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# PRINCESS SIKHANYISO VISITS SEX WORKERS IN DURBAN

Stories by Observer Reporter  
Mbabane

**PRINCESS** Sikhanyiso was last Friday taken on a tour to visit a one-stop-centre for sex workers in Durban, South Africa.

The Inkhosatana was attending the pre-conference for HIV/AIDS 2016 which starts today at the ICC in Durban. She is accompanied by Senator Princess Ncengcenge.

Also forming part of her delegation on the tour was NERCHA Director Khanya Mabuza and Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane.

Media representatives were not allowed to accompany the Princess who was joined by Princess Tessie of Luxemburg.

However, the princess gave a briefing of her visit during a press conference held at Beverly Hills Hotel in Durban.

The princess told the sad story of what she found during her visit to

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**ATTENTIVE:** Princess Sikhanyiso with NERCHA Director Khanya Mabuza and Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane in Durban. (Courtesy Pic)

the one-stop-centre where sex workers get tested for HIV, collect their ARVs and also get condoms for their trade.

She explained that the centre also provides sex workers with pre-exposure prophylaxis as well as

post exposure prophylaxis to prevent them from getting infected with HIV.

The princess said she met a 25-year-old sex worker who told her that she was forced into the trade because she is head of her family

after their parents died. The princess was also taken to the young woman's home where they met other children.

"I was very touched when I visited her home area because we also saw a lot of young children who are not at school," she said.

## Relayed

The princess relayed that some of the sex workers she met were from countries such as Malawi and Mozambique. Some were even from Swaziland.

Their ages vary from 13 years to 60 years. She said these sex workers were people who leave their homes with the aim of finding a job and end up being sex workers after they fail to secure one.

She said their families think they were employed yet they are sex workers, some of them reported to have husbands who also thought they had decent employment.

The princess also met a male sex worker.

## Abusing

"The story of the young man was sad because he said his father started abusing him at the age of seven, soon after the death of his mother. This continued until he was 19 years old and decided to leave home," she said.

Princess Sikhanyiso revealed

that the young man admitted that during the day he is a man, and during the night he becomes a lady.

She said she was shocked when told who the clientele for their services was as they include high profile people and men of the cloth. She lamented the involvement of men of the cloth in such a trade, saying churches are supposed to help those in need with no strings attached.

## Trade

"Umzalwane akatsengi futsi akatsengisi," stressed the Princess.

Further, she noted that there were those who did their trade outdoors (in the streets) and those indoors (in brothels and hotels).

Princess Sikhanyiso said she also had the privileged of meeting the owner of the brothel (the pimp).

"I looked at him with sad eyes because I did not understand why he was not pimping his own children if this is a good trade," she said.

The princess further emphasised that each one of us should know their HIV status by getting tested at least every six months.

She also stated that the fight against HIV and AIDS can only be won if we do away with stigma and discrimination.

## Prospects for developing a cure take centre stage at AIDS 2016

**SIXTEEN** years ago, the historic 13th International HIV/AIDS Conference inspired a new paradigm for HIV treatment access that helped change the trajectory of the global AIDS epidemic.

This year, about 18 000 scientists, policymakers, advocates and people living with HIV are convening in Durban, South Africa for the AIDS 2016 conference.

The conference which starts today will highlight the latest accomplishments and challenges in a rapidly expanding area of scientific inquiry that few could have imagined – the prospect of developing safe, effective, and globally scalable approaches to curing or achieving sustained remission of HIV infection.

The meeting started with a pre-conference which was attended by Inkhosatana Sikhanyiso who was accompanied by Princess Ncengcenge. Also present was Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane and NERCHA Director Khanya Mabuza. More representatives from the country are expected to be part of this historic meeting including World Health Organisation (WHO) HIV/TB Officer Dr Sithembile Dlamini-Nqeketo.

The International AIDS Conference is the largest conference on any global health or development issue in the world. First convened during the peak of the AIDS epidemic in 1985, it continues to provide a unique forum for the intersection of science, advocacy, and human rights. Each conference is an opportunity to strengthen

en policies and programmes that ensure an evidence-based response to the epidemic.

The IAS Towards an HIV Cure initiative was established in 2010 and it promotes scientific exchange and collaboration to accelerate HIV cure research, advocates for increased investment and global involvement in HIV cure research, and serves as a leading source of information about cure research for scientific, policy, funder, and community audiences.

## Promising

The initiative advances multi-disciplinary, multi-stakeholder dialogue on HIV cure research through major journal publications; hosts the annual Towards an HIV Cure Research Symposium awards scholarships to promising early-career researchers and community representatives; collaborates on the annual cure research resource tracking report; and engages key partners to promote information sharing and encourage new cure research collaborations.

"HIV cure research has the potential to alter the future of this epidemic," said Nobel Laureate Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, co-chair of the IAS Towards an HIV Cure Initiative.

"With 37 million people currently living with HIV worldwide, and another two million newly infected each year, an effective approach to curing or achieving sustained remission of HIV infections would be a groundbreaking advance in global health. Research to achieve such cures is in a formative stage, but significant advances are being

made and will be explored in Durban at the fifth annual Towards and HIV Cure Symposium, and with the release of the IAS Global Scientific Strategy: Towards an HIV Cure 2016."

"HIV cure research became a scientific reality with the launch of the first IAS Global Scientific Strategy: Towards an HIV Cure at AIDS 2012," noted IAS President Chris Beyrer.

"Today, HIV cure research has come into its own as a top HIV research priority, marked by significant advances in our understanding of the scientific challenges and opportunities, more cure-focused research collaborations, and a new optimism that a cure or sustainable remission for HIV is feasible."

In 2015, an estimated US\$201.8 million was invested in cure research, representing an increase of 25% over the US\$160.8 million invested in 2014, and an increase of 129% over the US\$88.1 million invested in 2012.

The majority of investments (US\$187.7 million) came from the public sector with US\$14.73 million invested by philanthropies such as amfAR, CANFAR, Fair Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and Wellcome Trust.

In 2015, the United States, through the US National Institutes of Health, contributed the majority of public funding, with France, the European Union, Canada, Switzerland, United Kingdom, South Africa, and Australia also being significant contributors to HIV cure research.

