same status as that of applicant.

[38] By no means in terms of the preceding paragraph do I pronounce by inference on the rights of the first, second and third respondents over their proprietary rights. Dunn J in *Simelane* supra also pointed with regards to putative marriages, "Application may also be made to court for orders relating to the property rights of the parties" subject of course to proving that the marriage was putative. That is not the case before me.

[39] In the above cumulative circumstances, I therefore enter the following orders:

1. Applicant's application succeeds;
2. The purported marriages between the late Richard Themba Dlamini to first, second and third respondents are bigamous and therefore hereby declared null and void ab initio;
3. Fourth respondent is hereby directed to expunge all entries in the marriage register in respect of the late Richard Themba Dlamini and first, second and third respondents;
4. Costs of suit to be paid from Estate late Richard Themba Dlamini.

**M. DLAMINI  
JUDGE**

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## CORRECTIONAL WHEEL



# MACMILLAN A COMMITTED PARTNER IN CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

His Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase has expressed deepest appreciation that exists between MacMillan Swaziland and the Correctional Services. Ntshangase said the partnership sets a good example of the benefits of a Public Private Partnership initiative which allows diverse interests of different sectors to be harnessed for the collective good hence the cooperation between the two entities continues to play a major role in the improvement of rehabilitation programmes for offenders.

Ntshangase mentioned this during a donation of books worth E41000.00 to HMCS by MacMillan Swaziland. The presentation took place this week at the Correctional Staff College in Matsapha where Commissioner Phindile Dlamini received the donation from MacMillan CEO Busi Simelane on behalf of the Commissioner General. The donation was two fold. The first consignment worth E20 000.00 was donated towards inmates education mainly at the Matsapha Centre.

The other donated books worth E21 000.00 went to the Correctional Staff College library to be used by recruits while pursuing their training programme at the college. Ntshangase thanked MacMillan for the donation and noted that it will go a long way in strengthening inmates' rehabilitation programmes particularly the education part which is fraught with acute shortage of resources.

## Education

Whilst the department has positively identified education as playing an integral part in the rehabilitation of inmates, Ntshangase highlighted that lack of resources in the form of text books, teaching materials, class rooms, funds for financing examinations and other tuition needs for inmate students remained a serious challenge in the success of this initiative.

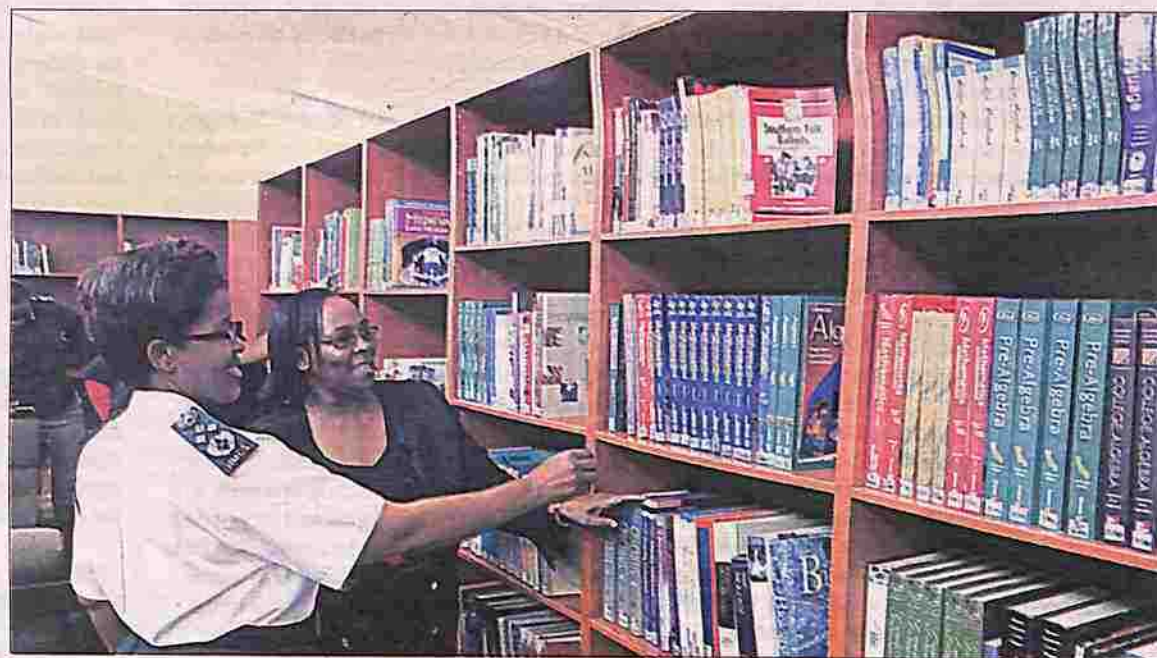
The shortage of text books force learners to share resources amongst themselves or with their teachers during lessons. He was very optimistic that the situation will improve following the donation of the new text books.

Ntshangase also thanked the company for the books donated towards the libraries as learners will be able to visit these resource centres to select reading materials of their choice so as to improve their education skills and knowledge on different issues of life. He said some of the books found at the libraries support inmates rehabilitation process through empowering them with reading skills, information on employment opportunities, community re-entry, life skills, basic literacy etc.

MacMillan CEO, Busi Simelane also expressed appreciation to the



**DONATION:** Commissioner Phindile Dlamini who represented the Commissioner General accepting the donated books from Macmillan CEO Busi Simelane.



**THE LIBRARY:** Commissioner General's representative Phindile Dlamini and Macmillan CEO Busi Simelane at the Correctional Staff College library.

partnership between the two organisations and described it as a very profound one since it is based on the principles of promoting education and knowledge which is the key responsibility of her company.

## Opportunity

She thanked the Commissioner General for enabling her organisation an opportunity to contribute to the transformation of offenders into productive citizens through the sponsorship of books and other library related materials.

She explained that MacMillan Swaziland decided to sow her resources into this venture due to the outstanding passion displayed by the department in promoting of education for inmates particularly children in conflict with the law as witnessed at the Vulamasango School. The CEO stated that as a

private company, it was their responsibility to help government improve the economy through investing in the education of citizens. MacMillan did not only sponsor Vulamasango School with book materials but further provided furniture for the library where the books are stored.

This project has given birth to subsidiary libraries at Mawelawela Women Correctional Centre and at the Malkerns Young Persons Correctional Centre. The libraries are operated by qualified librarians. Simelane mentioned that the continuous impressive records on academic performance and on extra-curricular activities are some of the things that inspired her company to extend the sponsorship to other correctional centres.

'We were happy to see that the

library at Vulamasango School has been put to good use.

## Learnt

This is evident through the impressive academic records', she said. Simelane said her company also learnt of the shortage of learning materials for inmates students in the others centres mainly at the Matsapha Correctional Centre. They then decided to donate books for core subjects such as mathematics, science, SiSwati, English and two optional subjects, accounts and business studies to benefit learners.

The Commissioner thanked the company for the support and encouraged inmates to take their studies seriously to improve the quality of their lives post prison. In the same breadth, Ntshangase encouraged officers and college trainees to use the reading materials



**HAPPY:** His Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase has expressed deepest appreciation to the growing partnership that exists between MacMillan Swaziland and the Correctional Services.

donated by MacMillan at the Staff College library to develop themselves educationally in order to be productive at work and life in general.

Apart from the Vulamasango School offering formal education to children in conflict with the law and children from neighbouring communities, hundreds of inmates in the different centres are currently pursuing their studies in different levels of the education system. Whilst current enrolment at Vulamasango School stands at 465 learners, the number of inmates pursuing education studies in the different centres is above 200.

## Skills

They begin their education journey from Basic Education where they are taught basic English and SiSwati writing skills and numeracy, to read, write and be able to count and do personal budgeting.

The other step is Post Basic Education level which prepares learners for the None Upper Primary Level (NUPE). This is equivalent to the Grade Seven course. Apart from the learners doing studies at NUPE level, there are also learners pursuing their education at high school levels; form 3 and form 5 and will seat for their final exams as private candidates. In Matsapha alone there are 77 inmates currently enrolled for education. Out of the 77 learners, 4 candidates in STD Five, 10 in Form Three and 7 in Form Five will sit for their final examinations this year.



# Analysis & Opinion

## Editor's Pen



WITH: Alec Lushaba

Observer On Saturday Editor

In 2002, the late Senator Themba Richard Dlamini, otherwise popularly known as Phakama, was amongst the staunch traditionalists who was vocal against the planned purchase of the Bombardier Global Express State Jet.

I remember him for that.

But 14 years later and about three years after his death, we are still talking about him. This time around it pertains to the court challenge by his first wife Sarah, who as we all now know, successfully filed an application against Dlamini's three other wives as bigamous and unlawful.

Her major defence is that she was married through civil rites to the deceased on August 5, 1960 at the Catholic Church in Mbabane.

She proved it by submitting her valid marriage certificate to the court.

No one within the Dlamini family disputes that Sarah was indeed the first wife of the deceased, even though arguments have been advanced in court disputing the civil rites marriage.

But without any other evidence brought before court other than the marriage certificate from Sarah, the court ruled in her favour.

But today, I want to argue the case for the three other wives on behalf of the late Senator, who all of a sudden despite having been married through customary law, are now considered to have been in an invalid union or marriage.

Dlamini's senior wife is within her rights to do what she did, but I would like to challenge the court in this matter to have viewed this matter differently.

Firstly, the bigamous and unlawfulness of Dlamini's marriages to his three other wives did not occur at the time of his death.

Further, I want to argue that all his other three wives were not married on the same date or even year.

So I am saying therefore, the first day Phakama took the second wife, Nokuthula Makhanya of Mchaphozini (1983), Sarah should have raised the flag and ran to court to challenge this union. We have no record that she challenged it neither did she advance that argument in court.

Then she was quiet again when Dlamini, her wedded husband, married through Swazi law and custom Jenneth Tholakele Sihlongonyane of Makhanya and the fourth wife, Cecelia Gcinaphi Makhanya of Ezulwini.

To me this says Sarah accepted that her marriage in civil rites was no longer valid and had in fact been reduced into customary marriage.

This I say because she never challenged Dlamini then and therefore cannot turn around today to claim the three other marriages were null and void.

If such were to be allowed, we would say, her actions are not motivated by her argu-

ment of having been married to the late through civil rites but by greed in that she now wants to be the sole beneficiary of her late husband's estate.

### Injustice

If this judgment were to be allowed to prevail, it would be injustice to the three other wives, who have contributed morally and otherwise to Phakama's estate and for the kind of man their husband became.

It cannot therefore be that a 54-year-old marriage certificate can all of a sudden change the set-up of the entire family. For all his active and gainful years, everyone, including his wives and children, accepted that their father was polygamous and in lawful union with his wives.

Not even the judge's assertion that the children would not be affected by this judgment when it comes to the estate, attempts to heal the wounds created by this civil rites marriage certificate.

It cannot be that the lives of the now so-called illegal wives can be at the mercy of their children.

This judgment, if allowed to stand, is messy and contradicts everything Swazi law and custom stands for.

The certificate that Sarah produced in court

was a civil rites marriage, not a Roman Catholic Church marriage certificate, as she tried to argue that as Catholics they are not allowed to divorce.

### Contravenes

In civil rites marriage, there is divorce in an event one party contravenes their marriage vows.

The late Phakama can argue that he too had no intention to separate with his first wife despite that they had some differences hence he proceeded to take other wives, a situation Sarah accepted and permitted.

Dlamini could argue his move to marry not one but three other women after Sarah was a clear indication that he did not want to be bound by the civil rites marriage agreement, something his first wife did not have a problem with.

One would implore the office of the attorney general to pursue this matter to the supreme Court, where a determination on the status of the three wives will be clearly defined, taking into account their constitutional rights.

If the office of the AG could take a matter of a private citizen, Bhoyane du Pont in his case against the Swaziland Building Society to defend individual's property rights, surely Majahenkhaba Dlamini can, irrespective of

the judge who issued the judgment, take this Swazi law and custom issue to appeal.

It cannot be that one can decide not to challenge the existence of bigamy and unlawfulness nature of her marriage whilst her husband is still alive but be allowed to take advantage of the situation once one partner dies.

Justice calls for a review of this situation and that if Sarah remained quiet about her rights whilst her husband was still alive, she must live with the consequences of her non-actions.

If we objected strongly to the Sibusiso Shongwe and Michael Ramodibedi styled estate policy, I see no reason why this judgment cannot be challenged on human rights grounds.

One is not averse to civil rites marriages per se, but Swazi law and custom should not be made inferior and its points must be argued fairly and not be dismissed on the basis that someone happens to produce a paper that says she was married first.

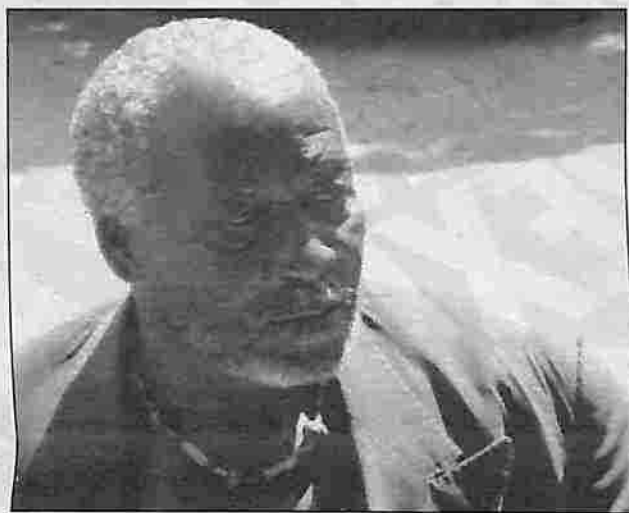
Yes, we accept that she was married first through civil rites but she decided to forgo all her rights the day she allowed the three other marriages to go on uncontested.

She was not going to argue for divorce as she puts it, but would have challenged the basis of her late husband's actions on the basis of their marriage certificates.

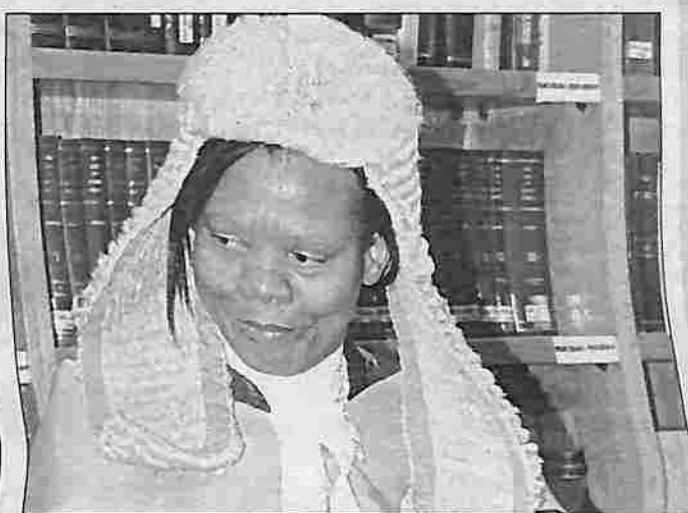
No one said Phakama wanted a divorce, but only changing the rules of the game on the basis of their situation as it existed then, Period!

## IF SEN. PHAKAMA WAS STILL ALIVE

...what he would have told Judge Mumsy Dlamini in the case brought by his first wife Sarah



NO REST IN PEACE: The late Senator Themba Richard Dlamini.



MESSY VERRDICT: Judge Mumsy Dlamini.



## AFRICA INSIGHT

KEY DEVELOPMENTS  
ACROSS AFRICA

...Mapping out the impact of surprise Brexit vote four days after the announcement of the result of Britain's referendum on leaving the European Union (EU), what can we say about Brexit's impact on Africa?



On June 23, British voters participated in a referendum in which the question was: "Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?"

The 'Leave' campaign secured 51.9 percent of the vote, in contradiction to poll projections which had suggested a marginal victory for the 'Remain' camp.

Turnout was 71.8 percent, meaning more than 30 million Britons cast their vote. The surprise result catapulted global financial markets into turmoil, weighing on risk assets in the wake of the shock to confidence, leaving analysts and traders to recalibrate economic and financial models amid heightened uncertainty about the path ahead.

Strictly speaking 'Brexit' refers to Britain actually leaving the EU, which will not happen for some years at least, but in what follows the word is used to refer to the referendum result and the uncertainty it has provoked.

Short-term impact on the immediate impact on Africa was largely contained to the continent's most sophisticated market, South Africa, weighing on both the fragile rand and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE).

Due to the depth of liquidity and range of financial market instruments, South Africa is viewed as a liquid risk proxy for the sub-Saharan African (SSA) region. By contrast, external spill-over effects to the rest of the continent were considerably more muted and largely contained to the more liquid sovereign credit and currency forward agreements.

Still, volatile global risk sentiment and systemic risk concerns brought forth anxieties with regard to the potential impact on Africa in the wake of the unprecedented Brexit vote.

In our view, the direct impact of Brexit on Africa will be contained to the forex and financial markets over the short term.

This will primarily filter through to the real economy via the indirect impact of global risk sentiment on commodity prices, impacting the balance of payments and the monetary system, and implying that the upside risks to inflation have increased on account of exchange rate pass-through.

This pertains in particular to the case of South Africa, where we were already expecting continued monetary policy tightening. Thin liquidity conditions and idiosyncratic risks limited the immediate impact of global market malaise on African financial assets, although we anticipate increased volatility in the spot and forward rates of commodity price-sensitive local units.

We view the currencies most at risk from external headwinds as the Zambian kwacha, the Angolan kwanza, and the Ghanaian cedi.

In turn, the CFA franc zone, under the two common monetary unions (the Central African Economic and Monetary Community, CEMAC, and the West African Economic and Monetary Union, WAEMU) is implicitly vulnerable to EU developments via the impact on the euro exchange rate.

CEMAC and WAEMU peg their currencies to the euro at the same rate. In recent sessions, the impact on the Zambian kwacha was mitigated by cyclical factors as tax obligations brought about an increase in forex supply.

In addition, the price of the red metal found reprieve as markets started to expect that US monetary policy will turn more dovish; this has weighed on the dollar index, and this has aided copper futures in recent sessions.

Nonetheless, in our view the kwacha remains vulnerable to spill over effects from Brexit via the copper price, considering the red metal's position as barometer of global risk sentiment due to its prevalence in industrial processes.

Heightened global risk aversion, via the risk sensitive copper price, will weigh on the kwacha (in our view on forward rates more than the spot rate) during the latter half of the year.

The oil price fell by 8.3 percent from polling day until Monday, June 27. Depending on political developments, market uncertainty may continue weigh on the oil price, and as a result we estimate that forex tail risks have increased in both Angola and Ghana.

Both countries struggle with structural twin deficits, which introduce a structural

bearish bias to the local currency units, exacerbated by cyclical stressors and eroding foreign buffers.

Angola has already allowed for substantial pass-through of balance-of-payments pressure to the monetary environment via a successive of large devaluations in recent

months.

While the oil exporter has requested financial and technical support from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), we anticipate that further devaluations may be on the cards should global demand for crude oil fall substantially below market expectations.

As for Ghana, our baseline expectation is for a pick-up of volatility in the cedi during the latter half of the year on account of rising exogenous problems and the apex bank's reduced ability to intervene on the forex market.

That said, we estimate that forwards priced in a too-large depreciation, and project that by the end of the year the local unit will be trading just below GH¢4.1/\$.

This is in consideration of another tranche of IMF funds under the \$918m three-year agreement and syndicated loan inflows aimed at the cocoa sector by October, partially counterweighed by lower sovereign credit inflows.

Risk to the Kenyan shilling come from the shock to global confidence, extensive trade links between Kenya and the UK, and a decline in the domestic real interest rate, but we think tepid trading activity and conservative central bank liquidity management will keep the shilling's depreciation modest in H2.

We anticipate that the shilling will trade at around KSh106.95/\$ by year-end. The renegotiation of trade deals may however add to structural depreciatory pressure on the shilling, and a lower UK growth trajectory may oscillate on Kenyan soil due to reduced demand for Kenyan export products.

In addition to the impact of confidence erosion on commodity prices, we anticipate that de facto tightening of financial conditions may impede the attainment of sovereign credit targets of fiscally-fragile African countries.



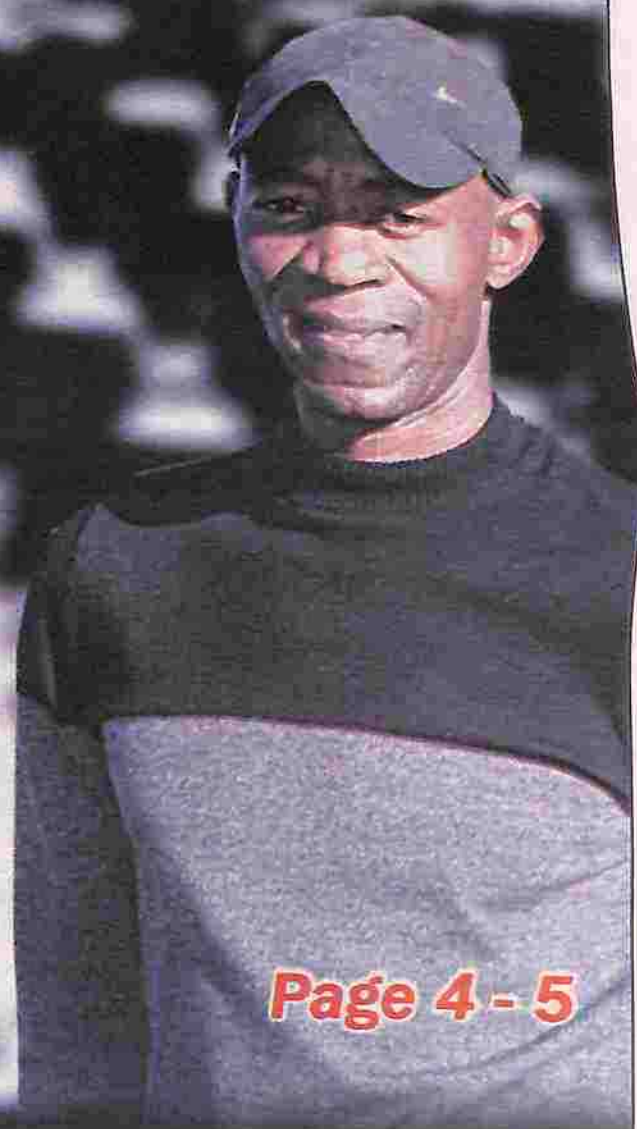


# Lifestyle & Entertainment



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## GOD FATHER OF THE DECKS



## WRITER'S NOTE

With Phumelele Mkhonta



Before I got into the journalism industry I never realised how writing is actually an art, in essence; sometimes you are so motivated and your hands just keep on tapping on that keyboard. At times you just need a muse and in the least of times you need to put down that pen and go get a breather. And yes, this past weekend I kind of got a breather at the Hipnotik Festival.

It was just as I had anticipated; hip/hop... hip/hop... hip/hop. Although the South African acts almost spoiled the party by only performing in the morning, it was epic fun.

In this week's issue I just want to take you guys back to the day; where being behind the decks was a very rare trade. I linked up with Swazi God Father of the decks DJ Xtra Luv. He has been around the entertainment scene for close to two decades now and he will fully elaborate on his experience.

Who doesn't want glowing skin? Thanks to beautiful 'Swazi' a woman who will be share tips on how to acquire and retain radiant, even glowing skin.

This week, Tiara pours out her heart on how she wishes she experienced fatherly love. She questions whether men are capable of loving.

Hope you enjoy reading this issue and please keep warm!

I'm out!



# SKIN CARE

## ... ACCORDING TO SWAZI...

It is generally known that beauty emanates from clear, radiant, even glowing skin.

It is every woman's dream (even some men) to have an untainted skin; all day, and every day.

We are in an era where beauty and skin care is everything; we are becoming more cautious of how we present ourselves. Skin care as a routine daily procedure can assist to prevent skin which is too dry or too moist, as well as incontinence-associated dermatitis and skin injuries. Skincare is essential for the treatment of wounds, radiation therapy, as well as the health and well being of the elderly and neonates.

L&E had the opportunity to discuss skin-care regimes with the beautiful Nomaswazi 'Swazi' Mkhonta who is an Accounting student. Her skin is always glowing and we ought to take a few tips from her.

"Honestly, I just believe in using unscented soaps (sunlight) to wash the face at least twice a day; in the morning and at night. And it is essential that one uses a face moisturiser every time after each wash. Some people with fatter pockets may also utilise the three-step products (face wash,

moisturiser and toner), preferably the more purer forms of products like



Johnsons and Garnier.

"I protest against using heavy make-up as the skin does not get to breathe; for the day a little powder is better than heavier make-up for the night is allowed," informed Swazi.

The beauty also elaborated that ladies should learn to use makeup brands that are reputable and have been on our shelves for a while. "I personally use Maybelline powder and eyeliner, then for my lips its MAC all the way," she emphasised.

Swazi is totally against skin bleaching as she believes it is terrible for the skin.

"I have seen and observed people who bleach(ed) their skin. In the long run there are bad repercussions. I have seen many with blotched and dark skin, especially under the eyes. Believe me you will eventually look 20years older. Embrace your skin colour and take care of it as naturally as you can," protested Swazi against skin bleaching.

She encouraged ladies to live a healthy lifestyle in order to retain beautiful skin.

"Drink a lot of water, eat vegetables and exercise.

Also, reduce alcohol intake and smoking as this does damage to your skins texture and composition. What I mean is drinking is not a problem but it should not be an everyday kind of lifestyle, it spoils the skin," giggled Swazi.

By Phumelele Mkhonta

## Swazi..





## SA Celebrity News



### Teen claims Zuma is her 'blesser'

The Presidency will look into the origin of a series of photographs posted on social media that show a young woman kissing a man who appears to be President Jacob Zuma.

The pictures were circulated on social media on Wednesday.

"We will check the matter,"

Presidency spokesperson Bongani Ngqulunga said. A 19-year-old woman

called Lindokuhle Dlamini posted a series of selfies of herself with the president on Tuesday. She captioned it: "He is not just a blesser, we are inlove and I am grateful for all that he has done for me, much love. Xo xo." A blesser, or sugar daddy, is an older man who gives a younger woman money or gifts in exchange for sex. Her Facebook account has since been deleted. *Move Magazine*

### Somizi to donate 30 designer suits

If you ever thought Somizi was self-centred, than think again.

The larger than life TV personality has shown the world his softer side when he announced he'll be giving away 30 of his designer suits to underprivileged teenage boys to wear to their matric dance in the spirit of Mandela day.

Somgaga took to social media to explain that he'll kick start his Mandela day by sharing some of his

designer clothes with the public.

Somizi will donate 30 designer suits that he's worn to previous events.

"Mandela day is around the corner. Last year I started a raise a matric dance dress campaign. My aim was to raise 67 dresses. Ended up getting 300 dresses for girls around the country. This year is like to grow the campaign by also raising 67 suits for matric boys.

I'll start with myself. I'm giving away 30 of my suits I've won on previous events. I'll give to boys size 28 to 32."

Somgaga also challenged some of his high profiled friends including the likes of Jimmy Tau, Andile Neube, Tbo Touch, DJ Tira, Trevor Noah and others to donate a suit too.

"I'm challenging my friends to bring theirs." *Move Magazine*

### Pearl Thusi takes US TV by storm with her new role

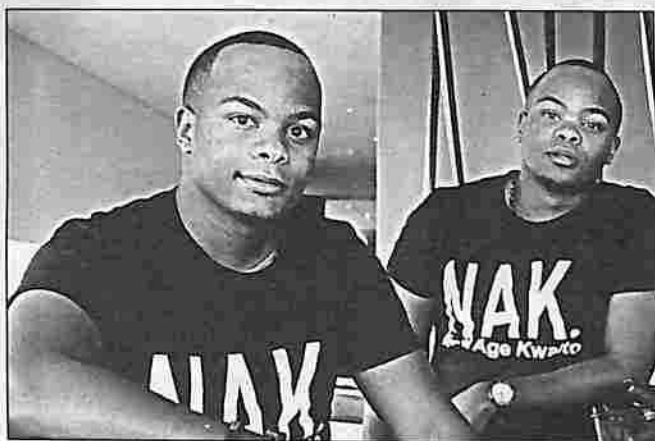
The TV personality, Pearl Thusi's star seems to be shining brighter than before with her newest gig.

Pearl has been confirmed to have a regular role on the second season of American series Quantico. According to Timeslive, Thusi will play the role Dayana Mampasi: a driven and disciplined type-A lawyer. *Move Magazine*



### CELEBS AND THEIR TWINS

Major League DJs.



Hlelo and Ntando Masinga



Kia and her twin Tumi



Millicent Mashile and Innocent Sadiki



Ntando and Thando Duma



Prince and Oros Mpofu



## COMMEMORATING OUR LEGENDS



# SWAZILAND'S GOD FATHER OF THE DECKS - DJ XTRA LUV

It is an undisputed fact that Terence Ginindza, popularly known as DJ Xtra Luv, is one of the best DJ Swaziland has ever produced.

L&E had an mind blowing session bringing back to life the moments of this iconic deejay Swaziland has ever had.

He was born in the 70s at Ezulwini in Swaziland and comes from a family of three boys and two girls. He is married with two girls and a boy.

"I grew up playing soccer at school level and my parents refused me the opportunity to play soccer at club level due to the fact that my older brother sustained severe injuries while playing for an established soccer team and the fact that they felt it will distract me from my education which to them was a priority. They gave me what they never had and I am grateful for that," recalls Terence.

"The restrictions revealed my other talent for dancing, which then developed into my passion for music. At high school I had friends that were into break-dancing.

We used to carry big portable sound systems during schools' competitions and we used to battle it out on the streets," elaborated the iconic deejay.

### ROLE MODELS

His role models were Michael Jackson, Janet Jackson, and Lebo Mathosa. "My older brother gave me his radio so at night I will tune in to Radio Bop, Radio Metro, SBIS 2 and Radio Thohoyandou. That's when I developed passion for radio as well.

Two local radio DJs inspired me to love radio. I enjoyed their presen-



tation skills while on air that was Mfundo 'Baby B' Mdzebele and the late Masu Masu Fakudze who I ended up co-presenting a music show on our local radio station with," he informed.

### DEEJAYING AT THE WHY NOT

As soon as he completed his high school level of education in the late 80's, he got a job at the Happy Valley Hotel as a trainee chef. He started collecting music, playing at friends parties using cassettes.

When Happy Valley management decided that the Texas bar, their middle class bar, needed a resident deejay in the mid 90's, he applied for a transfer.

Being the dedicated person that he was it was not easy for management to allow him to work at the disco

completely but he was requested to do double shifts, to deejay at night and work at the kitchen during the day.

All three deejays had to alternate between the Why not disco and the Texas bar.

That arrangement did not go down well with the other deejays; they felt he should be placed at the Texas bar but the director, Mr Norbert Schmidt insisted that he be given the opportunity to gain experience in the disco.

"I remember one day he asked them why am I not appearing regularly at the disco, what they did was they normally gave me an opening slot when the disco was still empty. The support that I got from him was tremendous hence I never disappointed him.

"The fortunate part was that the



Why Not disco had professional turntables so I mastered the art of mixing on my own.

I used to come in early before time and go through records and make my selection and start practicing. None of the deejays there knew how to mix," he explained.

From there on there was no looking back for Terence Ginindza as he was determined to make this arrangement work and that's basically how Terence became DJ Xtra Luv in the music industry.

### EDUCATION

According to Ginindza, his family believes that education is key to success so he enrolled for a diploma course in Creative Writing which included short story writing and Journalism. He also did a course in Sound Engineering.

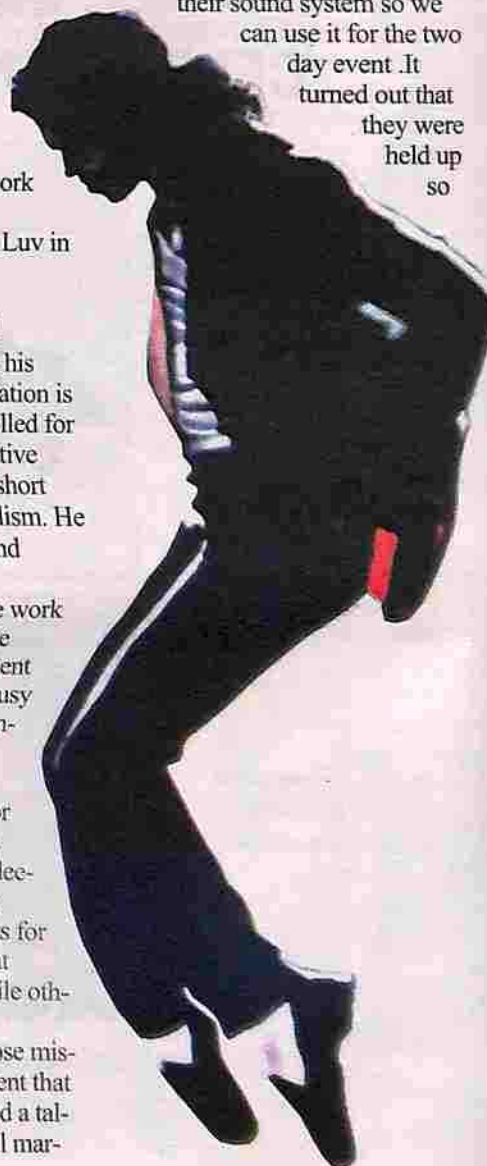
He did some freelance work for a local magazine, The Nation in the Entertainment section. Because of his busy schedule he could not continue with his contributions.

The sky was the limit for DJ Xtra Luv after he was confirmed as a full-time deejay. He started organising some entertainment events for the club. He confesses that some were successful while others were flops.

"I used to learn from those mistakes. There was an incident that still haunts me, I organised a talent search which was well mar-

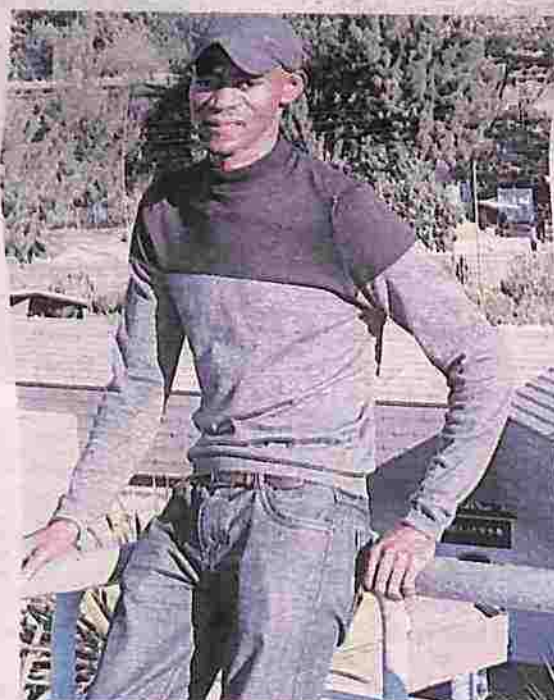
keted but when it comes to execution it was not good just because of a sound system let down.

We had booked a group from South Africa to come and perform in Swaziland and bring their sound system so we can use it for the two day event. It turned out that they were held up so





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they were not coming on the day we had agreed on, so I had to find an alternative sound system locally at the eleventh hour. The sound was below standard, it was disappointing actually," said Ginindza.

### BIRTH OF STREETJOY PROMOTIONS

As a young person his desire to succeed never ended there, he established an entertainment company, Streetjoy Promotions, a company which he founded in late 90s. Streetjoy, specialises in sound system, stage and sighting hire services, events eanagement, artists, deejays and dancers management.

In 2000 he left the Why Not Disco to concentrate on his company. During this period he did private shows, had a short stint at the Club Y2K before moving to E1 Paradiso for a year and a half before it closed down. As he was in good terms with the Why Not's Management, he was asked to come back to the Club in 2003. His company was contracted to do events for the club until it was sold to new management in 2007.

### SPRITE DJ OF THE YEAR

In 2004 he entered a deejay's competition, organised by Swaziland Beverages which was held at House On Fire.

He was crowned Sprite DJ of the year in 2004 and went on to represent Swaziland at the regional competition final which was held in Zambia, all expenses paid, where he competed against other 10 African deejays. He became Second Best Central Africa DJ.

DJ Xtra Luv had team up with Swaziland's top deejays to form DJ PIONEERS. They are DJ Crooks, Wicked, DD Cool and Shadow who was the spokesperson for the Brand.

### CLUB LEZONE

In 2010 together with his friends



Sandla Msibi, Sonkhe Kuhlase, Comfort Mkhombe, Phesheya Dlamini, Muzi Dlamini, Thulani Mthethwa they opened a club called Club LeZone, which became an instant hit among revelers until the places closes down due to some business challenges.

From there on DJ Xtra Luv has been doing Corporate Events through Streetjoy Promotions whereby he specialises on sound system hire, stage and lighting hire services, events management, artist, dancers and deejays management. DJ Xtra Luv initiated a marketing concept for his brand, Safa Bunandzi tour-loosely translated having a good time. The countrywide musical tour was featuring local and international seasoned and upcoming DJs and artists.

"It's all about reaching out to my fans and promoting new talents" said the soft spoken DJ.

This was a way of thanking his fans for support and promoting talent.

This iconic deejay has groomed quite a number of deejays some of which are well known but they are too proud to mention his name during their interviews that he had contributed to their craft.

"I will only mention them when they first acknowledge my contribution" insisted the deejay.

Deejays he has proudly groomed are: DJ Krome, the late DJ Akeem, DJ Six Nine, DJ Madmax, DJ 2shot, DJ Chuidy, DJ Flava, DJ MixMash, DJ M' Andie, DJ Carlos, The Trendsetters Djs who I am currently promoting and many more.



## XTRA LUV'S MUSIC SELECTION

### 80's classics

1. Nu Shuz - Should I say yes
2. The Whispers - And the beat Goes on
3. Madonna - Holiday
4. Gwen Guthrie - Aint nothing Going on but the rent
5. Chacka Khan - Aint nobody

### R n B

1. Maxwell - Something Something
2. Chante' Savage - I will survive
3. Michael Jackson - Rock My world
4. Janet Jackson - That's the way love goes
5. Adina Howard - Freak like me
6. Zhane - Shame

### House Classics

1. Let the beat hit them - Lisa Lisa and the cult Jam
2. Sing it back - Moloko
3. Push the feeling - Night Crawlers
4. Something about you - Lorayne
5. New Day - The Return
6. Music Sounds better with you - Star dust



## P.O.E.T (Person Of Extraordinary Thinking)

...By Majaha Nkonyane

### STORY OF MY LIFE

I woke up the other day just as I grew up the other year.

I was young and confused just as I was sleepy and tired.

My mind was made to believe that success is an enemy.

Slowly, yet surely, I tried to persevere through the day but I was too young for torture and captivity.

All around me pain was hovering my steps like a watch guard. My childhood memories flood my eyes with tears just as the day's proceedings drains my kilojoules slowly and I get tired.

My early years were dark not to mention the early hours of morning.

Slowly the day gave birth to the sun just as my life welcomed joy peace and happiness.

Though fallacy statements were the order of the day, sugar coated words ruled the night.

Like a stormy night violent winds of despair blew hard ripping and uprooting in the midst of thunder and lightning, flamboyant words with tricks fell like summer rain because

I was fathered by a fatherless father, who never knew the love of his father,

Being fathered by a fatherless father who never knew the love of his father,

Allowed anger, bitterness, hatred and pain to build-up like a heap of dirt in a dumpsite.

It was behind closed doors deep within this dark hole, Tears were the order of the night as I look back at the events and the unthinkable deeds.

Saving face was my daily bread quenched by serious pretence with a wide smile on my face because a lie is what I lived.

Lost I was in that as I lived a lie rather a life that seeking at pleasing friends.

Demolished I felt as I was profusely bleeding within my inner man. Shame was laughing loud with an irritating voice close to my ear drum within my inner contours. Self-condemnation hand in hand with guilt and blame were knocking hard on the doors of my heart, a lost soul is what I was.

## DIARY OF A WORKING SINGLE MOTHER

### DEAR DIARY

Sometimes I lay in bed at night thinking about my father. I wonder if he does think about me, occasionally. I wonder if he does have love for me.

From a very tender age, I have always wondered to myself how sitting in your father's lap feels like. I still do imagine how receiving a kiss in the forehead from the man who brought you to this earth brightened your day.

When I was still younger, I used to cry so much when I thought about my father. What hurt the most was that he was not in my life at all yet he had other children in whose life he was being a hero.

I looked at the mirror and I saw ugly because daddy was not there to remind me that I was a princess.

To this day, I wonder if wherever he is does he look back in life and remember his DNA he left on that 'fateful' day. Whoa! Father's Day is the most agonising day in my life annually.

Well, simply because I have no hero and no daddy to buy gifts for.

So, this song 'I love you daddy, you are my hero' is constantly playing in my head; mostly for the beat but I find myself imagining where the writer was when he or she wrote the lyrics.

I fail to believe men are capable of loving that much, if they are, then why can't my own father love me like that man did his own child?

"Daddy, oh daddy, you are my super

star"... the song goes on; well I am hungry for a super star too. So I always go for my 'type' in a relationship. I want a father, a best friend and a boyfriend when I am dating.

Call it lack of daddy issues but I call it 'needs'. I need a father; the man in my life has to play that role as well. Boys my age better keep their distance, I family zone them anyway.

Gosh! Daddy do you ever wonder if I had something to eat every time you eat? Doesn't he miss me and my pretty dimples wherever he is? Or maybe I made him leave, maybe just maybe I caused the anger

that drove him away. But still, even if I was a bad person? Doesn't he forgive?

His sole picture I owned turned into dust, in my hands.

I want him to see the woman I have grown into, without him. I want to look at his eyes and ask him why he never called on my birthdays.

I want to know how he felt when he sang lullabies to his other children all these years, knowing I was alive somewhere, without a father.

I want to touch his chest and feel his heartbeat, I'm sure it beats differently, that man has a heart of stone.



## Youth on the move...

From humble beginnings and still climbing the ladder to professional deejaying, Phinda 'DJ Castle' Malaza has successfully maneuvered the deejaying industry on his own.

The 24-year-old from Msunduzi who stays with his mother and sibling is a resident deejay at Cool Runnings and does other gigs on the side.

L&E had a one on one with him and he elaborated on his love for music, his career in deejaying and his future prospects.

### ON JOURNEY WITH THE DECKS

I have always had a deep interest in music, especially house music. I decided to venture into deejaying after Culo De Song released his hit track 'We Babomncane' in 2010; thus I deejay tribal house even today. Culo De Song is of great inspiration to me; especially to the effect whereby he also made it even after going solo. I took my own lessons via Virtual deejaying then eventually I practiced on CDJs. I started deejaying in 2012 at the Mediterranean Pub which is now closed. The owners of the place were so receptive of the idea on me being the resident deejay in the venue; they even bought me the equipment which I own to today.

I now play at Cool Runnings in my hood and I am given the prime-time slot. The crowd has been very receptive and the clientele has increased ever since I started playing in the place.

In the local context; DJ Cash and DJ Chrome14 greatly inspire me because of their hustle in the business and their music selection.

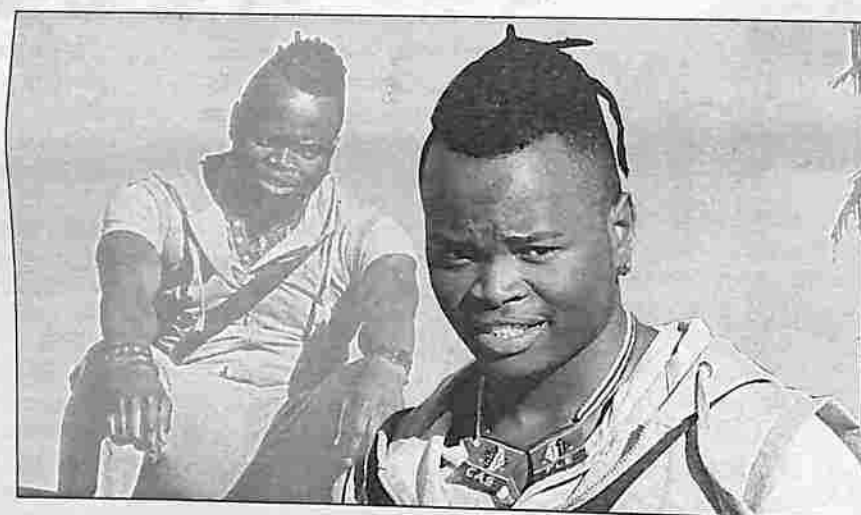
### THE FUTURE...

I envision a great future for me in this busi-

## DJ CASTLE

### ...MAKING IT SOLO

"I see myself owning a stable that will entertain and rent our relevant material."



ness; I see myself owning a stable that will entertain and publish relevant material. I am also hoping to play alongside big names like Culo De Song and the likes.

My advice to those who want to venture into

deejaying is that they should be driven by passion as this career does not really pay in this country. Also, they should have another career option which has a more stable income.

By Phumelele Mkhonta



# Blockword Puzzle

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

## Bible Word Search: NAMES AND TITLES OF JESUS

U Q O K A I S N S M T K R P M  
V L F Z J T Y O A E E O A O R  
O M G Y V O N T N Z I C B X K  
Y D N Y M O E N U V A N B O A  
D L O V F H T C A S I R I X R  
E R I G W A R S P D S H E W E  
N T O G B M A L I D O V Z N D  
F D J L H Q Y V K R T T R Z E  
I G Q R R T A E G R T H V E P E  
P B Y I H D S E K E U C T X M  
T S W K F T Y A J I O Q S L E  
L I I O N A M F O N O S A H R  
V N N Q Z Y K V A D E J M V R  
G O J E S U S E M M A N U E L  
S V B G G W T Z T P B Q J F E

CHRIST  
KING of the Jews  
LORD  
RABBI  
SON OF DAVID

EMMANUEL  
LAMB of God  
MASTER  
REDEEMER  
SON OF GOD

JESUS  
LIGHT of the World  
NAZARENE  
SAVIOR  
SON OF MAN

## WIN WITH SWAZI OBSERVER AND LESERATO EVENTS

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

NAME: .....

CELL: .....

# Cartoon Corner

## Baby Blues



## Blondie



## Hagar the Horrible



## SOAPIE WATCH | SOAPIE WATCH | SOAPIE WATCH | SOAPIE WATCH



### Wednesday, 20 July

The UTA membership is growing increasingly angry and militant. Siphokazi worries about Mpiyakhe's return and how he will feel about the news she has for him. S'Khaleni's plan gets him in trouble with Ntandane.

### Thursday, 21 July

Mpiyakhe and the UTA leadership confront Samson. Jabu and Fezile have a sobering moment of truth. Siphokazi finally tells Mpiyakhe the truth. S'Khaleni's mischief catches up with him in the worst possible way.

### Friday, 22 July

Are things calm on the routes, or is Samson planning a massive onslaught? Pam reaches the end of her patience with S'Khaleni. After a fight with Iris, Jabu ends up somewhere he shouldn't be.