## GOVT WILL NOT LICENCE PROSTITUTES - PERCY

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**GOVERNMENT** is not in a position to license prostitutes because such a practice remains illegal.

This was disclosed by Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane. He was asked to give government's position on whether prostitutes should be licenced in the country or not.

This comes after it was reported by one of the local daily newspapers that a Manzini-based businessman was of the view that prostitutes should be licenced in the country.

Simelane made it clear that loitering by the night with an intention to commit prostitution remained an offence in this country under the 1889 Criminal Act. "If the reasons for which the act came into force have not died away and amendments to it have not been made, this government is not going to licence sex workers as yet," Simelane said.

He went on to say it would be folly for any government worth its salt to run a country on individual opinions instead of laws, policies and regulations. He said individual opinions could not be transfigured into laws, policies, or regulations.

The Manzini businessman, John Horton, said this during the Municipal Council of Manzini's 2015/16 Integrated Development Planning (IDP) feedback presentation which was held at The George Hotel.

Horton said the way the number of sex workers had escalated in the city was a problem because they were found along almost every street. He said some parents who travel with their children at night around the city, find themselves exposing their offspring to the nudity of the sex workers.

He said the nation knew that after some textile firms closed down in 2014, following the removal of the country from benefiting from the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) some companies, especially textile firms, closed down and thousands of workers, mainly women, became jobless.

He said the current situation, which happens at night, painted a dull picture of the country internationally.

He said as the country would be hosting the 2016 Southern African Development Community (SADC) Summit, the people from the region who were already in the kingdom also saw it and they would make comments when they go back to their respective countries.

He wondered how the country would be able to eradicate HIV/AIDS by 2022 when about E12 billion was needed to make that happen. He called upon the municipality to partner with organisations like the Family Life Association of Swaziland (FLAS), in giving sex workers the knowledge they need in order to be safe while running their business. He said police could also be utilised to bring the situation under control.



## WARM WEEK AHEAD

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

FORECASTS are pointing to a mild to warm week.

"It will be another warm week ahead and it will be most foggy in the mornings before things turn partly warm to hot mostly in the lowveld," said the forecaster. Today's high temperature will hit

up to 26 degrees Celsius in the Lowveld while the Highveld will hit up to 20 degrees Celsius. Temperatures are expected to stay in the upper 20s in the lowveld for the whole week.

Today there will be morning fog in places, otherwise fine and mild but warm in the lowveld.

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Tomorrow it will be sunny and mild but warm becoming hot in the lowveld.

5/21	6/22	6/24	7/23	8/25	9/26
On Wednesday, it will be sunny and warm becoming hot in the lowveld.	8/23	9/24	9/26	10/25	11/27

While on Thursday, it will be sunny and hot especially in the lowveld.

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# ARMED MOURNERS STORM DUPS, DEMAND GANGSTER'S BODY

## COVER STORY

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

Chaos and drama ensued in Manzini on Saturday as armed mourners of the late Sicelo Mabuza stormed Dups Funeral Home demanding the body of the deceased.

Over a hundred of people gathered outside Dups Funeral Home wearing T-Shirts written RIP Mshengu (Rest in Peace Mshengu).

Car spinning, cut-outs and drinking was the order of the day as the rela-

● The bone of contention was that friends of the late Sicelo Mabuza requested that the hearse from Dups Funeral Home go via kaKhoza first as it is where Mabuza resided before he met his death. Dups staff refused saying they were not informed about that new route and if it shall be so then an extra E250 was to be added on the expenses for the trip.

tives and friends celebrated the life of the late Mabuza who died last week.

Mabuza is said to have never recovered well after a gang fight that took place at Manzini Heights whereby one man was shot dead and two others seriously injured in a shootout between two gang rivals.

Mabuza passed away last week and was buried over the weekend.

When mourners came to take Mabuza's body for his memorial service on Saturday which was supposed to take place at Ngogola an altercation ensued between the mourners and bemused Dups staff.

The bone of contention was that friends of the late Mabuza requested that the hearse from Dups Funeral Home go via kaKhoza with the body first as it is where Mabuza resided

before he met his death.

However, Dups staff did not agree with the suggestion saying they were not informed about the new route and if it shall be so, then an extra E250 was to be added on the expenses for the trip.

This did not go down well with the mourners who were heard aggressively shouting informing one another that "sebafula 250 wani bayahlanya" meaning 'what is the E250 for, Dups people are crazy'.

### Slashers

A section of the crowd which was standing outside the funeral parlour stormed the Dups Funeral Home premises carrying slashers and other weapons.

They demanded Mabuza's body by force. Security guards stationed at the place couldn't do anything but watch as they were totally outnumbered and it was clear that the mourners meant war.

Police were called in to intervene and after taking statements from the

security guards they approached the angry mourners to get their side of the story.

It was after the discussions that the mourners came up with the required E250.

One of the security guards said the mourners wanted to take a different route than the one communicated with Dups earlier thus the misunderstanding.

In any case, upon taking the deceased body from Dups Funeral Home, the convoy led by cars with temporary plate numbers inscribed RIP MSHENGU went to kaKhoza and again car spinning and cut-outs took place at the traffic lights bringing traffic to a standstill.

Deputy Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba stated that indeed there was a misunderstanding between the mourners who had come to fetch a deceased at Dups but it was solved amicably as the parties finally paid the required amount.

# Stressed suspended Swazi TV man in near fatal crash

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Mbabane

**SUSPENDED** Swazi TV Director of Finance Albert Masuku is failing to deal with his suspension.

As a result he was yesterday involved in a near fatal car accident after the sedan (Nissan) he was driving bumped into another vehicle at the traffic lights by Total Garage in Mbabane.

The 55-year old man from Makhlokholo was on his way home from church in Manzini, where it is said he suffered an epileptic attack that was triggered by stress.

In an interview with Masuku, he said all he could recall was that he was driving at 30km/hr as he approached the traffic lights. He said he had no memory of

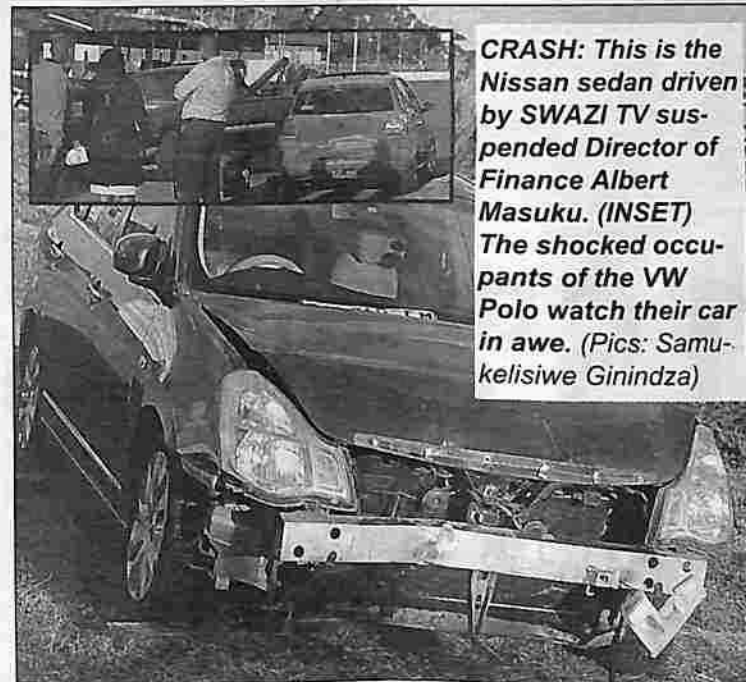
what happened after that until he found himself slumped in a hospital bed.

"I was driving at about 30km/h speed and I stopped at the traffic lights but then after that I don't remember anything as I woke up in a hospital bed," Masuku explained.

Masuku confirmed that he suffers from epileptic seizures at least once a month. He further confirmed that in most instances they are triggered by stress.

"I am usually attacked by epileptic seizures at night once a month. I think today's attack was stress related. I was alright as I approached the traffic lights, but then after that I blacked out," he added.

Masuku mentioned that his suspension took its toll on him and he worried too much.



**CRASH:** This is the Nissan sedan driven by SWAZI TV suspended Director of Finance Albert Masuku. (INSET) The shocked occupants of the VW Polo watch their car in awe. (Pics: Samukelisiwe Ginindza)

The accident occurred at around 3:30pm. Masuku was rushed to the Mbabane Clinic where he was treated and discharged.

# 61 nabbed for DD

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**POLICE** arrested 61 drivers for driving under the influence of alcohol over the past weekend.

These were drawn from the four regions of the country. Most of the offenders have either appeared in a court of law or would appear this morning.

Meanwhile, RSP reported that two people have lost their lives on the country's public roads at the weekend.

On Saturday, a 21-year-old man of Hhotela area in Shiselweni fell off from a moving tractor and sustained serious head injuries. The young man fell off a Massey Ferguson tractor which was driven by another 21-year-old man of Zombodze Emuva. The passenger was rushed to Nhlanguano Health Centre where he was certified dead. The accident happened at 1840 hours at Egazini public road.

In a separate incident, a 31-year-old man of Sibetsamoya in Hlathikhulu lost control of his car and it went off the road and landed in a drainage embankment. The man was driving a Toyota LDV and was alone in the car. After the accident he was rushed to the Nhlanguano Health Centre where he was certified dead. The accident happened at 2220 hours at Mbangweni along Nhlanguano/Manzini MR9 road.

Meanwhile, on Friday Nhlanguano police arrested and charged a 50-year-old woman of Mkhitsini after being found in possession of dagga. The dagga was weighing of 505.5kg with the street value of E404 400. The old woman failed to produce a licence or permit for her dagga while at Mkhitsini. She is due to appear at the Nhlanguano magistrate court today.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed all these reports.

# FOUR DAUGHTERS ASSAULT FATHER'S MAKHWAPHENI

By Observer Reporter  
Dvokolwako

**FOUR** daughters of a Swazi National Court employee attacked and severely hurt their father's mistress on Saturday night at their parental home.

The incident happened at Tsakasile an area in Dvokolwako.

It is said on the night of the fight, the father was seen by his daughter sneaking in a young woman into their mother's house.

According to a close relative who

preferred anonymity, the daughters were angered by their father's action of bringing his mistress into their mother's home.

"The married man came with his mistress and demanded food from his children to feed the other woman," said the relative.

One of the daughters who were home reported the matter to her mother, who was away attending a funeral. "The angry mother called her older children who work around Manzini and Mbabane," added the relative. Upon getting the news from their mother, it is

said the children did not waste time and drove their cars to Dvokolwako to meet the mistress.

"The children demanded answers from both the father and the mistress. They asked their father what the young woman was doing in their mother's house."

He said both the father and his mistress failed to answer. They started attacking the mistress in the presence of their father.

"He tried to rebuke his daughter but that fell on deaf ears as they continued to assault and hurt the mistress." The woman sustained

cuts on the head, a cut on his left ear and a sprained neck. Police officers from Mliba were called to rescue the lady. "She was rushed to Dvokolwako Health Centre where she was advised to open an assault case."

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the matter.

"The matter was reported to the Mliba Police Office and investigations are still ongoing," said Mamba. He said the four girls have not been charged yet.



## 4 NATIONAL NEWS

# SHEBEEN QUEEN ARRESTED FOR E500 000 PACKED DAGGA

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

A popular shebeen queen from Mkhitsini has been arrested for possession of dagga worth close to E500 000.

The woman identified as Julia Mdluli (50) is alleged to be a known dagga dealer and she was once arrested and convicted for similar crime between 2012 and 2013. A source said on Friday, police after a tip-off arrived at her homestead and bags with compressed dagga weighing over 500kg were found within the yard lined up to be transported to an unknown destination.

Mkhitsini is one of the areas in the Kingdom known to be where dagga business is thriving and is an area where the illegal substance is grown at a large scale.

The arrested suspect's home is close to the homestead of a senior police officer.

The source further claimed that the huge consignment which was in a total of over 30 bags was to be smuggled in one of the illegal exit points along the fence sepa-

Close to 10 police officers arrived at the homestead in three different bakkies just after 4pm and it never clicked to Mdluli who these were until she noticed them jumping out of their vehicles positioning themselves strategically and preparing for anything



rating Swaziland with South Africa.