### Monday 18 July

Samson sets his plans in motion for a new attack. Iris and Jabu get into a passionate argument over her business partners. Kwa-Manzini welcomes a new guest. Pam's frustrations are worsened by the atmosphere in Protea.

### Tuesday 19 July

Ntandane gets caught up in a dangerous assault. Jabu and Iris's relationship becomes fraught with tension. Zama asks hard truths about her brother.



### Monday 18 July

Azwindini gets a visit from an unexpected guest. Vusi puts his own life in danger. Shoni pleads with Mulimisi to choose her.

### Tuesday 19 July

Azwindini drops a bombshell on the family. Vusi makes a desperate proposal to Onika. Shonisani and Mpho exchange stern words with each other.

### Wednesday 20 July

Vho-Masindi is not happy with Azwindini's solution to the chieftaincy succession crisis. Shonisani has a plan to put Mpho in her place. Sthe comes to Vusi's house. Will he find out what Onika has been up to?

### Thursday 21 July

Kallego attempts to rescue Vusi with dire consequences to her own safety.

### Friday 22 July

Azwindini goes through desperate measures to get a successor for his throne. Vusi and Kallego find themselves in a life-threatening situation over a delusional love story.

# ISIDÍNGO

### Monday 18 July

Nikiwe wants to save her father and cover up family secrets. Gabriel sets out to capture the hearts and minds of the community. Aphiwe sees Obakeng with Kamogelo and is not happy.

### Tuesday 19 July

Nikiwe wishes her father dead, saying all her problems will disappear with him dead. Morongwa gets up close to Gabriel and tells him to give her what she wants.

### Wednesday 20 July

In a confrontation at the hospital Lincoln goads Tyson and Tyson retaliates. After the church has been ransacked, Gabriel declares war on Mattala. Kamogelo flirts with Obakeng but he's wary.

### Thursday 21 July

Angelique fears that Tyson's allowing Lincoln to turn him into a monster. Gabriel instructs Morongwa to seduce Mattala. Obakeng is stunned to meet his childhood idol.

### Friday 22 July

S'khumbuzo presses Nikiwe to reveal all that is happening in her life. Gabriel tries to send Morongwa to seduce Mattala for his own purposes but his plan backfires. Lerato confronts Kamogelo about who she is supposedly dating.



### Monday 18 July

Tau takes his power back. Nolwazi sees straight through her ex and decides to spite him.

### Tuesday 19 July

A 'stranger' shows up at the shebeen, asking about Cosmo. Getty just can't seem to get her life back on track. Jack is furious about Siph's article and vows to find his source.

### Wednesday 20 July

Namhla returns home with her tail between her legs. Not everyone is happy when Smanga decides to stay on the straight and narrow. Gog'Flo is kidnapped!

### Thursday 21 July

Chief Cele punishes the Morokas for humiliating his family. Lesedi agrees to help a friend despite her misgivings. Tshidi tells Fana to go ahead and file for divorce.

### Friday 22 July

Xolelwa gets more than she bargained for during her 'hunk' interviews. Cosmo tries strike a deal but Jack wants more. Nolwazi gives Tau some food for thought.



### Monday 18 July

Mpho refuses to eat as protest against Tsietsi keeping her captive. Tsietsi gets together with Disebo. Damian prepares for the repatriation funeral while Disebo forgets to have the grave dug for the following day

### Tuesday 19 July

Reba tries different methods to remedy the haunting dreams and hallucinations, and ends up with Thandeka. Disebo and Damian deal with a disastrous funeral and the crisis and pressure makes Disebo reveal that she is running from a man.

### Wednesday 20 July

Mickey finds evidence that Mandlakazi was abducted. Chwepheshe charms Nokulunga which irks Mickey. Disebo tells a sympathetic Damian why she ran away from home and how difficult her life has been.

### Thursday 21 July

Buzwe saves Reba just in time and Selo takes her back home but won't give her any answers. Meanwhile Mpho is getting weaker and wants to go back home to give birth.

### Friday 22 July

Chwepheshe reveals that he knows what the Namane men did to his brother Kgosi. When Tsietsi and Selo finally find Bab'Longwane, he is a ranting lunatic and no help to them.



# H MORE FROM HIPNOTIK H



**RHYTHM AND FLOW:** Psycolution getting deep with his rhymes.



**THE BABES:** A group of friends who also confessed to be hip/hop fanatics posing for a picture in the VIP section. This was during the Hipnotik Festival last weekend. (Pics: Phumelele Mkhonta)



**ON POINT:** Shiz Niz's Mpho Sebeben miming along to South African rap.



**LOOKING SMASHING:** Lusiya and The Vine in the VIP Area.



**UP AND ABOUT:** The 'Skhanda Love' artist doing what he does best.



**IT'S GOOD TO BE HERE:** Mozambique's Em Planku before his performance.



**BATTLING IT OFF:** Stomptroopers (R) watching their rival stomping during the dance battle session. Stomptroopers took first prize home.



**TAKING IT EASY:** Tweezy posing for a pic after his performance which was one of many.



**SWAZI PRIDE:** 80 Script rendered a beautiful performance.



**GOING WILD:** Fun lovers singing along to 'Skhanda Love' as K.O had requested. His performance sent the crowd, especially the ladies, into a frenzy.



**DANCE KINGS:** Tribal Misfits dancing to 'Sister Bettina'



**KEEPING THEM FED:** Khazimula's Pizza crew kept attendees fed the whole night.



## AFRICA INSIGHT

In light of international risk aversion, structural imbalances and the lack of fiscal space to commit to new projects, we think that Ghana may struggle to drum up sufficient appetite for a new sovereign credit offering this year.

On the other hand, performance of outstanding sovereign credit is seen under pressure in 2016 H2 should Brexit concerns weigh on commodity prices throughout this period.

Included in our base view is a revision of assumption with regard to the resumption of US interest rate normalisation.

Whereas we pre-Brexit anticipated a July rate increase in the US, we now think that the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) will – in consideration of global financial market turmoil – stand pat on tightening until December.

While negative market sentiment internationally will resonate across commodity price-sensitive African sovereign credit (including in Gabon, Senegal and Nigeria) we think that Ghana and Zambia, which both hold elections during the latter half of the year, are most at risk of yield jumps and heightened volatility in the medium term.

Idiosyncratic risks relating to off-balance sheet debt will keep Mozambique's sovereign credit performance largely dependent on developments on the debt and foreign aid front.

#### Longer-term impact

The longer-term impact of Brexit is far harder to forecast, given all the variables that will play a role.

The political situation the UK is very fluid. Prime Minister David Cameron announced on June 24, that he will resign as soon as his Conservative Party picks a successor for him. Nominations for this position opened on June 29, and it sounds as though the Conservatives will have a new leader by early September.

Three contenders have a strong chance of winning the position: Boris Johnson, the former Mayor of London, Justice Secretary Michael Gove and Home Secretary Theresa May.

#### Lead

Johnson was a prominent figure in the Leave campaign but considerations of party unity may lead the Tories to appoint Mr Gove or May – Johnson burned some bridges when he decided to back the Leave campaign, and is not widely liked in his party.

May was a 'Remainer', and may look more palatable. (In fact Theresa May was on Wednesday sworn-in as Britain new PM).

The identity of the next prime minister and the composition of his or her cabinet are relevant because these are the people who will have to negotiate Britain's exit from the EU, and the nature of the trade relationship that will follow.

Cameron has said that he will not himself trigger 'Article 50', the article in the Lisbon Treaty that gives a withdrawing state two years to negotiate its exit, counting from the date that it notifies the European Council of its intention. The early reaction from the EU has been predictably vindictive, and it is probable that the EU will press hard to ensure that, if Brexit happens (which some credible commentators, like the Financial Times's Gideon Rachman, doubt), the ensuing relationship will look like the present one.

To this end it will probably take the bargaining position that the UK can only

## 7 ways Brexit will be felt across Africa

### Where have all the flowers gone?

More than a third of the flowers sold in the European Union come from Kenya. The U.K. is one of the most valuable export markets for some of the largest African economies. One-third of Kenya's cut flowers arrive in Europe, where the U.K. is the second-largest buyer behind the Netherlands. Rather than negotiating with the European bloc, Kenya will now need to negotiate new deals with the U.K., as well as absorbing losses as the British economy retracts. It is a similar story for Nigeria, where a projected figure of £20 billion in bilateral trade by 2020 will now be revised downwards, and South Africa, which will need to make up shortfalls in wine exports.

### Leave by example

The pro-independence message has found an echo in the Eastern Nigerian state of Biafra, where activists have launched a campaign for the majority-Igbo region to secede. The movement has existed on the fringes for decades, following a violent bid for separation in the late 1960s, but in this new era of uncertainty, calls for 'Biafrexit' are gaining fresh momentum.

### Aid unpaid

Britain is one of the largest contributors to the European Development Fund in both funding and strategic planning, and its exit from the EU has raised fears that Europe will scale back its commitment to development programs. One of the main beneficiaries currently is Tanzania, which is seeing new roads and agricultural upgrades arrive through the fund. Should these grind to a halt, the wider economy will suffer, as will the popularity of new President John Magufuli.

### South African stocks

The former British colony has the closest financial ties with the U.K. – and the greatest exposure. Many leading South African companies are

dual listed on Johannesburg and London stock exchanges, and South African banks lean heavily on British cash reserves. The impact of Brexit was felt immediately with a steep drop in the Rand, and although the currency has climbed since, confidence will remain shaky.

### Relief for Mugabe?

Europe-wide sanctions on regimes could be reassessed without British involvement and in some cases this is cause for celebration. Zimbabwean ruler Robert Mugabe is reportedly convinced the U.K. is responsible for restrictions that have cost the slumping economy tens of billions of dollars, and that other member states will be more co-operative. Other sanctioned regimes such as Libya could also seek re-appraisal.

### Setback in Somalia

The African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) has been key to checking the progress of East African jihadist militant group al-Shabaab in Somalia and beyond. The body is funded through the EU but British efforts have been key, contributing servicemen and logistical support to the struggle. European leaders recently voted through a cut to the Mission's budget, which could signal a policy of retrenchment as they look closer to home. This would come as a boost to the terror group.

### Fairer trade

Some political African groups in Britain campaigned to leave the EU partly on the basis of the hated Common Agricultural Policy, which allows subsidized European farmers to dump cheap goods on African states and imposes tariffs to prevent trade going the other way. The Policy has been described as neo-colonialism, and a severe hindrance to agricultural development across the continent. A weaker EU may struggle to retain the same grip on the market, and British officials have hinted at a fairer deal for African farmers outside the Union.

access the free trade area if it accepts a certain amount of movement of people.

Immigration was a main plank of the Leave campaign, so this will be politically delicate to sell to the base of Leave voters.

If a more centrist figure like May is appointed, we think it is more likely that the post-Brexit situation will closely resemble British membership of the EU, but if Johnson or Gove lead the party, we think the relationship will be one in which Britain is more isolated from Europe economically.

#### Trade

The EU currently operates as a single trade market that allows for the free movement of capital, goods, services and people between member states, and enforces common policies on trade. Reductions on exchanges in any of those categories will have economic consequences. Gold has always been a safe haven asset – its price increases in times of global uncertainty.

In the four days from Thursday to Monday, the gold price went up 9.1 percent.

If political developments and the Brexit negotiations are of a nature to keep risk perceptions high in the coming months and years, this will be to the advantage of Africa's gold exporters: South Africa, Ghana, Sudan, Tanzania, Mali, Burkina Faso, and a few others.

Given the small contribution of gold to trade revenues, however, this beneficial impact will do little to outweigh problems that result from investor uncertainty. The new British cabinet might also have to implement an emergency budget in response to the economic turmoil of recent days.

Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne said on June 27, that he would leave any fiscal changes to the new cabinet, and was ambiguous about the possibility that he would be part of that government.

If there is a new budget, which may be necessary, and if it is an austerity budget, which is possible, then aid to African countries can be expected to diminish.

Resentment of immigration played a big role in many Leave voters' decisions, and the new government will be under pressure to do something about migration.

#### Political

As it will not be able to limit migration from the EU for some time, it may decide to score political points (perhaps in anticipation of being unable to deliver a genuine Brexit) by limiting immigration from the rest of the world.

Nigeria and South Africa are the two African countries that would be the most affected by this: 2.5 percent of migrants in the UK were born in South Africa, and 2.4 percent in Nigeria, according to the Migration Observatory at Oxford University.

These percentages translate to absolute numbers of 209 000 and 200 000 respectively. Anecdotally, judging by comments on social media and by people who speak to reporters, many of these people are now nervous about their future prospects for residency and work opportunities in Britain, and they are probably right to be.

Leave campaigner Nigel Farage (the leader of the UK Independence Party, UKIP) said on Friday that the UK would now be looking at "maybe re-engaging with the Commonwealth," but we doubt

that it will work out this way.

There was a definitely element of racism in the Leave campaign, which was most obvious in its choice of a poster showing a row of Arab migrants in the final week of the campaign.

Since the vote outcome, again on anecdotal evidence, it appears that racists in England have begun to feel empowered by the outcome, and there appear to have been more incidents of racist violence and insults than usual, targeting Poles and people who are visibly Muslim (in many instances, British-born ones) especially.

Direct economic effects flowing from lower demand from the UK and Europe will, we think, tend to be slight.

These effects will also be limited to the countries that are most open to the British and European economies.

Morocco for instance, experiences a 1.8 percent increase in exports, and a 2.32 percent increase in FDI stock, if EU GDP goes up by 1 percent. So the slowdown in the EU and UK as a consequence of Brexit will have some slight effect on such economies and will be disruptive to firms that export to these countries, and to FDI-driven expansion.

But here it is again important to reiterate that the longer-term consequences of Brexit are unknown and impossible to forecast, seeing that we do not even know when the negotiations that will determine the relationship between the Isles and the Continent will begin.

#### WHY DO WE CARE?

The surprise Brexit vote once again underlined the adverse impact of unexpected events on the fragile global economic system, and warned that external headwinds may arise from new sources.

In our view the short term impact of Brexit will largely be contained to liquid forex (forward and spot) markets and sovereign credit, although this will increase upside risks to inflation due to the first and second-round effects of exchange rate pass-through.

Economies may need more aggressive monetary policy tightening to rein in growth in consumer prices and to anchor inflation expectations.

For fiscally-fragile economies, balance of payments pressures will quicken the pace of foreign buffer erosion, and may necessitate further reduction in growth positive infrastructural investment.

We consider a deepening of the commodity price slump as unlikely, although this outcome would inevitably increase pressure on the fiscus and terms of trade insofar politically-sensitive recurrent costs would need to be cut.

Tight external financial conditions and constrained domestic liquidity conditions in SSA will act as an additional drag on growth this year.

In the longer term, it is too soon to say what Brexit's impact will be. While Brexit has added to volatile global risk sentiment, we continue to view systemic risk from China as the singular most salient source of external risk to Africa's economies.

A sharper-than-anticipated pace of economic slowdown, or sectoral rebalancing, in the Asian economic giant will have effects on African soil via large direct (bilateral trade) and even larger indirect channels, due to the shock to the regional terms of trade in light of depleted foreign buffers and inadequate policy reform.

Source: World Economic Forum



## Dealing with Diabetes



WITH: Nomalungelo  
Ginindza

Diabetes  
Swaziland PR

**I**t's another beautiful Saturday, I hope you had a wonderful Friday good readers. Today we are talking about diabetes and fatigue in more details. Last week we were talking about the symptoms, causes and signs of fatigue.

If you are regularly feeling tired in the morning, despite having had a full night's sleep, it's worth testing your blood sugar upon waking to see if your tiredness is related to your blood glucose.

Some people may also wish to wake up during the night to test their blood glucose levels to see if they're experiencing high or low blood sugar overnight.

According to American Diabetes Association, blood sugar levels can fluctuate overnight and your doctor or diabetes specialist should be able to advise if your sugar levels are causing any problems.

#### 1. Reach out.

"The most important thing is to get help. The number one cause of burnout is people are trying to do everything themselves and get overwhelmed."

Research shows that social support -- from a friend, family member, or support group -- is one of the top ways to counter the negative effects of stress on diabetes management.

The most morale-boosting, uplifting thing is chatting with people who understand what it is like to ride the roller coaster of high glucose.

#### 2. Edit your thoughts.

Pay attention to

# DIABETES, FATIGUE (PART TWO)

*First, diabetes can directly cause fatigue with high or low blood sugar levels. High blood glucose makes your blood "sludgy," slowing circulation so cells can't get the oxygen and nutrients they need.*



*Fatigue is one of the commonest and most disabling diabetes symptoms. Exhaustion can disrupt and interfere with all aspects of daily living.*

what you're thinking. Your thoughts make a difference in how you feel. The more you say to yourself, "This is awful, this is terrible, this isn't fair," the more you become depressed."

So if you are feeling down you can say, "How can I change my thinking? What can I do differently?"

Of course you'll have negative thoughts. It's a matter of choosing which thoughts you take to heart. Do something that will lift your mood. Go for a walk, meet a friend at the mall, take a bubble bath, or listen to your favourite playlist at the park. "It's important to take action immediately rather than let negative feelings grow in your mind."

#### 3. Think like an optimist.

Focus on the positive parts of your life rather than negatives. Think about things you can look forward to, such as an upcoming trip or show, or getting together with friends.

"You have to look at the bright side of things, whose glass is always half-full. "Even in the worst times, I can always think of something positive to get out of each day that I live."

#### 4. Rethink exercise.

If you know you should exercise, but it's not happening for you, take a look at why that is.

Maybe your goal was too ambitious. "Do whatever you think you can do. "Sometimes it's just walking. And you don't have to walk vigorously. Smell

the roses along the way."

Don't be a perfectionist about it. Let's say you wanted to exercise every day but you missed a couple of days. "Don't beat yourself up for that. "Give yourself credit for the days you did walk."

Instead, ask yourself what would help you do better with your goal in the future. Find ways to make it happen.

"If you expect perfection, then you're going to be disappointed a lot of the time." If you're looking for steady progress, then you can see that."

#### 5. Get more ZZZs.

Skimping on sleep at night can leave you feeling irritable and stressed. It can also hurt your blood sugar control. So make sleep a priority. Turn off the late-night TV, keep your bedroom all about sleep and relaxation, and try to get at least eight hours of sleep a night.

That's a lot more sleep than many people get. If that's true for you, give it a try and see what a difference it makes for you. Though it will mean changing your routine, it pays off for your health and energy level.

#### 6. Keep your sense of humour.

A good laugh won't change your diabetes, but it can boost your mood.

"Laughter is a great antidote to feeling depressed or anxious. "It's important to use that as a coping tool when you're feeling down."

Look for chances in your day to tap into that. Watch happy, uplifting movies and avoid tearjerkers, and "surround yourself with joyous, happy people."

#### From Diabetes - Related Fatigue to Healthy Living

Because of the great amount of management it takes to live a healthy life with type 2 diabetes symptoms, you're likely to experience a lack of energy at times. The more complex your diabetes, the more you'll need to do to keep your blood sugar levels in normal range. And the more work you have to do to control blood sugar levels, the more tired you'll likely become.

But as you continue to become more educated about diabetes, with as much support as you can get from family and friends, you'll begin to adjust to eating better, exercising more, sleeping better, and keeping your blood sugar levels in check. Once you've made the choice to be healthier, you'll find yourself less fatigued and more energised.

One of the initial signs of prediabetes is fatigue. When insulin resistance develops, the body is unable to use sugar, the body's main source of energy. When glucose stays in the bloodstream, keeping blood sugar levels high, it can cause fatigue.

Prediabetes risk factors such as obesity, poor nutrition, and lack of exercise, poor sleep and stress can also cause fatigue.

Dehydration from increased urination can contribute to feelings of tiredness as well. People who feel more fatigued than normal should discuss the condition with a doctor.

The earlier prediabetes is diagnosed, the sooner treatment can begin. Early treatment of prediabetes can reverse the diabetes process and help restore vigour.





## Untipping The Societal Scales

WITH: Dumisa Dlamini



Of all creatures breathing, none succumbs to temptation like a man. These are masters of evil but most of all they are merchants of cheating.

Any woman who believes her husband cannot cheat, has never cheated or shall never cheat is naïve and suffering a mountain of amnesia as to what kind of creatures men can be.

They are different because they have an addend leg though like women, they walk on two. That, however, is a general holding that does not necessarily signify that all Three Legged Creatures are cheaters.

The crux of the matter here is that regardless of how good and faithful a man can be, in the arms of another woman, either than his wife, he becomes something else.

Something you as his wife have never known him to be. He may, locked in those arms, get lost and float with the sublime pleasure begotten in around, in there and beyond. He may change forever and regardless of all the forces and reasons to bring him back, he will go, never to come back.

He has been a client in the arms of another woman. That is an imbalance all women are cognisant of hence they fight tooth and nail in the instance *kutsiwa babe akubanjiswane nalenye inkhosikati*. You see, *tphiwo tebantfu atifani*, what that other woman may do to your husband is something you ain't capable of doing to him, even if you were to be given a century with him. *Labanye bantfu balunge nje* confined to one experience lest they become something else the moment they are exposed to an activity to a different pair of sheets!

Whilst naturally you may have suspected he cheats, he may become an actual cheater in the arms of another woman.

Here is Pastor Fakudze of All Souls For Christ Church who had the fortune to receive a hug from one female congregant almost always when they met. He felt it different from other hugs even from his wife uLaTsela.

## Loved

Not one moment was he ever desirous to cheat, first because he thought he loved his wife and principally because he was a Man Of God. That being his resolute stance, the woman who hugged and embraced him often got his body temperature boiling. It got worse when the woman coincidentally and accidentally-on-purpose met him often in town *angekho umkhokheli*.

You see these pastors whose wives are employed *bese bona bachuba livangeli nje*. They find themselves with a lot of time to kill in their hands and push a different passion from the gospel. The woman asked for a prayer in her house and when the pastor got in there she was alone. She gave him the longest and the most intimate hug ever. *Kwase ke sekuba lishumi lezandla ezandleni*.

Carefully calculated, the pastor was lured, trapped and locked in the arms of another woman. He became an actual cheater. Here is an imbalance, not any man who cheats does it once or twice. Once he starts he never stops either with this one woman who has tempted him or with any other he meets along the way once his sexual appetite has been whetted.

# YOUR HUSBAND, IN THE ARMS OF ANOTHER WOMAN BECOMES SOMETHING ELSE!



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Men who actually are *bantfu belive* cheat everyday and every time opportunity allows them so much that it becomes their second nature that either than their wives *kunomunye umuntu eceleni*.

Your husband the cheater becomes a different man when he is with another woman for purposes of sex for that matter. He will be a boastful and wasteful lair who pretends to be what he is not in order to impress a woman he barely knows.

Find Mr. Maseko in the local bar and this targeted one woman he fancies. He will buy liquor extravagantly and unnecessarily.

## Money

Later in a one-room flat he shall be telling her how many cars he has, what position he holds at work and all his money, property and wealth stashed somewhere. *Utsi hushu nje emanga*. He is not all and does not have all that.

With his wife LaTsabedze *ulandvula imali agweje abe sigwalaza simehl'abobvu*. Most men would surprise their wives in the manner they are so caring, generous and attentive to the other woman they cheat with. LaDlamini *waMgudvwa Ngcamphalala* could not believe it was her husband *ashaya luhleko loluncane* at Mdedele Wine & Malt *abanjwe kwentfombatana kumphulula silevu*. She had had always thought and accepted that her husband was an introvert, short tempered man.

Nay, the Sugar Cane farmer was a different man, after a good harvest; in the arms of another woman.

This one will always leave cheated women bewildered, her husband, in the

arms of another woman, is a monster in bed. *Uyakipila mosi lobabe* one would swear *yiCaterpillar* clearing a dense forest. The woman he cheats with would never let him go yet his wife will never believe *ngubabe waMngcingile lo*.