Allegations are rife in the community that police were already in possession of information that there was to be a huge consignment ready to be fetched at Mdluli's homestead and for days police were following such leads and it was then on Friday where they descended and indeed found the bags well packaged and ready to be taken away.

It is said buyers were expected to arrive the following day (Saturday) only for her to be intercepted on Friday.

Close to 10 police officers arrived at the homestead in three different bakkies just after 4pm and it never clicked to Mdluli who these were until she noticed them jumping out of their vehicles positioning themselves strategically and preparing for anything.

It is said with some of the police

officers wielding R4 rifles, the woman realised the sort of trouble she was in as she tried to jump from the chair she was found seated on.

She staggered and dropped on the ground when police decided to fire warning shots in the air. Three warning shots were enough to have her stopped dead on her tracks and she surrendered.

"It's unfortunate that she has been rearrested while she is having a three year suspended sentence.

"Not long ago, the same woman was arrested for a similar crime. She was convicted and sentenced to 15 years in jail or pay a fine of E15 000. Records show that the court in the previous crime decided to suspend part of the sentence which was five years and a fine of E5 000. That means, the sentence was 10 years in jail or E10 000. She paid the fine and gained her freedom but now as the suspended sentence condition was that she should not be found to have committed a similar crime in the period of three years, chances of her being considered for leniency are slim as she has been arrested again before the three year suspended sentence had

elapsed," the source said.

It was further disclosed that prominent legal eagle Advocate Mduduzi 'Tsotsi' Mabila arrived on Saturday and indicated that he was the one to defend the suspect.

"Mabila arrived in Nhlangano yesterday (Saturday) and met with some of the investigating officers where he highlighted that he has been instructed to represent the suspect. Another lawyer who was first considered by others close to the woman decided to rope in Mabila after realising that since she was not a first time offender and also taking into account that her arrest came at a time she was still having the suspended sentence hanging over her head. Mabila was considered as someone more experienced compared to the first one. Mabila is expected to be present tomorrow (today) in court when the suspect makes her first appearance," the source revealed.

Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the arrest of a 50-year-old woman of Mkhitsini area saying she was expected to appear in court today.

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In 2012 Government approved the resuscitation of the NIDCS in order to support industrial development, create employment and stimulate economic growth. An expanded mandate assigns the NIDCS additional responsibilities to optimise returns on Government's investments in the various investing avenues including Public Private Partnerships (PPPs). The NIDCS activities further compliments Swaziland's efforts to attract investment through equity participation, thereby anchoring confidence on Swaziland as a conducive investment location.

Applications are invited from qualified candidates for the below positions. **ALL INTERESTED APPLICANTS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY APPLIED DIRECTLY TO THE NIDCS ARE STILL REQUIRED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS AS SPECIFIED IN THIS ADVERTISEMENT.**

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#### PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS EXECUTIVE

The position is primarily responsible for establishing a solid investment portfolio for the corporation across all target sectors and industries, managing government investments including appraisal of investment proposals, conducting research on investment opportunities and advising executive management accordingly. Its main objective is to design customized investment solutions for the Corporation and its clients in terms of the NIDCS Act, the strategic mandate and national objectives as pronounced at policy making level.

##### Summary of responsibilities:

- Developing requisite financial models and analysing legal financial undertakings towards creation and retention of value of any investments in which the Corporation has invested in;
- Structuring finance packages for projects, evaluating investment opportunities for pitching of investment, and the implementing of mergers and acquisitions (M&A);
- Examining and assessing economic and market trends, earnings prospects, financial statements and various other indicators and factors to determine suitable investment strategies;
- Monitoring the performance of stocks and securities in investments interests for the Corporation.

##### Qualification and experience:

Master's degree or equivalent in Investment and Finance with substantial accounting plus 5+ years of management experience in similar industry.

##### Knowledge and skill requirements:

Must possess knowledge on structuring and packaging projects for finance, evaluating and structuring projects finance for Acquisitions and Mergers, management of Investment Portfolio including investments in securities (stocks and bonds), creation and operation of derivative markets. Must pay attention to detail, possess excellent financial report writing skills, project good knowledge and application of best practice. Must be visionary.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER

The Corporation's HR office is responsible for all manpower planning, designing the Job analysis and Job description, administering staff performance appraisals, training and development on a regular basis, conducting and implementing various employee welfare activities, enforcing good labour management relations, and ensuring that the organizational policies, code of conduct, and the rules and regulations are adhered to in a proper manner.

##### Summary of responsibilities:

- Provide advisory support in all human resource matters including recruitment, salary reviews, administration of staff benefits, contract negotiations, promotions, litigious issues and performance evaluations;
- Develop and implement an effective Human Resources Management Policies, Performance Management System in line with an operational Strategic Plan
- Develop, promote and direct the implementation of equal opportunities policies in all aspects of the Corporation's work;
- Identify training and development needs within the Corporation;
- Design and implement the learning and professional development of all the Corporation's workforce across all levels and departments;
- Ensure equipping of staff with the knowledge, practical skills and motivation to effectively carry out work-related tasks.

##### Qualification and experience:

Bachelor's Degree or equivalent in Industrial Psychology, Human Resources Management, Public Administration, Business Administration or any related field, with 3+ year experience. A post-graduate qualification in related area will be an added advantage.

##### Knowledge and skill requirements:

The applicant must possess strong time management skills and organization skills, personal efficiency and multitasking skills, negotiation and communication skills, be able to balance the dual focus between employer and employee; and must be good with conflict management, change management and problem solving.

#### LEGAL SERVICES OFFICER

The position is responsible for protecting the Corporation and its clients from any legal disadvantage implications or consequences arising from the interpretation and application. It ensures that all the Corporation's activities and operations are consistent with the constitutive, constitutional and corporate legal concerns.

##### Summary of responsibilities:

- Draft, scrutinise, negotiate and provide advice on the implementation of all agreements, contracts and other formal arrangements for operational activities of the Corporation with its domestic and international partners, including governmental and non-governmental entities;
- Provide legal oversight on the management and implementation of the Corporations' policies and governance, environmental and procurement related matters including investment programmes such as Private-Public Partnership undertakings;
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- Review all existing project contracts, including development or construction contracts, supplier agreements, concession agreements, joint venture agreements, management agreements, stockholder agreements or other project documentation for protection of the Corporation's interests.