Back at home, in his bedroom, with his wife of 13 years *lomuntfu uyabekisa* and nothing gets the woman any further than where she would have been before the sex started. That other woman, *ngesiphiwo sakhe lesehlukile* maybe, will be able to motivate *lomuntfu lomdzala* and bring fire, magic and a tyrannical energy from all sources and resources around his waist.

## Responsibility

What of Meacadzi Ndzinisa, a quantity surveyor of repute, who in place far away from home eMagubheleni *kwakhiwa umgwaco*, found himself solace in the arms of a beautiful woman who was nobody's responsibility.

Early this morning, his wife LaSibandze called him because she was worried. He had been expected back home on a Friday evening, a norm and a habit he had cultivated and adhered to ever since he had started working.

This time around he had not shown up hence madam was justifiably worried. Her shrieking call was answered by another woman, who for the entire previous night had her husband in her arms. *"Ncesi sisi uselele uMzomba"*.

The other woman went mad wanted to know who the recipient in her husband's cell phone was, *"Ngisho mbamba sisi, udziniwe shem, myekelele sisi ushayise ngabo Ten"*. From that weekend hence-

forth Meacadzi spent many weekends *angabuyeli ekhaya*.

Actually his habit *bese yetenta kwasamagema*, this weekend he was at work the other at home. Even there *abefike acambalalale nje* and would zoom off first thing on Sunday morning. He had changed.

You see once a man, your husband splits his time equally between you and another woman, he is seriously contemplating to be a polygamist. A senior police officer, who was dating a junior, at first for fun, changed his mind the moment he was arrested with very romantic handcuffs by this pretty, sexy and curvaceous female constable.

Soon Supharithende was talking to his people how bad his wife was and that he was going to bring her to order *atsatse lomunye*.

## Jealous

You see, men are creatures of jealousy as well. He would not let other men get the best of what he enjoys as well so *utsatsa sitsembu*.

Lots of men have been convinced by the pleasure, joy and sublime love in the arms of another woman to be something their wives have never known them to be. An adage has it that a woman who truly knows where her husband is, ok a widow; the rest should stay calm and take things as they come.

He could be in the arms of another woman and would come back a different creature with a different attitude! *Awumazi kuthi nokuthi wenzani nobani enjalo nje!*

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## PET OBSERVER

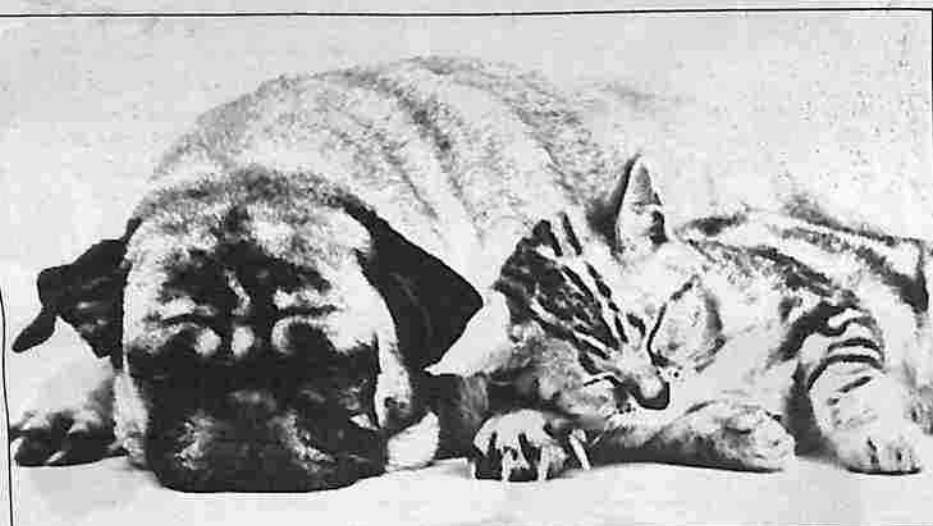
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**D**iabetes mellitus – or sugar diabetes – is common in humans and is also a common illness of dogs and cats. Much of the food that is ingested is broken down into glucose, a type of sugar in the blood and one of the body's main sources of energy. Blood sugar is maintained by a group of hormones, the most important of which is insulin, which is manufactured by the pancreas, a small organ near the intestines.

Appropriate insulin function will trigger the liver and muscles to take up glucose from the blood cells, converting it to energy. When the body fails to metabolise sugar, blood sugar levels rise. Uncontrolled elevation of glucose leads to dehydration and body chemistry disorders that can eventually cause coma and death.

Diabetes mellitus usually affects obese dogs and middle-aged to older dogs of either sex, however it is twice as common in female dogs as in males. The peak age seen in dogs is seven to nine years. Juvenile-onset diabetes may occur in dogs less than one year of age.

Any breed can be affected but some breeds are at increased risk (e.g. Australian terrier, Samoyed, Schnauzer, Bichon frise,



Cairn terrier, Keeshond, Spitz, Fox terrier and Poodle).

### Two types of diabetes

There are two basic forms of diabetes: type I and type II. Type I is caused by absolute deficiency of insulin due to an insufficient number of insulin-producing pancreas cells. Type I ('juvenile-onset diabetes') represents the most serious form of the disease. Effective treatment for type I diabetes requires a combination of controlled diet, regular exercise and daily injections of insulin to maintain a regular blood-sugar level.

Dogs are most often affected by type I diabetes and rarely have type II.

Adult onset or type II diabetes is the more

common form of diabetes in people. Type II occurs when enough insulin is produced but something interferes with its ability to be utilised by the body. Type II diabetes is treated with a combination of diet, weight control and medicine that makes cells more sensitive to insulin. This form of diabetes is observed more often in cats than in dogs.

### What to Watch For

An affected dog will be constantly hungry, since glucose is not making it to the brain; glucose levels in the brain are too low for the brain to register that it is receiving food. Because insulin is not giving the muscles and organs the signal to convert glucose to energy, the excess glucose in the blood will be carried out of the body in urine instead of

being used for energy, and there will be a concurrent lack of energy. There is also increased thirst as a result of the increase in urine. The liver is adversely affected by this condition, as are the eyes (cataracts are common in diabetic dogs and cats) and kidneys.

### Early signs:

- Increased thirst
- Increased frequency of urination
- Hunger
- Weight loss even with normal appetite

### Later signs:

- Loss of body condition
- Lethargy and depression
- Vomiting.

Although they can be produced by other cause, when increased thirst and urination are observed, diabetes should always be considered. Most pet owners notice that their diabetic dog drinks excessively and has a need to go outside more often.

### Treatment

The first step in treating the disease is getting a correct diagnosis. This requires a veterinary examination and appropriate tests, such as a urinalysis and blood glucose determination. Diabetic pets, like people, need medical care.

Most dogs' and cats' diabetes can be managed without complications if you carefully observe your veterinarian's recommended diet and exercise (for dogs) routines.

## Which standard to implement

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**O**ver the past two decades a lot of Management Systems standards have been published by standardisation organisations.

These include international, national and private standards. Given the multiplicity of standards that organisations have to comply with, it may sometimes be hard to choose the most relevant to your particular industry.

This is compounded by the fact that there are generic management systems standards, sector-specific management systems standards, product-specific and regulatory standards that must be complied with.

This myriad of requirements may make it hard for an organisation to choose the management systems standards that will enhance their strategic business advancement through the use of standards.

Besides the regulatory requirements that companies should adhere to, there are voluntary standards which when placed as contractual requirements to suppliers make them quasi-regulatory requirements.

As a result most suppliers without certification may lose out on some business opportunities. In a bid to be seen to be standards and quality conscious, organisations

may implement standards that may not necessarily best serve their needs for the specific industry sector.

The choice of which standards to implement then became critical as we discussed last week that there are costs associated with certification to standards.

In general, your criteria for selecting a management system standard to implement will depend on the following considerations:

- Do you need a generic system focusing on a management area or a sector-specific system?
- If you are aiming at a generic system, what area do you want to focus on: quality, the environment, information security, or a combination of these?
- If you need a sector-specific system, in which field do you operate: medical devices, packaged food products, automotive fuels?

To help focus your thoughts, I will highlight some of the popular generic management system standards and the purpose of implementation.

**ISO 9001**, Quality management systems – To obtain customer satisfaction by consistently providing conforming products or services

**ISO 27001**, Information security management systems – To ensure the security of your company's valued information and create confidence among customers in the security of the information they provide

**ISO 14001**, Environmental management systems – To demonstrate to your stakeholders that your company is environmentally responsible

**OHSAS 18001 (ISO 45001)**, Occupational health and safety manage-



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ment system – To provide a safe workplace to your employees by managing occupational health and safety risks at the workplace

**ISO 50001**, Energy management system – To improve energy performance, including energy efficiency, energy use and consumption. There are some sector-specific management systems standards such as those for food safety. This sector is heavily regulated and is largely governed by Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary measures as it also involves the use of agricultural produce. The more common voluntary standards include:

**HACCP**, Hazard analysis and critical control points – To ensure that the food your company processes is safe for human consumption

**ISO 22000**, Food safety management system – Also FSSC 22000 (a combination of ISO 22000 and PAS 220) is to ensure the safety of various food items, i.e. those manufactured from animal products, perishable vegetable products, products with long shelf life and food ingredients like additives, vitamins and bio-cultures.

**BRC Global Standards** – To ensure the production, packaging, storage and distribution of safe food and consumer products

**GLOBAL GAP** – These are private standards that are widely useful for farm producers looking to tap into export markets, especially in Europe. They help to reassure consumers that food is produced on farms that minimise the detrimental environmen-

tal impacts of farming operations by reducing the use of chemical inputs and that apply a responsible approach to worker health and safety as well as animal welfare

A company may wish to have a management system that integrates several management areas, such as quality assurance, environmental safety and food safety.

It may be possible to combine a generic standard and a sector-specific standard such as the ISO 22000 standard and BRC Global standards.

An Integrated management system of generic standards is also possible as most of the standards have common features, such as control of documents and internal audit requirements. What is most important is that companies identify the management system/s that best meet their need to demonstrate their commitment to quality to their clients. The international standards (except the private standards) discussed above have been adopted as national standards by SWASA and are available for industry to use. Since most of these are technical, organisations sometimes find it difficult to implement the systems on their own. SWASA does provide training on understanding and implementing the standards for SMEs and large industry.

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## LIVE SMART, BE ACTIVE, EAT WISELY

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**M**ilk is one of the most nutritionally complete foods available on the food market to date.

It is naturally a good provider of a whole range of nutrients essential to growth, development and maintenance of the human body and contains no artificial preservatives or colourings.

Relatively small quantities of milk can provide a significant proportion of daily nutrient requirements for all age groups, making it nutrient rich relative to its energy content. In addition to its contribution to nutrient intake, increased milk consumption has also been linked to reducing the risk of numerous health problems such as osteoporosis, cancer, cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and obesity to name but a few. Milk therefore makes a significant contribution to the human diet through provision of the macro-nutrients, vitamins and minerals.

Milk is an essential part of our diet. As children, milk used to be one of our least favourite things. But now we understand that our mothers' stressing over drinking milk wasn't a total waste. Seeing ourselves in good shape with a healthy system today, we realise that milk has done wonders for our body without us even noticing. Most of the people once grown-up decrease their intake of milk thinking they no longer need it but one is never too old to reap the benefits of milk. Scientifically speaking, a glass of milk is equivalent to a complete meal encompassing all the necessary nutrients. In addition to healthy bones, drinking milk daily adds energy to our lives and a tinge of glow to our faces. The nutritional composition of milk is highly complex, and it contains almost every single nutrient that the human body needs.

**Proteins**

Milk is a rich source of protein. Proteins in milk can be divided into two groups based on their solubility in water.

Insoluble milk proteins are called casein, whereas soluble proteins are known as whey proteins. Both of these groups of milk proteins are considered to be of excellent quality, with a high proportion of essential amino acids and good digestibility.

**Carbohydrates**

Carbs in milk are mainly in the form of a simple sugar called lactose, which constitutes around five percent of the weight of milk.

In the digestive system, lactose breaks down into glucose and galactose. These are absorbed into the bloodstream, and galactose is converted into glucose by the liver.

Some people lack the enzyme required to break down lactose. This condition is called lactose intolerance.

**Milk Fat**

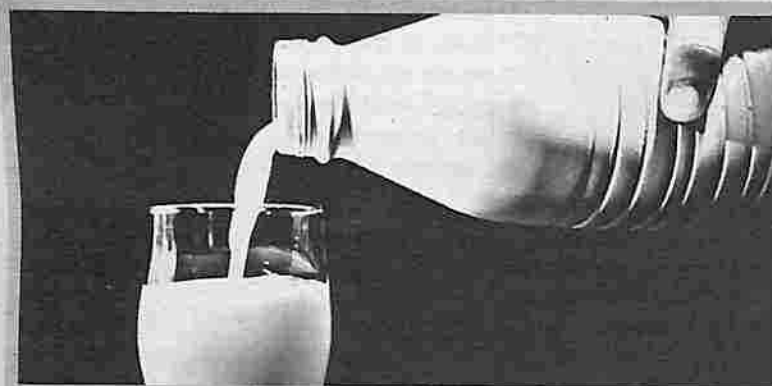
Whole milk, straight from the cow, is around four percent fat.

Milk fat is one of the most complex of all natural fats, containing about 400 different types of fatty acids.

**Vitamins and Minerals**

Milk contains all the vitamins and minerals necessary to sustain growth and development in the young calf during its first months of life. The following vitamins and minerals are found in particularly large

# IMPORTANCE OF MILK IN HUMAN LIFE



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amounts in milk:

● **Vitamin B12:** This essential vitamin is only found in foods of animal origin and milk is very high in B12.

● **Calcium:** Milk is not only one of the best dietary sources of calcium, but the calcium found in milk is also easily absorbed.

● **Riboflavin:** One of the B-vitamins, also called vitamin B2.

● **Phosphorus:** Dairy products are a good source of phosphorus, a mineral that plays an essential role in many biological processes.

**Health benefits of milk****Strong Teeth**

Milk is the best source for calcium, and that's exactly what your teeth need. In addition, milk helps prevent cavities and tooth decay. The calcium can only be absorbed by your body when Vitamin D is around, so make sure that the milk you drink is fortified with Vitamin D.

**Healthy Bones**

It's true that children need to drink milk to increase bone health, in order to improve proper growth. It's also true, however, that adults can benefit from drinking milk to help keep their bones strong, which will reduce the risk of developing osteoporosis. Again, this benefit comes from calcium found in milk, and your body does need Vitamin D to absorb the calcium.

**Muscle Growth**

Milk is also great at improving muscle growth. This is due to the protein found in milk. Many athletes drink milk following a workout, as it provides the body essential nutrients needed to recover. In addition, milk helps to prevent muscles soreness and replenishes the fluids that were lost during physical activity.

**Weight Loss**

Studies have proven that women who drink milk daily are more likely to lose weight than women who do not drink milk. If you're in search of a healthy snack, or fulfilling appetiser, drink a glass of milk. It's

also recommended that you have a glass during dinner or when eating fruit.

**Reduce Stress**

Thanks to the many vitamins and minerals that are in milk, it can work as a stress reliever. After a long, hard day at the office, sit down and drink a warm glass of milk. This helps to relieve muscle tension and soothe your nerves.

**Energy Booster**

Milk is great for many things, but did you know it's also great for boosting your energy? When you're struggling to get through the day and you need a little pick-me-up, reach for an ice cold glass of milk. You will feel revitalised in no time.

**Heartburn Eliminator**

There are many foods that contain acids that cause people to experience heartburn. One of the simplest and yummiest ways to alleviate this pain is drinking a glass of milk. The cooling sensation and the thick consistency of milk help to coat the esophagus and stomach lining to prevent heartburn.

**Milk storage**

It is easy to achieve the best conditions to keep milk fresh for as long as possible simply by applying some basic principles. Here are some handy tips and tricks to get the most from your milk;

**At the Supermarket:**

● When shopping, pick up the milk last so it doesn't warm up while you fill your basket. Refrigerate at a temperature of between 0 C and 4 C as soon as possible after purchase.

● Check the milk's best before date and choose the product with the furthest date.

**At home:**

● Once opened, milk is safe to consume for up to three days. This is why it is better to buy smaller amounts more often rather than keeping larger containers open in the refrigerator for too long.

● Remember to open new milk containers in the same order in which you bought them. First in the fridge, first out.

● Keep milk containers closed and stored away from strong-smelling food items in the fridge, the milk can pick up this odour.

● Store milk on refrigerator shelves where it is cooler, rather than in the refrigerator doors.

● Whenever possible, leave milk in its original container to safeguard its flavour and nutritional value.

● Avoid exposing milk to light, as light destroys certain vitamins, such as vitamin D and riboflavin.

● To avoid spoilage, do not return unused milk from a serving pitcher to the original container.

● Milk can be frozen for up to 6 weeks without any impact on its flavor and nutritional value; however, upon thawing, it can be separate and lose its smooth texture.

Thaw milk in the fridge.

**RECIPES****Poppy seed cake**

¼ cup (180ml) poppy seeds  
1 ½ cups (375ml) flour  
2tsp (10ml) baking powder  
¾ cup (180ml) butter, at room temperature  
4 eggs  
¾ cup (180ml) sugar  
1tsp (5ml) vanilla essence  
½ cup (125ml) sour cream

**Preparation**

● Preheat oven to 180 C. Butter and flour an eight cup (two litre) tube or bundt pan. Turn pan over and tap to remove excess flour.

● Using a grinder and working in batches, grind poppy seeds to a fine meal. Combine with flour and baking powder.

● In a bowl, using an electric mixer, cream eggs, sugar, butter and vanilla at medium speed for four minutes or until pale yellow.

● Add sour cream and mix gently. Pour batter into pan and bake in the middle of the oven until a paring knife inserted in the centre comes out clean, about 45 minutes.

● Cool 10 minutes on a rack before removing cake from pan.

**Fried ham with milk gravy**

2 (¼ inch-thick) center-cut, fully cooked ham slices about 300g  
½ cup all-purpose flour  
1 cup vegetable oil  
1 cup milk  
¼ tsp salt  
1/8 tsp pepper

**Preparation**

● Rinse ham slices in warm water, dredge in flour, reserving two tablespoons for gravy. Fry ham slices in hot oil in a large skillet over medium heat for four minutes on each side or until golden brown.

● Drain well, reserve two tablespoons oil in skillet.

● Add reserved flour to skillet, cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, and two to three minutes or until flour is lightly browned.

● Gradually add milk, cook until thickened and bubbly.

● Stir in salt and pepper.

● Serve ham with gravy.

Now that you know that there are way more benefits to drinking milk than you thought, you might be wondering if it matters what kind you drink. The short answer is no.

You can choose skim milk, low fat milk, two percent or whole milk. All will provide the same benefits, just with different levels of fat and calories. So what are you waiting for? Go get a tall glass of milk and take advantage of milk's amazing benefits!

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## MY DREAMS ON WHEELS



Young ladies, we can take charge of our health! As a young woman these days, when to get pregnant is a choice that can be up to us. We know what our dreams are and we know our plans for the future. We want to have children, however we want to have children at a time that is right for us. While we are still young and focusing on our dreams, Dreams on Wheels can provide healthcare services that are right for us, with no judgment or stigma.

Ladies, Dreams on Wheels has health services designed for us, by us. For young women who want to be in control of when we get pregnant, Dreams on Wheels is available to provide pregnancy testing and education about birth control. We can choose a pill, to take once per day, or we can get an injection, which protects from pregnancy for one month or more. Friendly nurses and educators are around to talk to us and guide us through the different ways that we can delay pregnancy. They will support us in making a choice that fits our future plans. As ladies we know we should always use a condom, which protects even against HIV or any other sexually transmitted infection. We can choose the kind of condom we want to take home, and talk to our partners about safer sex.

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### ECONOMICS TODAY

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**F**inancial Inclusivity has been termed as the back bone for effective small business development especially in African countries like Swaziland.

The significant of this trend in doing business has been influenced by the high poverty levels, which have crippled the establishment of sustainable businesses in most African countries, including Swaziland.

African Development Bank (AfDB), (2013) avers to the fact that the concept of inclusive growth is multifaceted and has financial inclusion as one of its main building blocks for socioeconomic growth and development.

For sustained and inclusive development to thrive, a great deal of innovation and planning is needed to ensure that appropriate financial services and instruments are put in place for the benefit of the poor and other vulnerable groups.

Financial inclusion is a multidimensional concept that encompasses all initiatives, from both the supply and demand sides, within the financial sector.

They include provision of appropriate and quality financing that is both accessible and affordable to low-income and other vulnerable households. Notably, they target groups traditionally excluded from the formal financial sector.

#### The definition of financial inclusion

Several authorities have defined financial inclusion from various perspectives but pointing towards the same outcome. However, from the socioeconomic perspec-

## Towards an Innovative Agenda for an Inclusive Business Society

### Enabling Financial Inclusion



tive, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) understands financial inclusion as a process of ensuring access to appropriate financial products and services, needed by vulnerable groups such as weaker sections and low income groups at an affordable cost in a fair and transparent manner by mainstream institutional players. The notion behind this idea is that for poverty levels to have been managed, it is important that people have the access to resources that would be used to enable them meet their personal demands.

In the same light, Center of for Social and Economic Rights (2014) declares that the need to combat inequality features prominently in African countries and remains a matter of urgency. This is because equality and inclusion are essential for the eradication of poverty and integral to human development. CSER (2014) continues to state that the elimination of poverty in all its dimensions remains the overriding priority

and a necessary condition for sustainable development. It is for this reason that innovation is to revolve around factors that would influence this development. Eradicating extreme poverty, with no one left behind, will not be possible without promoting equality and inclusion, which includes reducing income inequality, and promoting equality of opportunity and outcome.

#### A human right agenda

The idea of creating a social system that allowed people to have easy access to vital means of livelihood can also be termed as a matter of promoting human rights. This concept has been recognised by International labour organisation under the theme: the "future we want" conference that was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in the year 2015. The conference declared that to ensure empowerment of excluded groups, such the informal business sector and partic-

ularly the women, specific barriers like those that had a dimension of social status, like women's access to finance must be eliminated. Instead it was declared that these people (women and girls) were to have equal access to financial services, and the right to own land and other assets.

The understanding behind this notion has been that indigenous peoples' rights should be fully reflected in-line with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, regardless of their socioeconomic context.

This notion has been debated and concluded that these socioeconomic sectors were to be cross cutting of which entrepreneurship is at the center of it.

In particular, people's rights to their land, natural resources and territories, and to the benefits associated with their traditional knowledge should be protected. This would then mean that people were free to decide which sector was ideal for them, to remain sustainable and progressive.

The idea of establishing an ideal entrepreneurship society, in which people were free to engage in business in this case, would remain solemnly a challenge for government to deliver.

Based on this notion, it is important to state that the impact on social, economic and cultural rights in any given context remains to be embedding within human rights at the core of the sustainable development agenda. Which means, at the very least, respecting and reflecting pre-existing human rights norms, standards and commitments in the sustainable development goals.

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# Focus on SA scene

## South African family survives nice attack

**J**OHANNESBURG - A South African family bought sweets from a street store in Nice, France just minutes before a truck came barreling through during Bastille Day celebrations on Thursday killing at least 84 people. Henri Mestre posted on Facebook that he and his family are okay after the incident. "In Nice..... All of us ok...we stood just to the left of where the truck came to a standstill. The little street store in the pics shown on the news stations is where we bought some sweets a few minutes earlier...attached some photos of all of us in the exact spot minutes earlier. Mayhem broke out and we all just ran away from the Promenade des Anglaise." According to his

account, Mestre hails from Johannesburg and attended Northcliff High School.

News24 is still waiting for a response from Mestre.

The South African government earlier condemned the "cowardly terrorist attacks".

### Released

President Jacob Zuma released a statement via the Department of International Relations and Co-operation (Dirco) yesterday morning in which he extended heartfelt condolences to French President Francois Hollande, the government and the people of France, in particular the families of the deceased and injured "on behalf of the government and the people of South Africa". *News24*

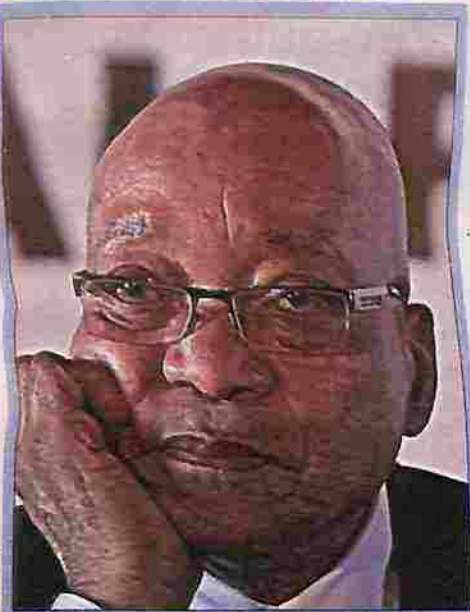
## SA's most notorious criminal escaped

**P**RETORIA - On the night that South Africa's most notorious criminal became the first person to ever escape from C-Max maximum security prison in Pretoria warders were watching a double-header soccer match on television.

A labour dispute involving one of six warders who were dismissed over the incident, has revealed details of what happened in the hours leading up to the audacious 2006 escape into darkness by

Ananias Mathe.

Mozambican-born Mathe's behaviour was described by a judge as "vicious and abnormal" when he was convicted of 64 charges, including aggravated robbery, rape, indecent assault, attempted murder and housebreaking. He was jailed for 54 years in 2009. Warder Paulina Phahobe was dismissed for dereliction of duty after being charged with failing to detect and prevent the escape. *Times Live*



ALSO THERE: SA President Jacob Zuma.

## Zuma joins world leaders in condemning Nice attack

**J**OHANNESBURG - President Jacob Zuma has said the people of South Africa are standing with the French people in their time of grief following the Bastille day attack.

Having just returned from France, the president joined the chorus of voices of world leaders reacting to the deadly attack in Nice, which has killed at least 84 people.

Department of International Relations (Dirco) Spokesperson Clayson Monyela said it was too early to know if there had been any South African casualties in the attack. *AFP*

## Home Affairs supports petition against homophobic pastor

**P**retoria - The Department of Home Affairs has expressed support for the online petition meant to stop American anti-gay pastor Steven Anderson from coming to South Africa.

However the department says it may not have the power to deny him the visa.

The petition, which had already gained over 2 000 signatures by Thursday morning and has since grown to 5 000, is meant to lobby Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba to deny Anderson entry on the grounds that he may be coming to SA to "promote hate speech". "We fully support the online petition. We will take it to the Human Rights Commission," Home Affairs spokesperson Mayihlome Tshwete told City Press.

However, he said that it may prove



MUST NOT COME: Pastor Steven Anderson.

difficult to stop the pastor from coming to SA because the comments he allegedly made were not stated on South African soil. "If someone from another country says something whilst not in the country we have no power to

stop them from coming," he said.

It was announced earlier this week that Anderson would host an event on September 18 in Kempton Park.

But the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) community in South Africa is against his visit, saying he was coming "to bring his unique brand of hate to South Africa". "This cannot be tolerated or allowed as LGBTI rights are protected by the Constitution, and there is already enough homophobia - the flames of which do not need fanning," stated the petition posted on change.org.

After the June 12 massacre at Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida in the US, Anderson posted a video in which he said there are "less paedophiles" in the world. Forty-nine people were killed in the mass shooting at the gay nightclub.

*Times Live*

## ConCourt victory for Solidarity in key affirmative action case

**J**OHANNESBURG - The Constitutional Court has ruled in favour of trade union Solidarity in their court case against Department of Correctional Services. The union had challenged the department's implementation of affirmative action plans, alleging that ten of its

members were denied promotions because of their skin colour.

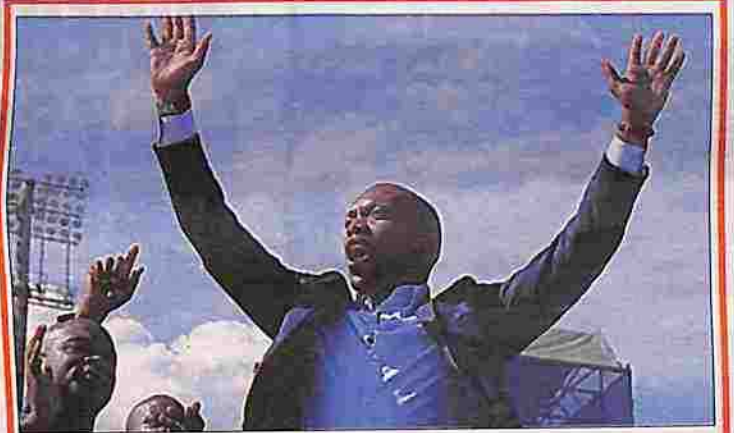
### Ruled

The court ruled that seven of the ten Western Cape correctional services staff should be appointed to the positions they were eligible for, and ordered that their pay scales be back

dated to reflect this change.

Last year arguments were made on whether affirmative action policies must use regional or national demographics and whether numerical quotas can be used for people from different race groups.

*eNCA*



CLASHES WITH EFF: DA leader Mmusi Maimane.

## DA, EFF slam each other in Nelson Mandela Bay

**P**ORT ELIZABETH - The race for the hotly contested Nelson Mandela Bay Metro is hitting boiling point.

Politicians from the major parties campaigned in Kwazakhele on Thursday and spent time slamming each other with insults and accusations.

Residents made it clear that they didn't want to be sweet-talked, ahead of next month's municipal elections.

In the latest eNCA poll, the African National Congress has recovered some support, but the Democratic Alliance is still way ahead of the governing party.

"Every five years the elections passes, they promise they will do this and that, after that you will never see them again," said Nothemba Nikani, a Ramaphosa settlement resident.

Democratic Alliance leader Mmusi Maimane accused President Jacob Zuma of using

the SABC to try and capture the state. "Jacob Zuma is fundamentally corrupt. He can't tell the truth when it's blatantly before him," he said.

Maimane also offered to resign if he doesn't deliver on his promises. "I'm so invested in the DA, we the DA must deliver and if we don't, I myself will resign," he told residents of Booyens Park. "We are the only government that can deliver, the ANC has long neglected the people. Our focus is to create work particularly in the Northern Areas because people just don't find work," Maimane said. DA mayoral candidate Athol Trollip said that it was unacceptable that residents had to choose between rectification or the rebuilding of their houses.

"It's not a choice, there are thousands of houses built so poorly that we will have to rebuild them. A lot of them have to be completely demolished."

*eNCA*

## Denel denies capture by Guptas

**J**OHANNESBURG - State-owned defence conglomerate Denel on Thursday sought to refute allegations that it had been co-opted by the Gupta family to give a R1-billion contract to VR Laser instead of LMT Holdings, which has cried foul and turned to the high court. "Denel wish to respond to the adverse reporting which was carried by certain publications today," Vuyelwa Qinga, Denel communications officer said in a statement.

"Denel categorically deny that it is captured by the Gupta family."

Earlier on Thursday, Times LIVE reported that a South African military contractor had raised allegations of state capture before the Pretoria High Court. The shareholders of LMT Holdings filed an urgent application on Wednesday to challenge the awarding of the R1 billion contract for the Hoefyster programme to VR Laser.

LMT Holdings is a local vehicle engineering and manufactur-

ing company that is 51 percent-owned by Denel.

LMT Holdings founder Stefan Nell alleged that, according to the contract, LMT would be awarded the design and manufacturing contracts for the Hoefyster project, which would generate an estimated income of approximately R100-million a year for a period of 10 years.

The deal was ratified by the Treasury and the minister of public enterprises in 2012.

Project Hoefyster produces a wheeled "Badger" infantry fighting vehicle, or the new generation infantry combat vehicle, for the South African National Defence Force (SANDF).

But Nell, in court papers, argued that there had been political motive and meddling to ensure that Denel awarded the remaining Hoefyster contracts, previously promised to the LMT Holdings, to VR Laser, which is affiliated to the Gupta family and President Jacob Zuma's son Duduzane. *Africa News Agency*



## BRIEFS

## UN expects DRC election to be delayed

KINSHASA - The head of the United Nations mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo says he does not believe the country will be able to hold its presidential election as scheduled in November. Maman Sidikou told at a press conference on Thursday in Kinshasa that even a partial revision of the electoral register in preparation for the vote would take at least nine months, meaning the election could not be held until next year. Tension has been mounting in this central African country amid opposition claims that President Joseph Kabila wants to delay the vote so he can stay in power past his mandate, which expires at the end of the year. *News24.*

## Ugandan army goes into South Sudan

UGANDA - A heavy armed Ugandan military convoy crossed into South Sudan Thursday to evacuate citizens trapped in the capital Juba as fears persist that days of fierce fighting might reignite despite a ceasefire. The UN has warned of tension and the possibility of fresh fighting in Juba, where a ceasefire has held. President Salva Kiir yesterday called on arch-rival Riek Machar to meet for talks to salvage peace. "I don't want any more bloodshed in South Sudan," Kiir said. Kiir spoke in public for the first time at the bullet-scarred presidential palace. *AFP*

## Detained 'Boko Haram supporters' dying

YAOUNDE - Authorities in Cameroon have arbitrarily arrested more than 1,000 people as part of their fight against Islamist militant group Boko Haram and dozens have died



of disease or been tortured to death, Amnesty International said on Thursday. As many as eight people are dying each month in Maroua Prison in the capital of Far North region and prisoners are kept in inhumane, overcrowded and unsanitary conditions, Amnesty said in a report. *Reuters*

## We can't wait for 2018 polls - protesters

CAPE TOWN - Zimbabwean nationals marched to the Zimbabwean Consulate in Cape Town on Thursday to deliver a petition calling for President Robert Mugabe to step down. The march was sparked by the ongoing protests in Zimbabwe against Mugabe's government. The southern African country has in recent weeks been hit by a wave of protests, as Zimbabweans demanded that the government act on the ongoing economic hardships. The protesters in Cape Town also protested against the arrest of Pastor Evan Mawarire who has been leading the #ThisFlag movement. *News24*

## Mali World Heritage site in danger

DAKAR - A World Heritage site in central Mali that features elaborate pre-Islamic mud houses is in danger of deteriorating because it cannot be protected adequately in the face of insecurity, UNESCO said. The Old Towns of Djenné includes four archeological sites with nearly 2,000 houses whose decorative facades have remained intact since the 3rd century B.C. The buildings are among the most famous in Mali, a country that also boasts the ancient town of Timbuktu. The World Heritage Committee said insecurity was preventing measures to safeguard the site against the deterioration of construction materials, urbanisation and erosion. *News24.*

## Africa News

## 'NIGERIA'S ANTI-GRAFT WAR ONLY SCRATCHES SURFACES'

LAGOS - There has been no shortage of praise for Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari's anti-corruption war, which has led to the arrest of a string of high-ranking former government officials.

The crackdown centres on an alleged \$2.1bn "arms scam", where money earmarked for weapons to fight Boko Haram is said to have been diverted for political purposes.

But experts say the arrests and ongoing trials do little to tackle systemic corruption in the defence sector that helped allow the Islamists to seize swathes of territory in the country's northeast.

Former national security advisor Sambo Dasuki is

accused of overseeing a sprawling embezzlement scheme that saw "phantom contracts" awarded for personal gain, as under-equipped and demoralised troops fought better-armed militants.

But Dasuki's trials have a narrow focus: whether defence money was diverted to former president Goodluck Jonathan's party to fund his failed 2015 re-election campaign.

Campaigners say none addresses the companies behind the procurement deals or the lack of oversight that makes the sector ripe for fraud, leaving the door open to future arms scams. "The major issues within the defence sector have not really been sorted," Eleonore Vidal de la Blache,

from Transparency International's Africa defence and security programme, told AFP. "Just because you prosecuted a few rotten apples it doesn't mean that you've massively transformed the sector."

## Secretive status quo

Shielded by a secretive status quo, corruption thrived while Boko Haram tore through Nigeria in 2014, capturing territory the size of Belgium and killing over 2 500 people - one of the most bloody years of the insurgency, according to Human Rights Watch.

Nnamdi Obasi, a senior analyst with the International Crisis Group, said the problem was "particularly serious" in the defence sector as national security. *AFP*

## Zim authorities deport Sky News journalists

HARARE - Zimbabwean authorities Thursday deported two Sky News journalists for entering the country without permission, a senior government official said, as the country faces a wave of anti-government protests.

"They breached our laws and we kicked them out. You don't enter a country without accreditation," said George Charamba, a senior official in the Ministry of Information.

Charamba, who is also President Robert Mugabe's spokesperson, told AFP that their deportation should serve as a warning to foreign journalists who may attempt to sneak into the country without permits.

The Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) said Sky News correspondent Alex Crawford and a cameraman, whose identity was not given, were arrested at a lodge in Harare on Wednesday. The media watchdog said the two were travelling on British passports and were detained overnight at Harare international airport before their deportation Thursday morning. *AFP*

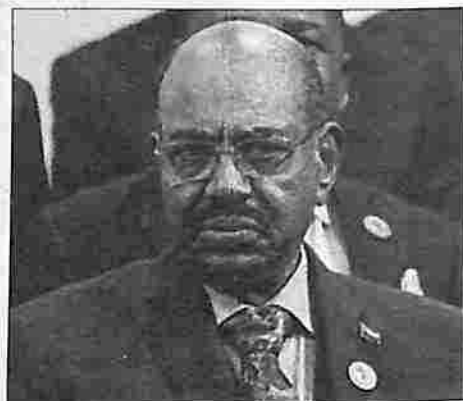
## Bashir welcome at Rwanda's AU Summit

KIGALI - Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, who is wanted by the world's top criminal court, is "very welcome" in Rwanda for a summit of the African Union starting this weekend, the country's foreign minister said on Thursday.

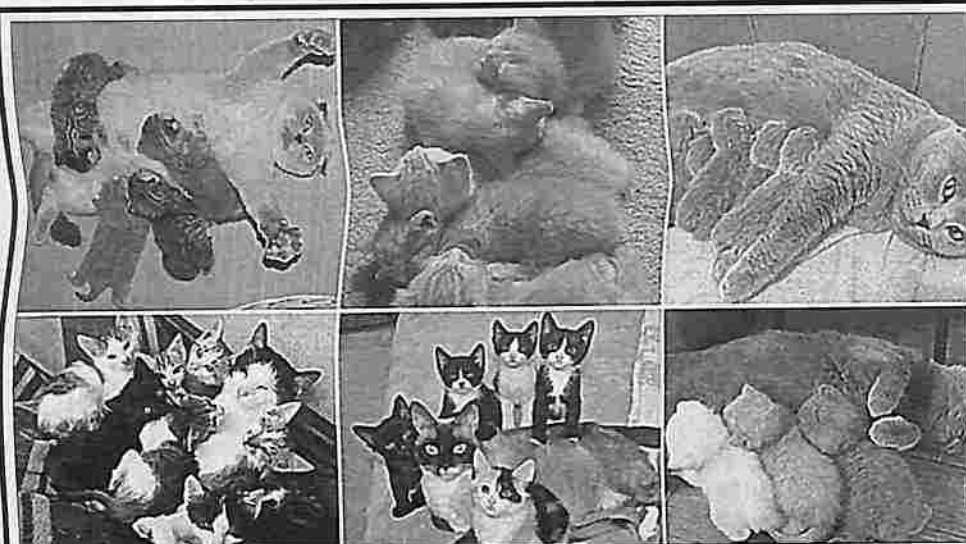
Rwanda has "no obligation" and "no right to arrest anybody" as it has not subscribed to the treaty founding the International Criminal Court (ICC), Louise Mushikiwabo said at a news conference. She also dismissed out of hand an ICC request, sent to the Rwandan government two days ago to help it arrest Bashir, calling it "a distraction".

"We are too busy to pay attention to that kind of thing," she said at the media conference held ahead of the gathering of the 54-nation group. The summit takes place tomorrow and Monday. "Rwanda is the host of African leaders invited by the African Union," she said.

"Unequivocally, anybody who is invited by the African Union will be here in Kigali and would be very welcome and would be under the protection of this country as should be customary." The ICC issued arrest warrants for Bashir in 2009 and 2010 for war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide over the Darfur conflict, where more than 300 000 people have died, according to the United Nations. *AFP*



WELCOME: Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir.



BEAUTIFUL: From beautiful Turkish Angora cats to five marmalade-coloured kittens settling down for the night, these gorgeous photos show that the family that relaxes together, stays together. (AP)

## Botswana declares drought a disaster

GABORONE - Botswana President Lieutenant-General Seretse Khama Ian Khama has declared the drought across the country a state of disaster and announced a drought-relief programme that will end next year on June 30.

In a proclamation order issued on Thursday, Khama said a drought assessment survey conducted by government

ministries revealed that the poorly distributed rainfall during the 2015/2016 farming season had left a significant number of rural households vulnerable to hunger. He said the drought, which affected the whole country, had also left the national livestock herd in danger of dying due to the scarcity of water and pastures.

Among other mitigation measures, Khama said govern-

ment would provide food aid to drought-stricken families.

A schools-based feeding programme will help supplement nutrition among pupils in primary and secondary schools in the Okavango District, which is hardest hit. Livestock farmers will also benefit from a 25 percent subsidy on stock-feed prices, which will remain in place until 31 December 2016. *AFP*

## Possible delay to Ghana presidential election

ACCRA - Ghana's presidential election may be delayed by a month, the head of the country's electoral body has said, after wranglings over voter registration.

Nationwide polls in which President John Dramani Mahama is seeking re-election were scheduled to be held on November 7 - a month earlier than initially planned.

But the director of electoral services at the Electoral Commission of Ghana, Samuel Tettey, said the election could be on either date.

## Conference

"In case 7th November goes through we can go by it. If not and it's 7th December, we can go by that," he told a news conference in the capital,

Accra, on Wednesday.

"So, both dates are possible but we are working towards 7th November general elections."

The lack of clarity over a date comes after 56,000 names were deleted from the electoral register after individuals used national health insurance scheme cards as proof of identity. *AFP*



# World News

## FBI warns about 'terrorist diaspora' after ISIS defeat



**WARNED:** FBI Director James Comey.

**W**ASHINGTON - Senior US national security officials on Thursday warned about a possible rise in extremist violence with the spread of a "terrorist diaspora" once the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria is defeated.

"We all know there will be a terrorist diaspora out of the caliphate as military forces crush the caliphate," FBI Director James Comey told a hearing of the House Homeland Security Committee, referring to the Islamic state proclaimed by the jihadist group.

Thousands of fighters will spread worldwide "and our job is to spot them and stop them before they come to the United States to harm

innocent people," he added.

The ISIS group's defeat in Iraq and Syria will make it "desperate to demonstrate its continued vitality, and that is likely to take the form of more asymmetric attacks, of more efforts at terrorism", Comey said.

### Estimated

CIA director John Brennan estimated last month that about 18 000 to 22 000 ISIS fighters remained in Iraq and Syria, and he predicted they would probably intensify attacks around the world even as they come under pressure in Iraq and Syria. The jihadi group has ceded an increasing amount of territory in recent weeks, especially in Iraq, where it lost control over the Sunni city of Fallujah and a major

air base in Qayyarah, about 60km from the city of Mosul, the ISIS group's de facto capital in Iraq.

However, that has not stopped the jihadists from staging deadly attacks in Baghdad and elsewhere.

Although the Islamic State group's grip in Iraq and Syria is weakening, there may be a significant lag between the US-led coalition's battlefield victories and reducing the IS group's capability to stage attacks, Nicholas Rasmussen, director of the National Counterterrorism Centre, told the committee.

Brennan said on Wednesday that three suicide bombings in Saudi Arabia last week bear the hallmarks of ISIS. **AFP**

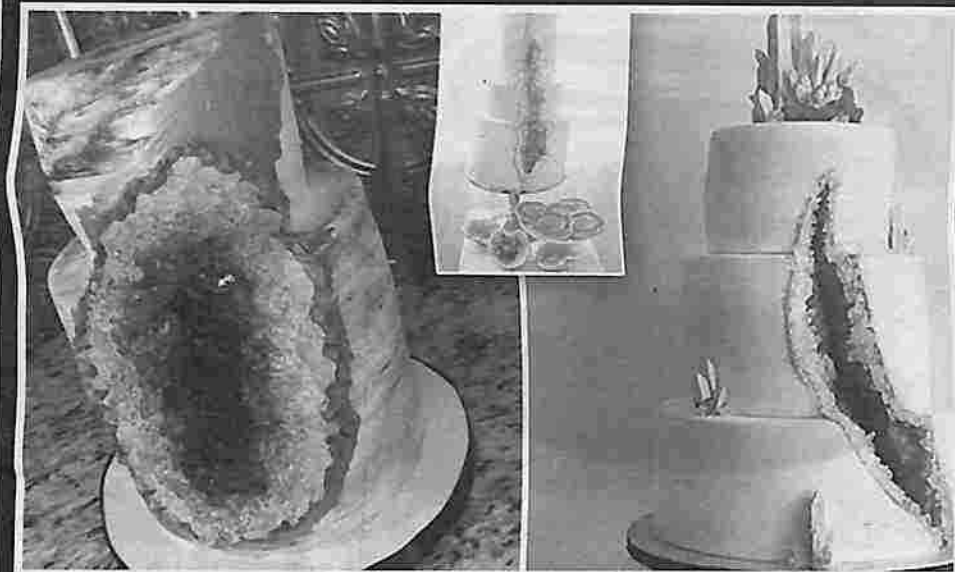
### Fear Factor: Americans scared of presidential options

**W**ASHINGTON - The vast majority of Americans say they are afraid of at least one of the two major candidates - Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump - winning the White House, a remarkable finding that reflects an unsettled nation unhappy with its choice. Nearly 81% of Americans say they would feel afraid following the election of one of the two polarising politicians, according to a new AP poll. That includes a quarter who say it doesn't matter who wins: they're scared of both. Three-quarters of voters say their pick for president is motivated by a desire to cast their Election Day ballot against Clinton or Trump, more than those who say they're voting for the candidate who shares their positions on the issues or is the most qualified to hold the office. On the eve of the summer's political conventions, at which the general election campaign officially begins, the latest poll findings underscore the deep sense of unease that is sharpening the political divide in America. **AFP**

### S. China See ruling a 'crowning glory'

**M**ANILA - A decision invalidating China's vast claims in the South China Sea was a "crowning glory" that renews faith in international law, the Philippines' top lawyer said yesterday, in Manila's strongest comment yet on its sweeping win. The remarks by Solicitor General Jose Calida follow two days of carefully calibrated responses from the Philippines and are almost certain to irritate China further. Manila has so far been keen not to rock the boat in the hope of starting dialogue towards Beijing allowing it to exercise what the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague ruled were its sovereign maritime rights.

"It confirms that no one state can claim virtually an entire sea. The award is a historic win not only for the Philippines ... it renews humanity's faith in a rules based global order." **AFP**



**WEDDING CAKE:** Forget boring white pastries and towering iced creations. This latest wedding cake trend is cutting edge. Geode wedding cakes (pictured), which use colourful sugar rocks to create intricate crystal formations inside a frosted cake, are the latest beautiful sweet to pop up all over Instagram and Pinterest. At present, there are more than 500 Geode cakes on Instagram alone, while the dessert style is also popular on Pinterest. **(AP)**

## Indian firm gifts Trump 6 000 tea bags to cleanse his soul

**I**NDIA - An Indian company Thursday said it had sent 6,000 green tea bags to White House hopeful Donald Trump, believing they would help him to become "smarter" and cleanse his soul.