##### Qualification and experience:

An LLB plus qualification in Investment law. 5+ years of experience. Must be an admitted attorney in the courts of Swaziland with proven expertise in commercial law. A post-graduate qualification in related area will be an added advantage.

##### Knowledge and skill requirements:

Must possess communication and negotiation skills, strong judgments skills and must be prepared to make ethical and moral decisions.

#### STATISTICS AND PUBLICATIONS OFFICER

This position provides insight on present and future business, financial and economic trends; and evaluates investment potential in sectors, products and geographic jurisdictions, through in-depth research on companies, industry sectors, and economic locations, in order for the Corporation to make impactful investment undertakings. It therefore investigates a broad range of activities and disciplines in the business space, which vary according to the times, national development goals, and the prevailing investment climate and circumstances.

##### Summary of responsibilities:

- Develop and maintain research and development programmes to ensure that the Corporation remains at the forefront in the industry, applies contemporary and most cost-effective methods and approaches, provides leading-edge products and services and retains its competitive edge;
- Undertake economic and financial research and produce general information and high level reports on prospective investment avenues;
- Liaise with institutions that are responsible for investment promotion and sector and industry development for new potential investments and networks with industry professionals;
- Closely monitor financial press and keep track of market trends, opportunities, risks and new investment sectors and products;
- Compile advisory reports and make informed recommendations on new investment opportunities and funds that could enhance or diversify the Corporation's investment portfolio.

##### Qualification and experience:

Degree or equivalent in research with strong International Business Economics, Marketing, Development, Investment and Trade plus 3+ years of experience in the field of business and development finance research. A post-graduate qualification in related area will be an added advantage.

##### Knowledge and skill requirements:

Must possess strong critical business analytic and communication skills, be conversant with international business climate, and must pay attention to Detail and be a critical thinker with ability to relate international developments to local business dynamics.

#### PROJECTS APPRAISAL OFFICER

The position determines the realistic financial and economic value of a prospective business and investment proposal and/or undertaking whether submitted as a request for funding or initiated by the Corporation, including real estate and other assets in preparation for investment, and extension of credit finance. It also evaluates and advises on social acceptability, desirability, environmental friendliness, technical feasibility and appropriateness, gender sensitiveness, economic soundness and sustainability of potential and existing investee avenues.

##### Summary of responsibilities:

- Review and advise on the project proposals and in consultation with other departments, evaluate private sector and other non-sovereign transactions and assist in the structuring of the project for determining the full nature of possible partnership for the Corporation;
- Perform detailed evaluation of prospective business undertakings to determine rate of return, factoring in dates, quality and impact of the project, and supporting skill into the investee asset;
- Coherently analyze the problematic areas and factors in the prospective business and provide precautionary advice to the Corporation's investment department;
- Determine sustainability of projects via structural design, market trends, sales analysis and international social, economic and political business environment and input remodeling strategies;
- Determine the stage of investment at which the Corporation should participate in a business cycle.
- Participate in the identification, formulation and structuring of requisite capital for an industrial venture and acquisition of competitive funding.

##### Qualification and experience:

Degree or equivalent qualification in Finance, Investment Management or Accounting plus 3+ year experience in business appraisal and development. A post-graduate qualification in related area will be an added advantage.

##### Knowledge and skill requirements:

Must pay attention to detail, possess excellent report writing skills, project sound knowledge and application of best practice in project appraisal, and be able to forecast into the medium to long term in relation to the industry sectors and the business climate in and outside Swaziland.



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## 6 NATIONAL NEWS

# LAVUMISA RESIDENTS TO LOSE E6M CLINIC

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Lavumisa

**LAVUMISA residents might miss out on a clinic project worth E6 million because of issues concerning the land where it is to be built.**

So serious is the situation that residents of Lavumisa gathered in their numbers to go and protest at the offices of Lavumisa Town Board, where they demanded to have a word with Lavumisa Town Board Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Manzi Mthupha.

This happened last week Friday, where the residents had crammed the premises of the town board offices for the better part of the day.

## Land

The meeting took place outside the town board building.

The bone of contention was the clinic project that the community stands to lose if the issue of the land is not sorted soon. This is because of the fact that the clinic construction has delayed yet similar projects in other regions are already being constructed.

The funding for these clinics comes from the World Bank.

What worries the residents of Lavumisa is that they were told that the E6 million that had been allocated by World Bank to build the clinic in their area could be taken away by the bank to give it to those who have readily available land to build the clinic.



**IN NUMBERS:** Lavumisa residents meeting at the Lavumisa Town Board offices to find a way forward on the issue of the clinic project, that is about to be taken away from them. The meeting took place on Friday last week. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli)

This message was relayed to the people by Somntongo Member of Parliament (MP) Sandile Nxumalo, before the day of the meeting at the offices.

Lavumisa falls under Somntongo Constituency. This then infuriated the residents such that they mobilised one another to go to the premises of the town board offices to demand an audience with Mthupha. They are said to have arrived at that place in the morning.

## Project

Nxumalo, when asked by the people on Friday, said he had been called by officers from the ministry of health to inform him of such news.

"I saw it fit that I must inform you of such so that we do something before the project is taken away from us. We need this clinic

since we all know that we need to easily access proper health care," Nxumalo said, in front of the people who were at the premises of the town board offices.

Mthupha was also present during the meeting.

One woman, who preferred not to be named, said they wondered what had happened to the town of Lavumisa.

"We had a project where a high school was to be built in Lavumisa. The project had to take off in a violent manner because we had to come to this very office to demand an explanation.

It seems as if we now have to do the same before anything is done. I do not know why it should be like this. We need clear answers from the management," she said.

The residents concurred with the woman.

The project the woman was referring to was the town's first ever high school. It was supposed to be built with the help of World Vision. It was said E10 million had been secured by World Vision for the school. However, World Vision had to pull out because it took a long time for the land to be allocated for the project.