The unusual gift - which equals four years supply if drunk four times a day - was from Kolkata-based Te-a-Me Teas, its executive director Sumit Shah told AFP.

Shah also said the company had set up a website - [www.teafortrump.com](http://www.teafortrump.com) - where people could tweet a message to Trump and urge him to drink the tea daily.

"We firmly believe green tea



can do a lot of good to people. We thought green tea will help him (Trump) cleanse his mind, body and soul," he said.

"Green tea is also proven to make people smarter. So our message is, please Mr Trump drink the tea. For your sake, for America's sake, for the world's sake."

Trump, a political novice and a real estate tycoon, has riled

critics with his radical views on Muslims and immigrants during an often vitriolic presidential campaign.

Next week, Trump is set to be formally nominated to run against his Democratic rival, former secretary of state Hillary Clinton.

The Indian tea company said it wanted to instil responsible leadership among famous personalities across the world and denied the move was a publicity gimmick.

"We don't even sell in the US. I guess with Trump it's just about the timing (of our gesture)," Shah said.

**Timeslive.**

### BRIEFS

#### Car explosion kills suspect, injures one

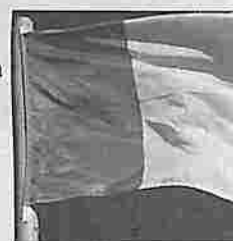
**NEVADA** - Two explosions, at least one of them set off by a bomb or bomb-making materials carried in a car, rocked a small farming town in eastern Nevada on Wednesday night, killing a suspect in the vehicle and injuring another person, authorities said on Thursday. The circumstances behind the two large blasts at about 8 p.m. in the community of Panaca, about 190 miles (300 km) northeast of Las Vegas near the Utah border, were not immediately clear. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office issued a statement confirming one fatality and one "non-life-threatening injury" from the first blast, which according to dispatcher Toni Lytle resulted from the detonation of explosives in the car. **Reuters**

#### Congress should strengthen refugee protections

**NEW YORK** - US Congress should pass legislation that would strengthen protections for refugees and improve the overall effectiveness of the asylum and resettlement process in the United States, Human Rights First's Refugee Protection Program Director Eleanor Acer said in a statement on Thursday. "A strong, effective and fair asylum and refugee resettlement process is more important than ever as the United States looks to lead, and encourage other countries to do more, to address the global refugee crisis," Acer stated. According to Human Rights First, the current US asylum system has become increasingly inefficient due to a barrage of technical requirements. **Africa News Agency**

#### 'Poverty at worst for 10 years in blow'

**ROME** - The number of people living in poverty in Italy hit its highest level for a decade in 2015, data showed on Thursday, in a report that could hurt centre-left Prime Minister Matteo Renzi. Those living in "absolute poverty" rose to 4.6 million last year, or 7.6 percent of the population, up from 6.8 percent in 2014 and the highest since current records began in 2005, national statistics bureau ISTAT reported. **Times Live.**



#### Boris booed at ambassador's residence

**LONDON** - Boris Johnson was booed this afternoon at the French ambassador's residence despite singing La Marseillaise at a reception to celebrate Bastille Day. Making his first public appearance as British Foreign Secretary in London, a small section of the French and British crowd at the ambassador's residence heckled Johnson as he attempted to make a speech. Johnson's appointment as Britain's top diplomat has caused disquiet across Europe - even leading to the cancellation of an informal meeting of foreign ministers in Brussels to discuss the impact of Brexit. Johnson is due to attend his first EU foreign ministers' meeting in Brussels on Monday. **Daily Mail**

#### Up to 700 could have died in migrant disaster

**SYRACUSE** - Italian navy officials say that the death toll from the April 2015 migrant shipwreck could be close to the original 700 estimate. Admiral Nicola de Felice told The Associated Press on Thursday that forensic experts have gathered human remains in 458 body bags from the vessel retrieved this summer from the Mediterranean Sea floor, in addition to the 217 bodies recovered previously. It will take months to identify the poorly preserved remains, but de Felice said "the number of victims is likely to be higher" than the 675 total. **Daily Mail**







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## 11 DEATHS



Relatives and friends of **Paul Boy Du-pont** are notified of his untimely death. He will be laid to rest at eLwandle on Saturday 16 July 2016 after a night vigil on Friday 15 July 2016. Announcement by his family.

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Friends and relatives of **Gazicakala Lomanesi Nkosi** are notified of her passing on. She will be buried at Lobamba Lomdzala @ her peaceful home on Saturday 17 July 2016. Night vigil is on Friday 15 July 2016 Saturday at 9pm. Announcement is made by the Nkosi family.



Relatives and friends of **Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baLogi Robert Mndzebele** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 17 July 2016 ekhaya lakhe kaNdinda. Kwatiswa bekhakhakhe kaNkosi kuMfishane, bekhahonina kaKhumalo kaNdinda nelibandla lakhe lase light phase Mfundisi T. Hlophe kutsi nabo babekhona. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguZinunu uyise egameni lemndeni, eMoshali uphuma nga 4pm



Friends and relatives of **Themba V. Shongwe**, are notified of his demise. Funeral on Friday 15 July 2016 at 10am at Mbabane. Announcement by Shongwe family.

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## 11 DEATHS



**DOUGLAS DONALD HOLMES**  
29 December 1947-  
08 July 2016

It is with profound sadness that the Holmes Family and Khanyisile Primary School announce the death of their beloved son/brother/father and colleague, Douglas Donald Holmes. A memorial service will be held at the Khanyisile Primary School Hall on 16th July 2016, starting at 10:00am followed by a private cremation. Farewell Our Beloved Dougie.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani nebaka Mavuso eMahlangatsha nebakubo kaNkhosi kaLobamba lomdzala nebakaShongwe. Kutsi **Sindie Lindie Dlamini** lobekendze kaShongwe akasekho emhlabeni kulindzela mhlaka 15 July 2016 eKundzeni phase Mdzimba. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubabe wakhe Simon Shongwe



Kwatiswa tihlobo, umndeni bangani bakaMagagula eDlangeni nase Hladzeni eSiphungweni bakaGwebu

ekhabonina nebekhakhakhe kaMasina eBhikini nabobonke labanebantwana naye kutsi **Nkosinathi Sifiso Magagula** akasekho emhlabeni ufihlwa ngelisontfo mhlaka 17 July 2016 emvakwemlindzelo eDlangeni eNgweni. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguyise Lukha Magagula umfundisi egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa bantfwabeNkhosi neMalangeni asempini kaGwabhe kutsi **Nobuhle Goodness Dlamini** laGamedze akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakubo ePhonjwane, bekhabonina, tihlobo nebangani, base Mthonjeni high school, baka Hand in hand emsebenzini wakhe nelibandla lakhe. Inkonzo yesikhumbuto itawuba sekhaya lakhe ngaleSihlanu ekhaya lakhe mhlaka 15 July 2016. Umngcwabo ngeMgcibelo ngelisiko leMalangeni. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguRichard Dinabantu Dlamini egameni leMalangeni.



Umndeni neyihlobo ta **Busisiwe Sphumelele Mahlambi** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa

bekhabonina kaMamba eMkhuzweni, basesontfweni bangani nalafundze nabo. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo 17 July 2016 emvakwemlindzelo ekhaya kubo eLangeni. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguGogo wakhe laMagongo gogo Ziya.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Albert Qabindawo Dlamini** lobekatiwa ngekutsi nguMakhahleleka kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa eMalangeni akaQomintaba eHlanzeni nebase khakhakhe bakNtjagase eSivule nebakaKhumalo, kaThandizwe kutsi umlindzelo utokuba ngaleSihlanu mhlaka 15 July 2016. Kwatiswa nelibandla emaPostoli kutsi utawufihlwa ngemGcibelo ekuseni mhlaka 16 July 2016 ekhaya lakhe eBhunya eMhlangeni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.



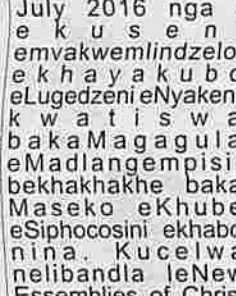
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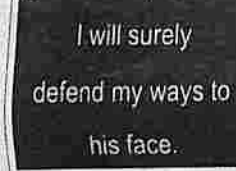
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Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wase Gedzeni Enyakeni kutsi **Majahakangwane Simon Dlamini** akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa mhlaka 17 July 2016 nga 5 ekuseni emvakwemlindzelo, ekhaya kubo eLugedzeni eNyakeni kwatiswa bakaMagagula eMadlangempisi, bekhakhakhe baka Maseko eKhuba eSiphocosini ekhabonina. Kucelwa nelibandla leNew Essemblies of Christ eDzingeni ngaphansi kwaBishop Kekela Dlamini lite kutochuba lomsebenzi. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguClement Dlamini umnakabo egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Hlobisile Maziya** Kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakaSihlongonyane lapho bekendze khona. Kwatiswa nebaka Zombondze. Kwatisa nalapho bekahlala khona eMhobodleni emhlabeni kuMatsapha nebaka Sihlongonyane kaLavumisa kanye nebaka Maziya, eMankayane eMagazini. Umlindzelo utaba ngeMgcibelo. Utawufihlwa ngeliSontfo 17 July 2016 ekuseni, eMankayane, eMgazi. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumyeni wakhe Mfanasilili Sihlongonyane.



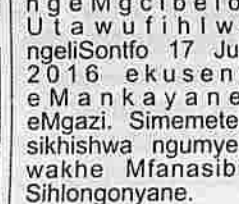
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Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Mthunzi Innocent Sibandze** lotalwa nguLeonard Sibandze kaLavumisa, kaBulawayo na Nomsa Sibutse Masuku kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngalokukhulu kutumeka. Kwatiswa bekhabonina kaMasuku eNtjanini nabobonke labamatiko. Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 16 July 2016, emvakwemlindzelo ngaleSihlanu mhlaka 15 July 2016 ekhaya kubo eGamula. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguNina Nomsa Sbutse Masuku egameni lemndeni.



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Friends, relatives, colleagues. It is with great sadness to announce the sudden passing of **Cebile Dlamini Nkumane**. She will be laid to rest at her home Nhlambeni on Sunday 17 July 2016 @ 6am after a night vigil. Announcement by family. Be not afraid "I go before you."



Relatives and friends of **Thandi Zwane** are notified of her demise she lived in Nkoyoyo and used to work for guys and girls stores. She will be laid to rest on Saturday 16 July 2016 in the morning, after a night vigil on Friday evening at Nhlambeni kungwabi. Announcement by his father Mikha Zwane on behalf of family.



Kwatiswa tihlobo, banagani, umndeni wakaDlamini kutsi **Stephen Buhlungu Dlamini** akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa nebekhakhakhe. Umlindzelo kaSimelane, bakaNkosi ekuTsimuleni, baka Nkosi kaDvokolwako nebekhako Nina eMcengeni. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo ekhaya lakhe eMbelebeleni eLuvu 17 July 2016 emvakwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguMshengu Gama umnakabo egameni lemndeni.

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Relatives and friends of **Sanah Mdlelane Gule** nee Nkambule are notified of her demise. Funeral will be held at kaZondwako 16 July 2016 after a night vigil. Announcement by her husband Josias Gule.



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Relatives and friends of **Gogo Dorah Ndlandla** nee Dlamini are notified of her demise. Funeral at Macetjeni on Saturday 16 July 2016 after a night vigil on Friday 15 July 2016. Announcement by Mgcibelo Ndlandla on behalf of family.

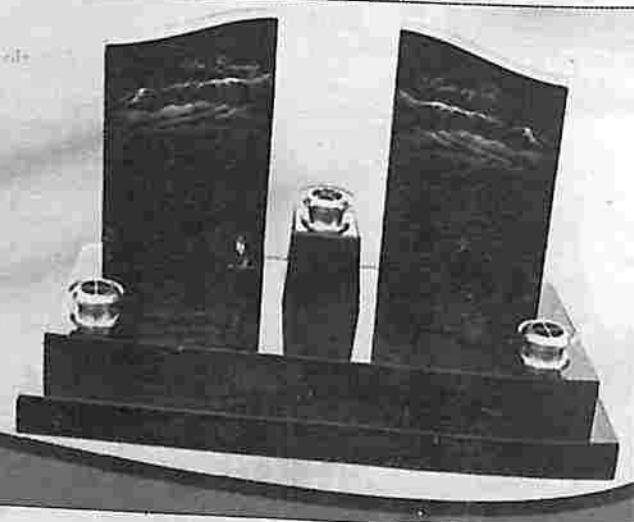


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# BARCELONA KEEN ON SIGNING A NEW STRIKER



ON RADAR: Luciano Vietto.

**B**ARCELONA - Barcelona have admitted they're in the market for a new striker as they look to prise back the Champions League title from arch rivals Real Madrid.

The Catalan giants have star trio Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Neymar as their first-choice attackers, but they remain keen to add to their striking options. And strong reports in the Spanish press suggest Barcelona boss Luis Enrique is keen to make Atletico Madrid striker Luciano Vietto his fourth signing of this summer's transfer window. Any new attacking face to join Barcelona would undoubtedly have to play back-up to Messi, Suarez and Neymar.

But Barcelona technical secretary Robert Fernandez confirmed that is exactly what they are after during the presentation of new French defender Lucas Digne.

"An attacker will join. We are analysing it and

we will not delay in deciding what we will do, which will be the best for the club," Fernandez said. Young Argentine forward Vietto is Barcelona's favoured option, with Spanish newspaper AS reporting the Nou Camp giants have reached an agreement to sign the player.

The Spanish media reports suggest Vietto's agent has met with Fernandez with both a loan or permanent move a possibility.

## Interesting

Barcelona sources close to the deal told AS: "We like him a lot, he's got a lot of interesting aspects to his game and could be a good alternative for the team."

Just 22, Vietto was on the fringes of the Atletico side last season, but still made 28 appearances for the club, scoring three goals as they finished third in La Liga and lost to city rivals Real in the final of the Champions League.

Atletico, who have pushed Real and Barca domestically in recent seasons, would be unlikely to sell any of their star players but Vietto's presence behind the likes of Fernando Torres and Antoine Griezmann means the club could be willing to let him leave.

*Daily Mail*



FOREVER YOUNG: Mieko Nagaoka.

## 101-year-old Japanese swimmer eyes more records

**N**ARASHINO - As the world's top swimmers prepare for the Rio Olympics, a sprightly Japanese centenarian insists she will still be smashing records by the time the 2020 Tokyo Games roll around.

Closing in on her 102nd birthday, Mieko Nagaoka has racked up a slew of jaw-dropping world bests in her age bracket after only taking up swimming in her late eighties, but warns she is not done yet.

"I'm fit as a fiddle," Nagaoka told AFP in an interview after completing the 400 metres freestyle in 26 minutes, 16.81 seconds at a Japan Masters Swimming Association competition in Chiba, on the outskirts of Tokyo. "The secret is to eat well and stay active. It's no good sitting around at my age. I want to keep swimming until I'm 105 - and beyond

that," added the Yamaguchi native, who has lived through 22 Olympics to date.

Nagaoka, who swam the race backstroke sporting a white cap and dashing black and gold swimsuit, finished well over 17 minutes behind the winner, 80-year-old Etsuko Azumi.

## Roar

Hard of hearing, Nagaoka failed to hear the roar of the crowd after completing the eight-lap race and attempted to return for a ninth before being fished out by judges as nervous medics watched on. "It was just another race," smiled Nagaoka after changing into a pink jacket and matching hat.

"Swimming makes me happy, that's what I love about it," she added. "When I'm swimming I'm in my own little world."

*AFP*

## Tour de France goes ahead despite terror atrocity in Nice

**N**ICE - The Tour de France continued as planned yesterday as the world of sports stands in solidarity following the deadly attack in Nice.

France is reeling again after a large truck mowed through a crowd gathered for a Bastille Day fireworks display in the Riviera city of Nice, killing at least 84 people on Thursday night. The attack, on France's national holiday, followed attacks last November in Paris that killed 130.

Defending Tour champion Chris Froome, the race's current leader, posted a picture of the blue, white and red French flag on Twitter yesterday and wrote: "Thoughts are with those affected by the horrific terror attack in Nice."

Froome was scheduled to compete in the race's first time trial later yesterday after organisers said the hilly 37.5-kilometre (23-mile) leg from Bourg-Saint-Andeol to La Caverne du Pont-d'Arc in the Ardeche region will go ahead

despite the attack.

Tour director Christian Prudhomme, following a meeting with police, government, regional and security officials, said: "It's a day of mourning, for France and for the Tour de France."

## Dignity

The Tour de France will continue in sobriety and with dignity. "We wish today to be dignified, in tribute to the victims.

We are thinking about the families, we offer our condolences to everyone who has been affected, who has lost a loved one. To everyone who is injured, in flesh

and in their being. "We asked questions of ourselves, effectively. But we think, in agreement with the state authorities, that the race should continue, and we mustn't give in to pressure of people who want us to change our way of life." There was a minute's silence held at the start of yesterday's 13th stage, a 37.5-kilometre time-trial from Bourg-Saint-Andeol to La Caverne du Pont-d'Arc.

*Daily mail*

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## KOBE BRYANT RECEIVES THE LEGEND AWARD



LEGEND: Los Angeles Lakers icon Kobe Bryant.

**L**OS ANGELES - Kobe Bryant was drenched in gold slime as he accepted the Legend Award on stage during the Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Sports Awards 2016.

The recently retired Los Angeles Lakers star had just finished his speech in California when he was hit by the onrush of shiny goo.

Bryant shrugged off the soaking as fans started to cheer and chant in support of the player's career.

The Lakers legend became the third recipient of the Legend Award, following David Beckham in 2014 and Derek Jeter last year.

Bryant, who retired at the end of last season, played his whole career for

the Lakers, having won five NBA Championships with them.

The star has also been an 18-time All-Star, 15-time member of the All-NBA team and 12-time member of the All-Defensive team.

Bryant, also known as The Black Mamba, ended his 20-year career on April 13. He went out in style in his final game, setting a season high 60 points.

## Drenching

Bryant's gold slime drenching was also witnessed by his wife and two daughters, as they attended the ceremony on Thursday night.

Earlier on in the week, Bryant was honoured with the Icon Award at the ESPY Awards in Los Angeles, alongside fellow retirees Peyton Manning and Abby Wambach.

*Daily Mail*

## I'M NOT CHASING SA SCHOOLS STARS - JAKE

**C**APE TOWN - Montpellier coach Jake White has dismissed rumours he wants to lure top South African schools rugby players to France.

"As much as I enjoy working with South African players and understand their psyche, I was not instructed to recruit young players," White told Netwerk24.

"We're competing with the best rugby clubs in Europe and have to get the best players here. I'm not

going to concern myself with 17-, 18- and 20-year-olds."

White's comments come after a report earlier this week indicated that French rugby clubs have set their sights on signing 20 of South Africa's top schoolboy rugby players.

## Contract

According to Netwerk24, there are talent scouts for the French clubs at the current Craven Week taking place at Kearsney College in

KwaZulu-Natal. The contracts are reported to be between €3 500 and €4 000 (R55 500-R63 500) per month, while the French agents at the Craven Week are believed to be retired South African rugby players who played club rugby in France.

White, who coached the Springboks to World Cup glory in 2007, said he did not want the perception to exist that he was stripping South Africa of young talent.

*Sport24*





## ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP



# CHELSEA TO KEEP MATIC

**L**ONDON - Chelsea have told Nemanja Matic they do not want him to leave despite enquiries from Manchester United and Juventus.

Roman Abramovich has told the Serbian he does not wish to sell him although the club plan to bring in N'Golo Kante from Leicester for £30million.

United and Juventus have both sounded out Matic through intermediaries with the 27-year-old interested by the prospect of a move to Old Trafford in particular.

Juventus have made a wage proposal to Matic and made further enquiries to Chelsea on Wednesday about a fee.

The defensive midfielder endured a difficult season last year and was frustrated with his form.

He did not enjoy a great relationship with Jose Mourinho but believes he would benefit from a

change of environment and is happy to reunite with his former Portuguese boss to try again.

Matic is excited by the arrival of Antonio Conte at Chelsea but with the club pursuing Kante, Radja Nainggolan and Axel Witsel, recognises the opportunity for change is now.

### Move

However, Abramovich says any designs on a move must be put on hold as Conte shapes his squad.

Chelsea, meanwhile, have shown an interest in Lazio winger Antonio Candreva who has been talking to Napoli and AC Milan.

The deal would hinge on Juan Cuadrado joining Juventus.

Chelsea have also discussed Felipe Anderson at Lazio, Sporting Lisbon's Joao Mario, who is talking

to Inter Milan, and Santos forward Gabriel Barbosa though the latter is still discussing a new contract which he

may sign after the Olympics. *Daily Mail*



**STAYING:** Chelsea defensive midfielder, Nemanja Matic. (AP)

## 'I love West Ham, I'm staying'

**L**ONDON - West Ham United fans can breathe a sigh of relief after Dimitri Payet committed his immediate future to the club.

The creative midfielder scored nine goals and picked up 12 assists last season as he helped West Ham to finish seventh in the English Premier League under Slaven Bilic.

He also produced the goods at the European Championships as he scored three times as France finished runners-up to Portugal, and he was also named in the team of the tournament.

It led to speculation that the Arsenal, Paris Saint-Germain

and Real Madrid would come calling after Euro 2016, but West Ham co-owner David Gold warned that the club "wouldn't even listen to any offer under £50m".

However, the Hammers have nothing to worry about as their 29-year-old playmaker is staying put.

"I've heard about all the interest and I'm flattered," he told *The Sun*.

"But I love West Ham. We had a fantastic season and I can't wait to play in the Olympic Stadium.

"I'm 100 per cent staying at West Ham, I love the club. I can tell the Hammers fans that." *Sport24*.

## Smalling confirms engagement to glamorous Sam Cooke

**M**ANCHESTER - Chris Smalling's summer trip to Bali has been eventful to say the least, but the Manchester United and England defender has rounded off his holiday by getting engaged to girlfriend Sam Cooke.

Smalling, 26, was left with a nasty three-inch gash just above his right eye while on holiday with his partner after falling and taking a severe bang to the head following a severe bout of food poisoning.

The incident saw the centre-half rushed to hospital, with pictures of his wound quickly surfacing on social media. It was a moment to forget for the former Fulham man, but that's now all in the past as he celebrates popping the question to his other half.

Confirming the news he was now engaged, Smalling wrote on Instagram: 'Bali will be remembered for many reasons but the most memorable

moment was when a certain @samcookephotography said yes! #fiance.'

Smalling and 30-year-old former Page 3 model Cooke are regular visitors to Bali and were holidaying in the Far East following England's embarrassing summer exit to Iceland at Euro 2016.

Now a photographer, Cooke also confirmed the news of her engagement to Smalling writing on Facebook: 'Last night in the most perfect setting Chris asked me to be his wife. Ridiculously happy!!!'

Smalling revealed his engagement to Cooke alongside a photo of the pair feeding an elephant in Bali, the pair spending some time away from football after Cooke had followed him at Euro 2016.

Their engagement follows a long romance and is the perfect end to a holiday which saw Smalling hit the headlines for the wrong reasons.

*Daily Mail*



**ENGAGED:** Manchester United and England defender Chris Smalling confirms engagement. (AP)

## Leeds target Rantie blasts Bournemouth future

**B**OURNEMOUTH - The South Africa striker Tokelo Rantie has become something of a forgotten figure at Dean Court and he looks set to leave Eddie Howe's men this summer.

Quotes in the media attributed to a close friend of the player said Rantie was considering his options this summer and had a number of transfer options to consider.

The quotes from pal Faourk Khan and in South African news outlet Times Media Digital stated: "At the moment he is in South Africa working in the gym, but that is not really

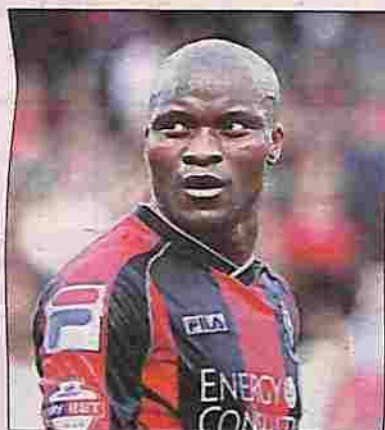
good enough to stay in peak condition. "And there are some very decent clubs in Europe who are interested in signing him, Leeds United being just one of them.

"He seems to be very much of the opinion that he should come home, but I personally think he is good enough to play in Europe.

"Bournemouth have been asking him to come back [for pre-season].

"And eventually I think he will have to succumb because he is under contract with them and will start incurring heavy fines."

**TEAMTALK.**



**WANTS OUT:** Tokelo Rantie. (AP)

## N'Golo Kanté to Chelsea done deal

**L**ONDON - Ever since the end of the 2015-16 season, the future of N'Golo Kanté was up in the air, with many of the bigger clubs around Europe all vying for the 25-year-old's services.

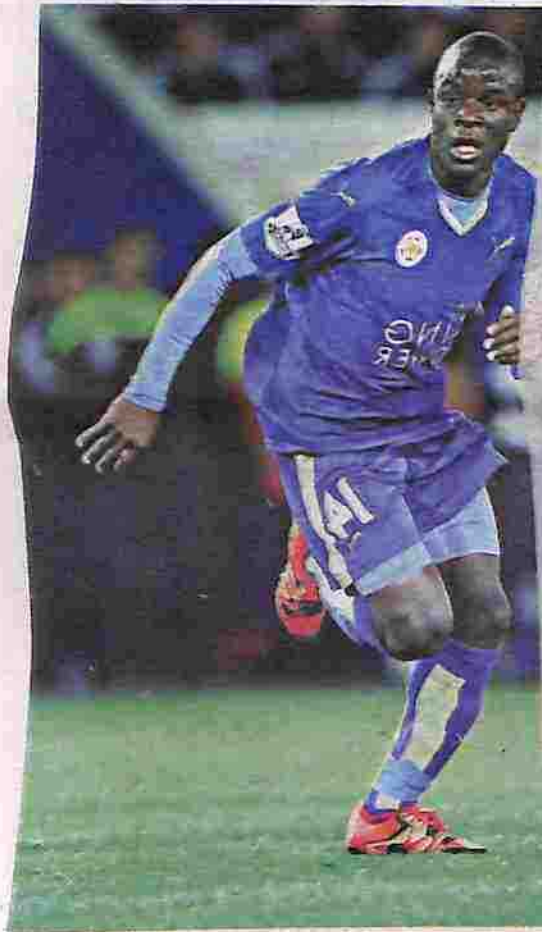
Moves to Manchester City and even Juventus were reported as being on the cards, but ultimately, it's Chelsea and Antonio Conte who have won the battle for one of the best players in the Premier League last season.

According to the very reliable Mohamed Bouhafsi and RMC Sport, the deal is now

completely done, and the French midfielder will sign a five-year contract at Stamford Bridge with the London club paying Leicester €36m (£30m).

Bouhafsi also stated the player rejected offers from two other big Premier League clubs as well as a big European club after being convinced by Antonio Conte's and Chelsea's project.

The deal had been reported as close to being done two days ago by *Le Parisien*, and it seems their information was spot on. *SportWitness*





## South African SOCCER

### Ramagalela wants top 8 finish

**P**OLOKWANE - Polokwane City striker Rodney Ramagalela said that Rise and Shine will be looking to make history in the upcoming 2016/17 Absa Premiership campaign as they want to finish inside the top eight for the first time since gaining a top flight promotion in 2013.

Sport24 reported earlier in the week that the 27-year-old forward completed his move to the Limpopo based side after penning a two-year deal.

Ramagalela says he would consider his stay in the North as a success if they could clinch a spot in the top half of the log.

"As everyone is aware that Polokwane City have never been in the top eight," laments Ramagalela.

"So I'm here to add more help to the current team so that we can change that."

"I believe that this coming season we'll do our best as a team to make sure that we finish the season in the top 8."

"And that's something I would love to achieve with the team."

Sport24



**REINFORCING:** Baroka FC will be looking to beef up their squad for the upcoming season.

### Baroka FC hand trials to Botswana internationals

**JOHANNESBURG** - The duo starred for their country at the recent COSAFA Castle Cup in Namibia, with forward Makgantai named Player of the Tournament.

They both play for Orapa United in the Botswana Premier League and helped their side to a surprise third-place finish last season.

"Baroka has shown interest in Sesinyi and Makgantai and has called them for trials," United spokesman Tebatso Hule tells MmegiOnline. "We have released them to attend the trials and we wish them well. They will be there from this week."

The 21-year-old Makgantai is seen as a major talent in his country and scored in the COSAFA Castle Cup final against South Africa from long range by catching goalkeeper Reyaad Pieterse off his line.

Sesinyi, 23, is also a forward, who formed a formidable partnership with Makgantai last season.

Kickoff.

## ZAMALEK, SUNDOWNS BATTLE FOR TOP SPOT

**P**RETORIA - Zamalek and Mamelodi

Sundowns will lock horns for the first of two matches in the CAF Champions League this month tomorrow at the Petro Sport Stadium in Cairo.

The Brazilians jetted off to the Egyptian capital on Wednesday evening in confident mood despite injury worries to key players. Khama Billiat and Thabo Nthethe are nursing injuries, but are expected to be available for selection alongside Keagan Dolly who is recovering from a bout of flu.

Moreover, head coach Pitso Mosimane has welcomed back Anthony Laffor and Denis Onyango, while Percy Tau has also been registered for the continental competition.

Sundowns and Zamalek are locked on three points



**OUT TO WIN:** Mamelodi Sundowns will be looking for victory when they take on Zamalek FC.

apiece after one game with the Brazilians' opening day win over ES Setif chalked off.

With Enyimba winless in their opening two games, Sundowns and Zamalek are favourites to progress to the knockout stages with victory for either this weekend to take them to the brink of semifinal qualification.

"It is not going to be easy, the good thing is that we broke the ice with victory in Setif," said Mosimane before Sundowns left for Egypt earlier this week. "It is possible [to win in Cairo], but you have to show respect and tread carefully and make sure that you get something out of the game."

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### 'Pirates will regret letting Masuku go'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Changes are happening by the day at Orlando Pirates.

It all started with the acquisition of a new coach; from there it has progressed to a massive amount of players being bought and a few being released, sold, or loaned out. Among the biggest changes is the sale of Menzi Masuku to Chippa United.

Many supporters have

expressed concern at the release of Masuku. He was a young, exciting player many believe a future Orlando Pirates squad could have been built around.

"Pirates will regret letting Masuku go."

#### Useless

They did the same with Twala, who is now at Chiefs. Masuku is a national team asset, but at Pirates he is deemed useless.

Tinkler wasted this boy and I blame him for this. The whole thing is a joke. I wish Menzi good luck for his future endeavours." - Jamib  
"As much as I like Menzi Masuku as a footballer, I would have loved to have seen him stay and fight for a starting position... But it's football, sometimes one has to make decisions that are good for your football career."

SoccerLaduma

### Why Mahlambi took his brother's hamstring

**JOHANNESBURG** - Phakamani Mahlambi's incredible start to life as a professional footballer was dealt a heavy blow by injury this year, but his brother's sacrifice is helping him recover.

The 18-year-old burst onto the scene in the Absa Premiership last

year after being given the nod by head coach, Gavin Hunt, however both his hopes for the season and the Olympic Games were dashed after he sustained a knee injury that required surgery.

Mahlambi's problem is usually one that is solved by taking part of the hamstring to help repair the

knee ligament, however that often results in the player losing some of his pace.

#### Suggested

In order to stop the teenager losing his explosiveness - a critical part of his game - it was suggested that, rather than using his own hamstring, he used that of a family

member, and his brother duly put himself forward. An incredible show of support for the South African youth international. Speaking to FIFA TV about the situation, Mahlambi said, "They said the best operation is to take my father's hamstring, but that was difficult for me because he's too old for that."

SoccerLaduma

### Arrows have confirm recruits for new season

**D**URBAN - Lamontville Golden Arrows formally announced their new signings yesterday, with no surprises among the list of new recruits.

As previously reported by KickOff.com, Lerato Lamola, Vuyani Ntanga and Wayde Jooste have all joined from Bloemfontein Celtic, where they previously worked with Golden Arrows coach Clinton Larsen.

Lamola and Ntanga joined as part of a swap deal that sees Namibia international winger Deon Hotto move in the opposite direction.

Former Mpumalanga Black Aces defender and Malawi international Limbikani Mzava was also unveiled.

The final two players confirmed were Kenya international winger Clifton Miheho and goalkeeper Lee Langerveldt.

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**JOINS:** Vuyani Ntanga has joined Golden Arrows from Bloem Celtic.

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# Ronaldo buys black Bugatti

**M**ADRID - Cristiano Ronaldo has every reason to celebrate after securing Euro 2016 glory with Portugal and he has done so by splashing out £1.7million on a Bugatti Veyron 16.4 Grand Sport.

The Real Madrid star went from tears of despair after being forced out of last Sunday's final through injury, to sheer delight as he watched from afar as his nation secured a tournament triumph.

## Luxurious

And Ronaldo - who has been enjoying a holiday in Ibiza with his family - has decided to treat himself by spending his well-earned cash on a new luxurious sports car.

The black 16.4 Grand Sport, which is in the top range of the supercars made by Bugatti, is believed to have cost £1.7m and goes from 0-to-62 mph in just 2.6 seconds.

Only 450 Bugatti Veyron 16.4



**SHOW OFF:** Cristiano Ronaldo toasts Euro 2016 triumph with Portugal by splashing out £1.7million on a black Bugatti Veyron 16.4 Grand Sport.

Grand Sport's are believed to have been produced. The car has a top speed of 255-mph and the

outer skin is also completely made of carbon fibre. He joins a host of past and pre-

sent sports stars by purchasing a Bugatti including retired undefeated boxer Floyd Mayweather and legendary Brazilian footballer Roberto Carlos.

The former Manchester United forward posted two pictures of his latest purchase on his Instagram account and referred to his car as an 'animal'.

Ronaldo, 31, has every reason to celebrate after helping Portugal clinch an historic European title against tournament hosts France last weekend.

The Real forward was reduced to tears when an accidental clash with Dimitri Payet in the first half of the final left him unable to carry on. However, his heart-break soon turned to elation after watching from the Stade de France touchline as Eder's extra-time goal secured a 1-0 victory for the Portuguese. And it seems Ronaldo is intent on enjoying the glory for as long as possible. *Daily Mail*

## Shevchenko named Ukraine coach

**U**KRAINE - Ukraine's former striker Andriy Shevchenko was appointed national team manager yesterday to replace Mykhailo Fomenko who quit after Euro 2016, the country's soccer federation said.

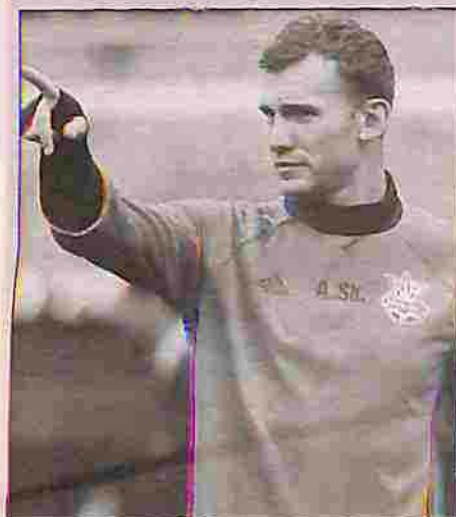
The 39-year-old, Ukraine's record goalscorer who also played for Dynamo Kiev, AC Milan and Chelsea, was officially presented by federation president Andriy Pavelko at a news conference.

Fomenko resigned after Ukraine finished bottom of Group C without a point at the European Championship, having failed to score a goal in their three matches in France.

They lost 2-0 to Germany in their opening game and were beaten by the same scoreline by unfancied Northern Ireland before their campaign ended with a 1-0 defeat to Poland.

Shevchenko, who scored 48 goals in 111 games for Ukraine, joined the national team coaching staff ahead of Euro 2016, replacing assistant coach Olexandr Zavarov.

He retired from playing football after Euro 2012, which Ukraine co-hosted with Poland, having had a successful club career in which he won the Ballon d'Or in 2004 at Milan. *Reuters*



**APPOINTED:** Andriy Shevchenko.

## Napoli dismiss Higuain move to Juventus

**I**TALY - Reports in Italy suggest The Old Lady are interested in luring the 28-year-old Argentine frontman, who scored 36 league goals last season, from Naples to Turin.

However, The Blues, who finished as runners-up to Juve in the Scudetto race last season, insist the rumours are "nonsense", according to club president Aurelio De Laurentiis and his son, who serves as vice-president.

"It is just nonsense," club president Aurelio De Laurentiis told Sky Italia.

His son and club vice-president Edo also told TuttoNapoli: "It is just a hoax and you must not believe everything."

"We are building a great squad for the Champions League. We have received no offer for Higuain, neither from Juve nor any other club."

Arsenal are also believed to be interested in the services of the former Real Madrid striker, and are reportedly willing to use Olivier Giroud in a potential swap deal.

Higuain's agent and brother Nicolas said last month that his client would not be renewing his contract with Napoli, which still has two years to run. *kickoff*

## Wilmots sacked as Belgium head coach

**B**RUSSELS - Marc Wilmots has been sacked as Belgium's head coach.

The 47-year-old had been leading the national team since 2012 and managed to guide the team to the quarter-finals of the 2014 World Cup.

This summer, Belgium reached the quarter-finals once again but were knocked out with a surprise 3-1 defeat to Wales.

Wilmots' contract was set to expire after the 2018 World Cup but the Belgian Football Association believes the team "needs a new impulse" ahead of their qualifying campaign.

A statement from the Belgian FA read: "We would like to thank Marc Wilmots for his work during the last four years."

"With Marc Wilmots as a head coach, the Red Devils have climbed from the 54th position to the top of the Fifa World Ranking. He managed to win 34 games out of 51, including eight draws. Above all, the fans have reinstalled their love for the Belgian Red Devils during this period."

"The RBFA's Technical Commission have made an evaluation of the recent UEFA Euro 2016 and have declared that the intended goals have not been reached."

"There is a common sense that the team needs a new impulse to lead this group towards a top result at a major tournament."

"The Belgian FA will immediately start the procedure to find a new head coach, in a transparent way. The idea is to start the upcoming games in September with a new coach, beginning with an international friendly game in Brussels against Spain, on the 1st of September." *Goal*



**FIRED:** Marc Wilmots.

## Chelsea transfer target Joao Mario snubs Blues



**TRANSFERRED:** Joao Mario.

**M**ILAN - The Portugal star, 23, has agreed a five-year deal with the Serie A giants, after Sporting Lisbon accepted a £29million bid for the midfielder.

The Euro 2016 winner will be bought by Chinese club Jiangsu Suning - whose owner Zhang Jindong is

majority shareholder of the Nerazzurri - and immediately loaned out to Inter.

Inter representatives Kia Joorabchian and Pini Zahavi are in Portugal thrashing out the fine points of the deal.

The transfer must be completed by Friday, the end of the Chinese Super League window. *THE SUN*

## Cesc Fabregas soaks up in the sun

...as Chelsea star enjoys holiday with family on the beach after disappointing Euro 2016 campaign



**CHILLING:** Chelsea midfielder Cesc Fabregas has been soaking up in the sun with his glamorous girlfriend Daniella Semaan.

to the expected shake-up. The former Arsenal and Barcelona midfielder was far removed from the intensity that will be expected from Conte upon his return ahead of what has been billed as the 'battle of the super coaches' this season.

The Spaniard enjoyed time bronzing his toned body with

girlfriend Daniella Semaan and daughter Lia - dressed in the latest Spain home strip - on a deserted beach in an unnamed resort. Fabregas spent time getting over Spain's early Euro 2016 exit with friends on a yacht in Ibiza last week as part of an extended break. *DAILY MAIL*



## Nani pleased Ronaldo believes in him

**V**ALENCIA - Valencia signed the 29-year-old on a three-year deal from Fenerbache for a fee of €8.5million just a season after he left Manchester United. Nani enjoyed an excellent Euro 2016 campaign as he started all seven matches and scored three goals to help Portugal claim the trophy.

A large number of fans came out to welcome the arrival of Nani as he was presented at the Mestalla on Thursday.

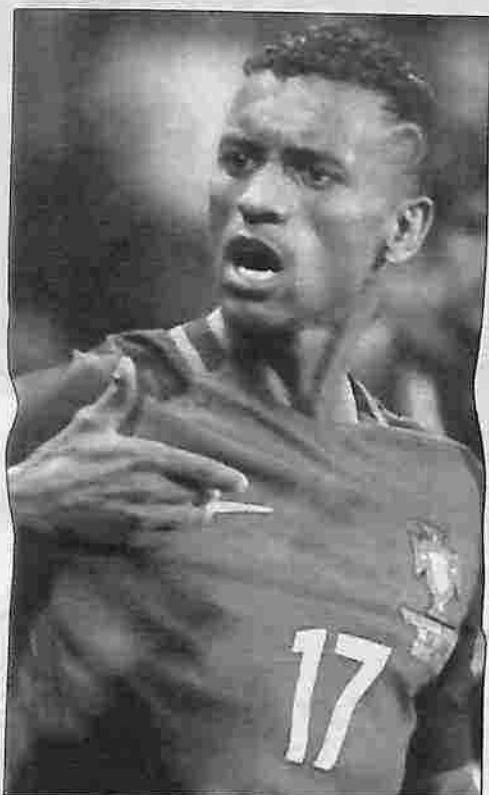
"Cristiano congratulated me and told me that Valencia was a great club in Spain and that I was going to fit into LaLiga," Nani stated following his official unveiling.

"Settling in is something that takes time, but I don't think it will be too complicated because the style of play is similar to Portugal. It is technical and can be very fast.

"I'm really happy that I could contribute at the Euros and in the end we came away champions.

"Many people think I'm going to relax, but that is not in my mind. I come here with a lot of ambitions because I'm coming to a big club, with a great stadium and fantastic fans."

Kickoff



PLEASED: Nani.

## Bayern star agrees to rejoin Dortmund

**D**ORTMUND - Borussia Dortmund have reportedly agreed a deal that will see one of their former stars rejoin them from Bundesliga champions Bayern Munich.

According to Bild, Dortmund have made a €23 million (R366 million) bid to re-sign midfielder Mario Gotze from the Bavarians.

The Germany international left BVB for Bayern in 2013, but has since struggled to hold down a regular starting position in the team.

The Bundesliga champions, who paid €37 million (R590 million) for the 24-year-old, are willing to sell Gotze for €10 million (R159 million) less than that three years later.

It is believed the midfielder has already agreed terms with his former club, but an agreement between the two clubs is yet to be reached.

Premier League club Tottenham Hotspur have also reportedly been linked with the Germany international, but those rumours seem to have fallen away.

Overall, Gotze has made 114 appearances for Bayern, scoring 36 goals and assisting a further 24 strikes. Soccerladuma

# Manchester United target Paul Pogba

**M**ANCHESTER - Manchester United target Paul Pogba he would be willing to talk to Jose Mourinho over a potential move back to Old Trafford.

The 23-year-old Frenchman, who is also being linked with Spanish giants Real Madrid, has described United as his 'first family'.

His future remains up in the air with Juventus keen to keep hold of their prized asset but he is refusing to rule out a return to the Premier League.

Pogba, speaking to reporters, said of the recent speculation: "[United] were my first family, and if [Jose] Mourinho called me, I'd see [what he wanted].

"[Madrid] are European champions, have won the Champions League and are a great club.

...willing to discuss return to 'first family' if Jose Mourinho gave him a call



TARGETTED: Paul Pogba.

"Juventus are my family, I'm happy when I wear this shirt, they're who I play for and I feel good with them.

"When I wear the Juventus shirt, I'm happy playing football and doing what I've wanted since I was a child."

Pogba, who helped France reach the Euro 2016 final, is on holiday in Los Angeles.

His agent Mino Raiola has already played a key role in helping United sign two of his clients in Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Henrikh Mkhitaryan.

Romelu Lukaku, who is also managed by Raiola, was spotted at LA hotspot 1Oak on Thursday morning. Daily mail

## Liverpool club crest fitted on Main Stand

**L**IVERPOOL - The redevelopment of Liverpool's Main Stand at Anfield continues to gather pace with the fitting of the club crest on the stadium exterior having been completed this week.

New pictures of the Premier League side's stadium building work have been released which show the latest progress made during the summer - and it's a proud sight for Reds fans.

With progress being made, the crest has been attached to the outside of the Main Stand as the club bid to have the work finished in time for their fourth match of the top-flight season.

Liverpool will play the first three matches of the Premier League season away from home after Burnley agreed to swap their fixture on August 20.

The Reds were always confident any maintenance would be ready in time for the second weekend of Jurgen Klopp's first full campaign in charge.

But they sought additional time to iron out any final

...at Anfield as stadium expansion works continue ahead of the new season



issues if needed with their capacity reaching around 54,000. The match would have gone ahead at Anfield had Burnley rejected the appeal.

Liverpool's first league match at Anfield in the new season is now their date with Leicester City on Saturday, September 10 at 5:30pm.

With 8,500 seats to be added to the main stand, the new Anfield capacity will increase to 54,000.

The expansion is set to comprise three tiers, a widened player tunnel, new team benches, wheelchair viewing positions and state-of-the-art facilities for fans

inside.

It will also create over 1,000 new matchday roles at Anfield.

The new stand is so high, escalators have been installed on every level to ensure fans can get to their seats with the maximum ease and comfort.

Although the spectator seating is expected to be finished for the start of the new campaign, finishing the back-office departments will take longer. As a result, both home and away teams will have temporary dressing rooms housed in the new underground car park of the stadium for a number of months. Daily mail

## Alberto Contador ruled out of Rio Olympics

**B**ARCELONA - Spain's Alberto Contador has been ruled out of the Olympics after three leg fractures were diagnosed following his withdrawal from the Tour de France.

Two-time Tour winner

Contador abandoned the Tour last Sunday in the ninth stage, having twice crashed in the opening two stages before struggling with illness.

Scans showed three fractures 'which prevented him from pedalling normally' during the Tour, his

spokesman said.

Contador said: 'I could have done a good race (at the Olympics), but things are as they come.

'On the other hand, it seems I'm in time to ride the Vuelta and that gives me encouragement.' Daily mail

## Pirelli wants Middle East F1 tests next year

**M**IDDLE EAST - Formula One's sole tire supplier Pirelli wants pre-season testing to be carried out in the Middle East next February, rather than at the usual Spanish tracks, to be sure of better weather.

"We would prefer to go somewhere like Bahrain or Abu Dhabi," Pirelli's motorsport head Paul Hembery told the official formula1.com website yesterday.

"The temperatures will be representative and we know the tracks very well. We definitely would want to go to representative tracks."

Pre-season testing, along with the launches of the new cars, has been carried out at Spain's Barcelona, Valencia and Jerez tracks in recent years to help teams cut costs and make logistics easier.