## Health

The residents asked Nxumalo to explain what had caused to delay to allocate land for the latest project. He told the residents that he received a call from the planning department in the ministry of health and they wanted to find out what was happening in Lavumisa because they had expected to commence the building of the clinic before the end of this month.

Nxumalo said the officers from the ministry told him that the they had done everything that was required by the ministry of housing and urban development. The clinic, it is said, can only be built once the housing ministry had apportioned land where it should be built.

Ministry of Housing and Urban Development Principal Secretary Clifford Mamba said they did not get anything from the ministry of health concerning the matter. "The ministry of health has not told us that they needed any kind of help from us," Mamba said.

## Residents to know their fate tomorrow

Manzi Mthupha last Friday. The residents wanted to know what Mthupha had planned to do about the situation they were facing.

## Office

The town is said to be on the brink of losing a project that will give them easier access to improved health care through a clinic worth E6 million earmarked for the area.

Mthupha told the residents that he was going to have a series of meetings at government offices in Mbabane today, where he would discuss the matter. He said after the meeting he would then go to the ministry of housing and urban development to check if the allocated land would be approved.

This was after Mthupha had twice gone into the office to telephone the ministry of housing and urban development about the

issue.

"I must state though that as a town board, we had done our part because we identified the land where the clinic should be built.

The only thing that has to happen now is for the ministry to approve that the project should go on," Mthupha said.

## Importance

He said the ministry was not aware of the fact that the World Bank was planning to give the project to other people because of dragging their feet.

Somntongo MP Sandile Nxumalo said it was important that he pushed the officers of the ministry to make sure that the project was started.

"This is because even last month, the ministry told us that they were coming to give us the land and approve the start of the project but that never happened.

Even now, they can tell you that they are coming and find that they do not come," Nxumalo said.

## Umhlanga

The MP stated that after the approval of the ministry, there were stages that had to be passed before the actual project took off. He told them that they were supposed to also await the approval of the Land Management Board (LMB).

This, according to Nxumalo, should happen before the end of this month, saying the LMB might not find time to go to Lavumisa next month because of national events like the Umhlanga ceremony.

This gives the people of Lavumisa a challenge to make sure the construction of the clinic starts before the end of this month.

## Councillors no show at meeting

**COUNCILLORS** of Lavumisa shunned the residents' meeting at the town board last Friday.

This was evident when one participant at the meeting stated that councillors should have been part and parcel of the meeting. Victor Ndoda Matsebula, who is also a resident in Lavumisa, wanted to know why councillors had not attended the meeting.

"We are not supposed to be directly addressing the CEO. We are supposed to address him through the councillors that we chose to represent us in the town board," Matsebula said.

His submission, however, was not well embraced by other attendees of the meeting. They felt the meeting should not be halted by the absence of the councillors. They said they felt it was good for them to seek an audience with the CEO because the matter at hand was urgent.

CEO Manzi Mthupha said it was unfortunate that he did not know that there were people coming to meet him, adding that if he knew he would have told the councillors to be part of the meeting.

Lavumisa Town Board Chairman Sabelo Zulu, when contacted for comment, said they could not attend the meeting because they did not know anything about it.

"We do not have an office where we can always be available to receive complaints from people of the town. We are not at fault for not attending the meeting because it is the town clerk that tells us about anything that needs our attention concerning issues of the town board," Zulu said.

He clarified by saying he did not mean they do not attend community meetings.

## MP arrives late for meeting

**SOMNTONGO MP Sandile Nxumalo arrived late for the meeting between Lavumisa residents and Town Board CEO Manzi Mthupha.**

The MP arrived at about 3:30pm. The late arrival, according to the MP, was caused by the fact that he had to secure an air ticket for a trip he was supposed to take to Durban, South Africa.

The MP is currently attending the ongoing

International Conference on HIV and AIDS in Durban, which starts this morning. He departed on Saturday. He is attending with other legislators.

Nxumalo secured the ticket in Mbabane and he had to finish at about 1pm. After that, he then went straight to Lavumisa to attend the meeting between the residents and CEO Mthupha.

The residents wanted to know what made the MP arrive so late. He then explained what happened and the meeting eventually started.



**I PROMISE:** Lavumisa Town Board CEO Manzi Mthupha addressing the residents about the position of the town board on the issue.

**LAVUMISA residents should know whether the clinic will be built in their area or not by tomorrow.**

This was the promise made by Lavumisa Town Board CEO



**LATE COMER:** MP Sandile Nxumalo.



# Son who stabbed, burnt father to death arrested

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

MANQOBA Dlamini, the young man who allegedly stabbed his 52-year-old father to death before petrol-bombing his parental home two weeks ago at Mahlangatsha, has since been arrested by the police.

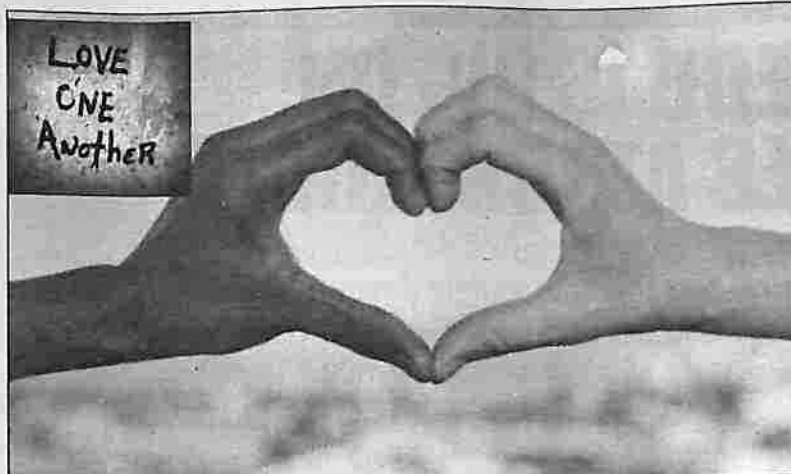
Dlamini was arrested last week while at Lomahasha, where he lived with his biological mother.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed that Dlamini was arrested last week.

"After his arrest he appeared before the magistrate's court, where he was charged with murder amongst other charges," he said.

Meanwhile, Dlamini's stepmother LaSibisi, who was caught up in the fire during the petrol-bombing incident, is still languishing at Mankayane Government Hospital after sustaining some serious burn wounds from the ordeal.

"She is still recuperating in hospital, she is not in a good state, emotionally and physically," said Noah Dlamini,



a brother to the deceased.

Dlamini further revealed that his deceased brother had still not been buried. "We could not bury him this past weekend, a number of factors hindered us from conducting his funeral. Firstly, we still have not formally met as a family to discuss the funeral arrangements and secondly, we have a number of challenges that we are still trying to sort involving finances," he said.

Two weeks ago, Manqoba reportedly came home after eight months of absence and provoked a quarrel with his father Mgege Dlamini.

In the midst of the quarrel Manqoba

allegedly drew a knife from his side pocket and stabbed his father twice. He allegedly first stabbed him on the arm and then in the chest, thus landing a fatal blow.

After allegedly committing the terrible act Manqoba ran out of the house and came back with a petrol bomb, which he threw into the bedroom.

He is said to have locked the main door and ran off, leaving his parents and three siblings to handle the raging flames.

The situation was rescued by neighbours who came to help the family, unfortunately, Mgege was already dead.

## Teachers in a love triangle engage in fist fight

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

DRAMA unfolded at Good Shepherd Primary teachers' quarters when two female teachers who are involved in a love triangle engaged in a fist fight last Thursday.

The man, who is involved in the love triangle, is also a teacher at the school while one of the women is a teacher at the School for the Deaf Primary, which is situated about two kilometres away.

The incident occurred after one of the women came uninvited and found the man with another woman.

According to close sources, the teacher from School for the Deaf is actually the main woman as she and the lover boy have been in a steady relationship for a number of years.

On the other hand, the man also had an extra intimate relationship with his colleague. On the day in question the main woman decided to pay her boyfriend a visit unannounced late in the evening.

Apparently, the woman had received a tip-off to the effect that her boyfriend was with another woman in his house.

Such information proved true

upon arrival at the teachers' quarters, when the main woman found her boyfriend with his female colleague in the bedroom. A fierce fight ensued between the two women while the man made efforts to separate them.

Other teachers from neighbouring houses had to rush to the said house as loud screams of both women indicated that there was trouble.

"Apparently, the 'side chick' was well aware of the main woman and that is what infuriated her (main woman) the most and resulted in the fight," said one of the source who witnessed the incident. The fight went on until some teachers bravely forced their way into the house to separate the fighting women.

A brief discussion aimed at bringing peace was subsequently convened while the man who was the cause of the fight also apologised to both women.

The main woman eventually took charge of the house while the other one was ushered out to her house.

The incident was kept within the school authorities as it was not reported to police.

Meanwhile, the principal of the school could not be immediately reached for comment at the time of compiling the report.

## Hacked, burned gogo dies

By Nozipho Sibiyi  
Mbabane

A widow aged 72 years who was attacked and set alight by a mob has died in hospital.

The elderly woman was a victim of an arson attack for suspected witchcraft at Dvokolwako. The elderly woman died at Pigg's Peak Government Hospital while undergoing treatment.

According to a close relative, Gogo Thalitha Ginindza was transferred from Dvokolwako Health Centre after her condition became serious. "She died last week Thursday at the hos-

pital and she has already been buried at her home," she said.

Gogo Ginindza was attacked by residents who accused her of witchcraft practices in the area. The old woman was hacked with an axe before she was doused with paraffin and set alight inside her hut at midnight. She was laid to rest yesterday morning and the suspects are still at large.

"The elderly woman was badly burned during the incident, which was compounded by the fact that she was crippled so chances of surviving were slim. A source within the hospital also mentioned that the elderly woman would not be able to walk again as her

spinal cord was badly damaged."

There were allegations that she had been seen by soccer players performing her rituals at Mbuluzi River.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the death of the woman. "She died while undergoing treatment at Pigg's Peak Government Hospital and was laid to rest over the weekend," he said.

However, the police mouthpiece said the suspects were still at large and they were investigating the matter. He promised that they would definitely bring the culprits to book and discouraged people from taking the law into their own hands.

## It's not all shiny lights at Mpolonjeni

By Sabatha Dlamini  
Mbabane

BEHIND the high concrete walls that surround beautiful homes spreading throughout the width and breadth of Mpolonjeni in Mbabane are families deeply entangled in stinking poverty.

A member of Mpolonjeni Development Committee Nhlanihla Zwane said a snap survey of the area was bound to mislead any potential donor into believing that the area comprised of well-to-do families, when in actual fact some people there in dire hunger crisis. Zwane said they

were banking on their Member of Parliament, Phesheya Hlatshwayo, to help mitigate the poverty and hunger crisis they were faced with.

Mpolonjeni, an area in close proximity to the capital city, is populated mainly by high ranking civil servants and business people who took advantage of the fact that this was Swazi nation land.

Most of these settlers got the pieces of land through the traditional *kukhonta* method of acquiring land under the control of a chief. Zwane said the original settlers in the area continued to languish in poverty while in the midst of affluent families. The high walls that surround their home-

steads, Zwane said, were meant to shield them from the poverty stricken families within the community.

He said it was for that reason that the community still needed food aid.

The area, under Motshane Constituency, has still not made it into the list of communities that would benefit from the food aid distributed by government through the National Disaster Management Agency.

Parliament has forced the government, through the Deputy Prime Minister's Office to ensure food parcels are distributed to all families in the country's 55 constituencies without discrimination.



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 and 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: 2404 1719

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

\*20 days from last week of publication notice.





# MPs REPORT CARD



MP Muzi Gwebu

LUBULINI MP

**LUBULINI** – Seeking a health facility and not finding one can be very stressful.

For years, residents from Sichilweni, a community under Lubulini constituency, had to travel long distances before they could access a clinic. Some made it while others could not. In 2013, the electorate entrusted MP Muzi Gwebu to represent them in the 10th parliament.

They assigned him, among other issues, to help the constituency have a proper and functional clinic.