The early races of the season — Australia, Bahrain and China on the current calendar — are run in higher temperatures than found in Spain, where rain and chilly weather is not unusual at that time of the year.

Testing next year is more important than ever with significant rule changes coming in and Pirelli, who have started trying out 2017 compounds already, having to make wider tires for cars designed to go substantially quicker.

"If we have any surprises, if the cars then are very different to what we had envisioned, then we will have to react to that," said Hembery.

"Probably not for the first race, but at least when we have some really good winter testing we should know in advance how it is likely going to be - what changes are needed."

Reuters

## Argentina name Correa, Simeone in Olympic soccer squad

**A**RGENTINA - Argentina have named Atletico Madrid's Angel Correa and Giovanni Simeone, son of the Spanish club's coach Diego, in the national soccer team for next month's Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

Correa is one of five players based abroad, including West Ham United midfielder Manuel Lanzini, Real Sociedad goalkeeper Geronimo Rulli plus forwards Jonathan Calleri and Lucas Romero, who play in Brazil for Sao Paulo and Cruzeiro respectively. Notable absentees are strikers Paulo Dybala of Italian champions Juventus and Mauro Icardi of Inter Milan after Argentina had serious problems securing the release of players for their 18-man Olympics squad.

"We got the team out with forceps," Argentina Olympic Committee (COA) president Gerardo Werthein told La Nacion after fearing last week he might not have a squad for the Games. Coach Gerardo Martino quit on returning from last month's Copa America in the United States, where Argentina's senior side were runners-up to Chile, after discovering he had just nine players confirmed in the squad for Olympic training last week. Julio Olarticoechea, who was looking after the under-20s, replaced Martino and will hope to become the second member of Argentina's 1986 World Cup-winning team to steer his country to the Olympic title after Sergio Batista in Beijing in 2008. The gold medal team in Beijing, which included Lionel Messi, retained the crown won by Argentina four years earlier in Athens but the country failed to qualify for the 2012 London Games. Keeper Rulli and Independiente defender Victor Cuesta, who made his senior Argentina debut at the Copa America, are two over-age players in the under-23 squad. Reuters



# SCHOOL'S FIFA GIRLS FOOTBALL FESTIVAL



**CONTROL:** Hundreds of girls from different schools in the country filled Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday in a School's FIFA Girls Football Festival. (Pics: Sabelo Majola)



**INITIATIVE:** Black Leopards players at Mavuso Sports Centre watching the proceedings.



**LIGHT MOMENT:** Black Leopards CEO Kenneth Makhanya sharing a light moment with ministry of Education PS Pat Muir.



**ALSO PRESENT:** Minister of Education Phineas Magagula posing for a photo with FA members and the ministry's PS Pat Muir (far right) upon his arrival at Mavuso.



**HAVING FUN:** A pool of school girls sitting at the stands and waiting for their turn to get on the field.



**PROGRAMMES:** Different groups of girls with different coaches participating in the festival.



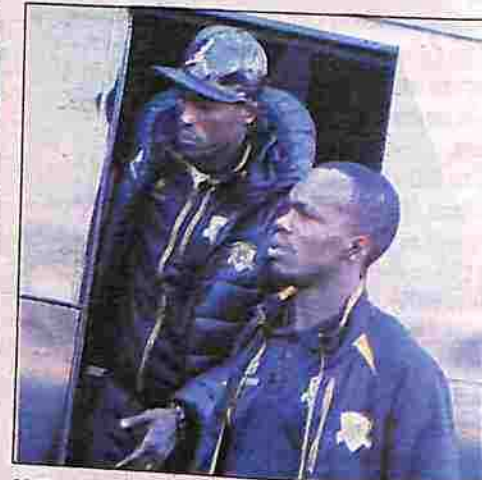
**HEADER:** The girls educated on how to head the ball.



**SOCGER TALK:** Correctional Services Director of Sports Mpendulo Ngwenya having a conversation with Black Leopards head coach Sello Chokoe.



**DRIBBLE:** Some of the girls playing football.



**WE ARE HERE:** Black Leopards players alighting from their bus at Mavuso.





# CASTLE PREMIER CHALLENGE LAUNCH



**ALL SET:** Team representatives sharing a light moment and holding the trophy during the launch of the fourth edition of the Castle Premier Challenge at Swaziland Beverages yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**ATTENDEES:** A section of the people who attended the event sitting and listening to speeches.



**ALL SMILES:** Castle Premier Challenge Management Committee members (L-R) Ncamsile Mkhonta, John Mazibuko and Peter Magagula.



**ALSO PRESENT:** Mkhonta captured with Thandi Ndzimandze who is also a member of the MC.



**DISCUSSION:** Football Association president Adam 'Bomber' Mtsetfwa in discussion with Castle Marketing Manager Nqobile Fakudze.



**ROUND OF APPLAUSE:** FA vice-president Nichodemus Ace Mashwama (C) with Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini and SB's Makhubu applauding speeches.



**EMISSARY:** Ministry of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs under secretary Maswazi Shongwe making his remarks on behalf of the minister.



**ATTENTIVE:** Midas City club Chairman Polycarp Dlamini pictured with Swaziland Schools Sports Association PRO Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini.



**KODAK MOMENT:** PLS's Nomalungelo Gama and Philile Matsebula posing for the camera.



**INITIATIVE:** Swaziland Beverages' Communication and Corporate Affairs Manager Mphumelelo Makhubu making his remarks.



**ON BEHALF:** Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) member Sicelo Mkhonta representing the chairman.



# MPOFU GOALKEEPER IMPRESSES WANDERERS, ROYAL LEOPARD

Stories by Sanele Jele

**S**OCCER - MPOFU High goalkeeper, Khanyakwezwe Simelane has attracted interests from Premier League teams after a good showing during the Copa Coca Cola finals.

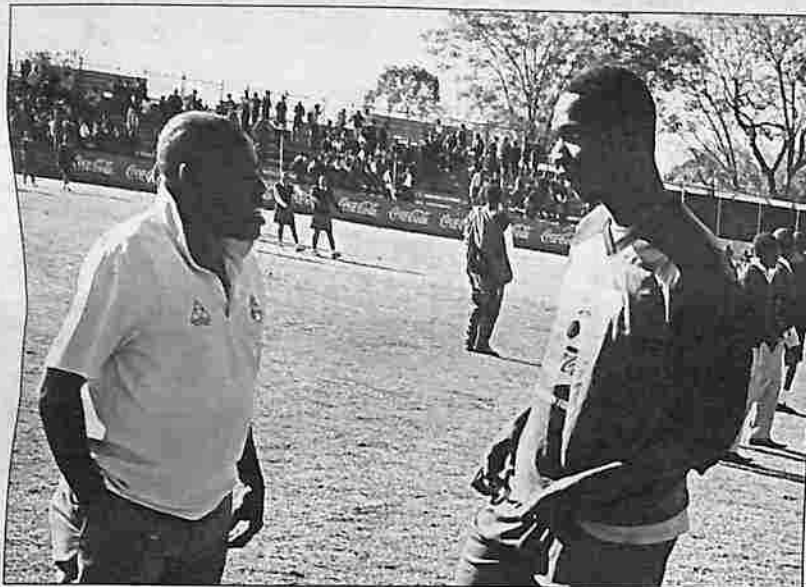
Simelane who plays for Fighters, a Promotional team at Mhlangatane, made an impression when his side sent Lobamba High packing in the quarterfinals played two weeks ago after saving two penalties.

Although they lost 0-1 to Hillside in semi-finals, Simelane made numerous brilliant saves to deny Hillside from scoring a handful of goals.

Royal Leopard PRO Frank Hurube, who has been a regular feature in the Coca-Cola sponsored games, said they were impressed with the goal minder.

"We want to beef our goalkeeping department this coming season and I think we need someone like him. He is young, vibrant and has got the height."

I will talk with him after the game and see what comes out of that," he



**WANTED: Royal Leopard PRO Frank Hurube was impressed by Mpofo High goalkeeper, Khanyakwezwe Simelane.**

said.

Wanderers coach Anthony Mdluli also said he was watching Simelane with keen interest.

## Talent

"He has raw talent and I believe, he can be an asset to the team and the national team, after getting professional training," he said.

Mdluli also said he was impressed with his player Ali Matse who scored a goal against Salem high.

"He is a good player and I can see he has potential although his performance fluctuates at times but I believe he will be a threat this season as long as he is consistent," he added.

## Expect exciting finals - Coca-Cola

**S**OCCER - COCA COLA has promised an exciting programme ahead of the finals slated for Manzini Club today.

Duze High School will take on their Hillside counterparts in the battle for the E30 000 first prize money.

Coca Cola Swaziland Marketing Manager Mxolisi Dlamini said after the semi-finals played on Thursday they had a number of activities lined-up for the day.

He said the programme would start with a march from The Old Trade Fair at 8:30am to the playing venue.

"We have many activities that will excite the supporters on the day."

I do urge them to come in great numbers for the event," he said.

Dlamini further said they were happy with the attendance recorded during the semi-finals as well as the standard of play displayed by the teams.

"The huge attendance played a huge role in making the semis exciting as the crowd sang from start to finish. We also want to thank them for behaving well and further request for the same behaviour during the finals," he added.

**"I am very happy with the standard of play as all the four schools produced top class performances."**

Swaziland School Sports Association PRO Victor 'Mavikana' Dlamini also applauded the teams for showing great

performance. "I am very happy with the standard of play as all the four schools displayed top class performances."

It was also good to see South African side Black Leopard watch the games and I am sure they were also impressed.

Gratitude also goes to National U-20 Coach Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini, Frank Hurube and other Premier league coaches that attended the games," he said.

## Gifts galore at Shukuma LaMgabhi

By Sabelo Majola

**S**PORTS - It will be raining gifts for the first 100 adults and the same number of children at LaMgabhi Inkhundla today.

This will be during the Shukuma programme, which is a concept by the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) aimed to encourage a healthy lifestyle amongst people in communities.

SNSRC Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane confirmed yesterday that just like they did in Simunye, they had lots of surprises for the people of LaMgabhi and surrounding areas.

"Nothing has changed in our plans to incentivise the masses to come early for this session. Like we did in Simunye, we will have gifts for the first 100 adults and 100 children."

## Gifts

"We always keep our word and mine would be to invite people from this Inkhundla to come early for their gifts because these gifts are strictly 200, which means it is 100 gifts for adults and 100 gifts for children," Ntiwane said.

Minister of Sports Culture and Youth Affairs, David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala was amongst the many that took part in the Shukuma held in

Simunye alongside Members of Parliament (MPs) George Maseko of Hlane and Sibusiso Magagula of Mhlume.

"We also had the Chairman of the SNSRC Lawrence 'Lolo' Mthethwa and his vice Timothy 'Tim' Shongwe taking part in the activities on the day, which on its own was an illustration of just how important being active is."

"Today, we are not only expecting the people of LaMgabhi but even those from other areas will be welcome."

Our walk, which is the first activity on the day, will start at 8am," Ntiwane said.

## Brain power Investment's E10 000 boosts to Sigodlo FC

By Sibusiso Masilela

**S**OCCER - Ntabezimphisi Promotion League side Sigodlo has received a E10 000 boosts from Brain Power investment who handed the team 16 pairs of Umbro soccer boots.

The Ngwenya based company through its representative Thulani 'Mau Mau' Dlamini said during the presentation held at Sigwaca House yesterday that they were touched when they saw the team struggling with soccer boots in the past season.

"We are very happy to assist an ambitious team like Sigodlo which seems to have a bright

future in the sport. They finished the season sitting on the third position despite the challenges they encountered. We hope the donation will go a long way in assisting the team gain promotion to Super League and further produce national team players," he said.

Receiving the sponsorship was the team's Manager Gcina Dlamini who thanked the sponsor for the kind gesture.

"We are very grateful to Brain Power for assisting us with the soccer boots which will go a long way in assisting the team achieve its goals of producing future national stars," he said.

## Scandza's Mncina, Samuel Maphalala call it quits

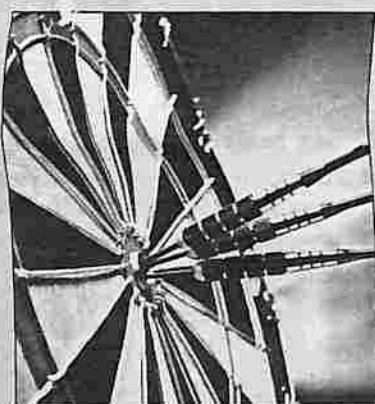
By Sibusiso Masilela

**D**ARTS - Six time Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) Darts League champions Scandza veteran players Friday Mncina and Samuel Maphalala have retired from the game.

The seasoned duo announced their retirement during the 2015/16 prize presentation held at the Mountain Inn hotel last Friday after leading their team to its sixth straight title.

The players said they have run their mile in the sport and were calling it a day to give the youngsters a chance to showcase their talent.

They stated that they were end-



ing with a clean and happy heart as the game as improved drastically over the last years.

"This was my last season in the sport and I would like to thank my teammates and the entire Darts family for the support they

have given to me since I started playing the sport in 1986," Maphalala said.

Mncina also shared the same sentiments with Maphalala saying he has done his part in the sport.

"The time for me to call it quits has come after spending several years in the game. It is time to give the youngsters an opportunity to showcase their talent. I would like to thank everyone that has supported me throughout the years. I have been playing the sport," said one of best players of the game in the country.

Worth noting is that both players have a number of awards to their names with Mncina being named the best player in the recently ended darts league.

## SNTA ropes in veteran coach Mfan'zodlani Nhleko

By Sibusiso Masilela

**T**ENNIS - The Swaziland National Tennis Association has roped in veteran coach Mfan'zodlani Nhleko to assist the association on youth development.

Nhleko has already assumed his duties and was part of the Time Caterers Seniors Championships played at the Kwaluseni Tennis courts last weekend.

Interviewed yesterday Nhleko said his main objective was to help the country produce future tennis stars.

"I have been asked by the association to help them unearth new talent and improve the standard of the sport. I have played the sport in the

early 80s and am now hoping to play a major role in the transformation of the game. The country is blessed with God given talent which only needs proper guidance," he said.

Nhleko further appealed to local companies to assist in the development of tennis in the country.

"The sport needs support from the nation in order for the country to make it in the continent. We however need sponsors to help us achieve our main goal and for this reason we ask the corporate sector to come on board," he said.

Meanwhile SNTA Secretary Ncaba Mkhalihi said they were happy to have Nhleko on board and they were hopeful that he will contribute a lot to the game with the vast experience he has.



# Castle Premier Challenge Champs to take home E800 000

By Qondile Ntiwane

**S**OCCER - It will come together in this year's edition of the Castle Premier Challenge where the top eight premier league teams will compete for the E800 000 mouth watering carrot.

The fourth edition of the winner takes all tournament was officially launched at Mdzimba view yesterday is sponsored to a tune of E1.13 million and shows an E100 000 increment from last year's first prize won by quadruple champions Mbabane Swallows.

Announcing the sponsorship was Swaziland Beverages' Communication and Corporate Affairs Manager Mpumelelo Makhubu who represented the Marketing Manager Sanele Khumalo. Making his remarks during the event, Makhubu said Castle Swaziland was proud to



**IT'S ON: Swaziland Beverages' Communication and Corporate Affairs Manager Mpumelelo Makhubu making his remarks.**

sponsor this tournament.

"We would like to express gratitude to all football stakeholders for allowing us to partner with

them in this tournament," he said.

He congratulated the top eight teams that will compete during this tournament and further wished them the best as they prepare for the games.

"We would like to thank the teams for their commitment in the sport. I would like to urge supporters and other stakeholders to enjoy the tournament and drink responsibly, which is what we promote at Swaziland Beverages," he said.

The teams to compete for the lucrative prize are Royal Leopard, Mbabane Highlanders, Young Buffaloes, Mbabane Swallows, Midas City, Green Mamba, Manzini Wanderers and Manzini Sundowns.

Meanwhile Castle Swaziland Marketing Manager Nqobile Fakudze explained that the tournament would kick off on the weekend of August 20-21.

"We will have two games play on the 20th and another two on the 21st. The semi-final has been slated for September 06 and September 11, respectively while the finals will take centre on September 25. Times and venues will be communicated in due course," he said.

She noted that E100 000 increase in the prize money was meant to motivate the players during the tournament.

She also noted that there would be activations ahead of the kick-off of the tournament.

The Castle Premier Challenge has in the past years seen the semi-finalists play two-legged home and away clashes.

## The fixture

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| Royal Leopard       | vs | Manzini Sundowns |
| Mbabane Highlanders | vs | Wanderers        |
| Young Buffaloes     | vs | Green Mamba      |
| Mbabane Swallows    | vs | Midas City       |

## Teams declares war

By Sibusiso Masilela

**S**OCCER - The top eight teams have vowed to tear each other apart in the 2016 Castle Premier Challenge to kickoff on August 20.

Interviewed after the launch of the fourth edition of the tournament, the teams' PROs promised to give their best in the fight for the E800 000 first prize.

**This is what they had to say: Frank Hurube (Royal Leopard)**

"This is one of the tournaments we have failed to win despite playing well. We managed to reach the finals last year but could not win the trophy. We are going to give Manzini Sundowns a tough time as we pave our way to the finals."

**Muzi Matsenjwa (Manzini Sundowns)**

"We are the only team that has played against the three security forces teams in the preliminary stage of the tournament hence we are not threatened by Leopard. We are going for nothing less than a win in this game and promise to fight for glory this year."

**Sifiso Magagula (Mbabane Highlanders)**

"We are going to make sure that we improve from last year's performance and go all the way

to the finals. Our journey starts with Manzini Wanderers whom we need to beat at all costs."

**Senzo Dlamini (Manzini Wanderers)**

"This is the time to show the world that we are a big team in the country. We are going to put up a good fight against Highlanders when we meet."

**Sibusiso Manana (Mbabane Swallows)**

"We are determined to win our third Castle Premier title and our journey starts against Midas City. All I can say is that they will not stand in our way."

**Guy Magongo (Midas City)**

"We are not intimidated by Mbabane Swallows' history of the tournament. We are going to give them a tough time during the game."

**Thamie Phakathi (Green Mamba)**

"We have already started our pre-season training where we are preparing for this competition which we have won before. We are determined to do so again even this year."

**Sandile Gwebu (Young Buffaloes)**

"This is one tournament that we have never missed. We are working on signings that will surprise many and these players will dismantle Green Mamba and further lead the team to glory," he said.

## FA happy with PLS, Castle 'marriage'

By Sibusiso Masilela

**S**OCCER - The National Football Association of Swaziland has expressed joy over the growing partnership between Castle and the Premier League of Swaziland.

This was disclosed by the association's president Adam Bomber Mthethwa during the 2016 Castle Premier Challenge launch held at Mdzimba View yesterday.

"We would like to commend the good working relationship between the two organisations which has played a major role towards the improvement of local football."

We encourage teams to continue working hard and fans are encouraged to attend the games in great numbers and further accept the outcome of the matches in the spirit of fair play," he said.

Meanwhile PLS Executive Committee Member Sicelo Mkhonta who represented Chairman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze during the event said they were also happy with the growing relations between the organisation and sponsor.

"We are very grateful to Castle who have been a loyal sponsor in the past four years. The partnership has grown and we are hoping to see it improve in the

next coming years.

We have seen teams fighting hard to take part in the competition and this has been one of the motivating factors of this tournament which carries lucrative prize money. We are looking forward to an exciting competition even this year and would like to thank the Football Association for supporting the PLS, something that has led to huge progress that has been made in local football," he said.

Mkhonta then announced the Management Committee (MC) appointed to run the tournament and is headed by another PLS Executive Committee Member Peter Touch Magagula.

## The MC

Peter 'Touch' Magagula

**Chairman**

John Mazibuko

**Secretary**

Mxolisi Dlamini

**PRO**

Johannes 'Ace' Siboz

**Member**

Ncansile Mkhonta

**Member**

Ncobile Fakudze

**Member**

Thandi Ndzimandze

**Member**

**Activation dates**

July 23 - T Junction, Nhlanguano

August 06 Don Killominati,

Oshoek

August 13 - Mawelawela

## Botsotso Khoza is new Red Lions coach

By Sabelo Majola

**S**OCCER - Premier League outfit Red Lions have acquired the services of former Hellenic coach Zweli 'Botsotso' Khoza as their new head coach.

Khoza is not new in the red and white ensemble as he served as assistant coach to Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane before being elevated to senior coach in the 2014/15 season.

Information gathered from a source close to the matter is that Khoza, who has also served as National First Division outfit Pigg's Peak Black Swallows coach, will be officially unveiled on Monday.

"Botsotso is officially the team's coach and will be introduced to the players on Monday when the team starts their pre-season training.

The source also revealed that the coach has signed a one year renewable contract with the Fairview based ensemble.

PRO Comfort Shongwe acknowledged that Khoza was the leading candidate for the post but nothing was official yet.

"Nothing has been finalised but I can confirm that Khoza is the leading candidate for the job and his C.V. puts him ahead.

He has worked with the team and he took over the reigns as an interim coach after the departure of Sputla hence I would not be surprised if he is unveiled as the new coach as he knows the culture of the club," he said. Khoza was replaced by Ernest Mavuso last season at Red Lions before the latter was shown the exit door and replaced by Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini who quit the club after only four months in charge.

## SRFA Chairman Enos Vilane screams sabotage

By Qondile Ntiwane and Sabelo Majola

**S**OCCER - Shiselweni Regional Football Association Chairman Enos Vilane has screamed sabotage from some members of his executive committee.

The regional association executive committee was suspended by the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) on Thursday for defying their directive and allowing elected Chairman Mashumi Shongwe and NFAS Executive Committee member, who has also been suspended, to stand for elections when they had advised against such. Sought for comment on the matter Vilane accused some member of his led executive committee of hiding crucial information ahead of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the King Sobhuza Memorial Stadium last Sunday.

"Honestly speaking the suspension has not shocked me. The football association can say that we defied them because of what transpired during the AGM. There are certain documents that were hidden from me as chairman by the secretary who is the one who receives correspondence. "These documents include the correspondence from the football association and I got to know of them after being notified by the CEO," he said. The Chairman also noted that he was outvoted by his executive during a meeting where they discussed the first correspondence from the mother body. "We had a meeting to discuss this issue and I requested that we find someone with a legal background to assist us in responding to the letter from the FA but I was outvoted because most of the members were campaigning for Shongwe." "The good thing about it though is that I will be given the platform to explain my side of the story and there are objective members who will back me in this matter," he said. Meanwhile SRFA Secretary Zanele Hlophe refuted the allegations that she hid some of the documents from the chairman. "This is far from the truth. I have never hidden any documents. The only letter that was not seen by the chairman is one that came through on Friday after business hours. I did inform the chairman of this letter even before the AGM on Sunday," she said.

## Felix, Sikhali to miss 'Birds' trophy parade today

By Sabelo Majola

**S**OCCER - If you got it, you flaunt it just like Mbabane Swallows will be doing when they parade their trophies to their supporters in the Lubombo Region.

The trophy parade was scheduled for last weekend but was

cancelled at the eleventh hour as it was said would be a counter-parting with senior national team's party held at Lobamba on Saturday.

## Miss

But the team's duo of Felix Badenhorst and Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ginindza will miss the event as they are away in South Africa

doing trials at Bloemfontein Celtic.

Swallows CEO Sibusiso Manana said the tour would begin at Mpaka at 10am before they head off to Siteki and lastly Big Bend.

"We like to humbly request the chiefs in all the areas that we will be visiting to welcome us

because we can't just badge in. we also urge the supporters to be in their best behavior because we don't want trouble of any fashion," he said.

Siphofaneni folks will have to be patient as the tour will not cover the area just yet. Manana said they would come up with another date to do the parade the trophy in playmaker Felix's home area.



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