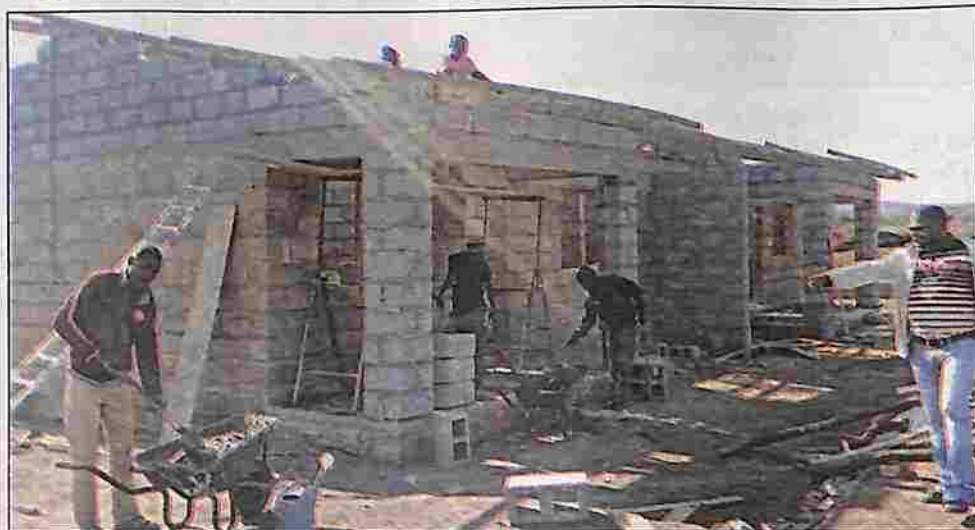
The residents had argued that the informal clinic found at Khwezi was no longer fit to service the constituency.

Driven by the zeal to deliver for his constituency, MP Gwebu has brought back smiles on the faces of the residents. He has facilitated the construction of a clinic worth millions at Sichilweni.

Already, in progress, is the

## MP MUZI GWEBU IS BIG ON HEALTH ISSUES AT LUBULINI

The soft spoken legislator said the construction of the clinic was one of the priority projects that he had targeted to help develop the constituency. He said what has also become a problem and the biggest challenge is the water shortage within his constituency



**WORK IN PROGRESS:** Nurses' flats being constructed at Sichilweni.

construction of several flats for the nurses that will be

deployed at the clinic. The MP said his target is

that when his term of office elapses in 2018, the clinic would be fully operational. He said the project will benefit at least 2 000 homesteads under the Lubulini constituency.

"We negotiated the construction of the clinic after it transpired that the one at Khwezi was no longer fit and had become a health hazard. In fact, the structures are too old," he said.

The soft spoken legislator said the construction of the clinic was one of the priority projects that he had targeted to help develop the constituency. He said what has also become a problem and the biggest challenge is the water shortage within his constituency.

He said he together with his council are working very hard to conquer the issue of water shortage. By so doing, he said they have engaged SWADE who is currently implementing a project that will see a canal being erected towards the constituency – LUSIP phase II.

Apart from bringing water to the constituency, the MP said they have managed to re-gravel various roads within the constituency. They have also engaged on a programme to capacitate SMEs. "So far we have managed to cover at least 80 percent of our targets," he said. He said another challenge faced by the constituency is the absence of a chief which has perpetrated some dis-



**BUSY:** Construction of a clinic at Sichilweni.



**THERE:** MP Muzi Gwebu showing the new classrooms that have been constructed at Khwezi Primary School.

putes. The legislator explained that the disputes lead to the delay of projects. Lubulini is made up of five chiefdoms namely Ngcamphalala, Mngometulu, Mamba, Myeni and Maplazini.

### MP comes through for Inkhundla schools

They say education is the key to success but for some Lubulini pupils it had to come under unbearable conditions. Luyandza Madlala, the head teacher of Ekhwezi Primary school, a school situated a few metres from the late Kaizer Fikudze's church narrated how as a school they had to work under perilous conditions.

She highlighted that the school was declared not fit to operate by the ministry of health following that the structures had visible cracks which may prompt an unannounced collapse. "In this regard I would love to thank the MP with the aid of Micro Projects as we now have three newly constructed classes and we aim to move out completely at of the walls that have stood the test of time since 1940." Madlala went on to mention that she was hoping to have

four more classes to accommodate the 275 pupils as well as teachers' quarters. On another note, the MP has successfully assisted Ekhwezi High School through the construction of a Home Economics lab. Sibusiso Maseko, the Deputy Head teacher at the school confirmed that they approached Inkhundla towards the building of the structure which started in February. "The laboratory will help us a lot as the pupils will now not only focus on theory alone but will be able to carry out practicals as well which is something that we are sure will improve our results."

### Big tree 'market' gives way to proper structure

A tree which had become a landmark spot for vendors doing business at Lubulini will always be remembered as a symbol for the construction of a market that MP Muzi Gwebu had done for vendors here. The tree, however, has been removed to accommodate the new structure. The structure is situated at the centre of Lubulini and it is expected to be completed in August pending avail-

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## What some of the prospective occupants of the newly constructed structure had to say:

**Elinah Tsiwani Mamba (66 years)**  
 "I wish I had the whole day to elaborate on how the construction of this market impact on us, me in particular, considering the fact that I have raised and educated four children through the selling of fruits and vegetables. For so many years we have made use of a big tree as our shelter to sell our items and we have over the years been constantly tortured by heavy rains, some of us even had no umbrellas. The MP has really cut-done himself through this project and seeing the construction every day is really like a dream or an illusion rather."

**Sibongile Shongwe Mngometsulu (45)**

"I have been selling produce in our so called market (under the tree) for 31 years, actually, this 'market' has given birth to so many lives. It has been a very torrid time for us and thank God that he has blessed us with the nomination of Gwebu and he will always be in our hearts. We don't regret our decision to make him our representative in parliament. Business in the area will grow tremendously as the structure has many unique facilities."

**Happiness Zikhali (45)**

"I have been here for 12 years and I am also the committee member in the project team. When I arrived in the area a lot of women were selling their goods in the open and it was really touching, but they had no choice. We really thank the MP and RDF for the project as it will surely change lives. We have been made aware that the



INTERACTING: Elinah Mamba posing with MP Muzi Gwebu.



INPUT: Sibongile Mngometsulu and Happiness Zikhali, market vendors at Lubulini.

structure will accommodate a lot of our endeavors and we will make sure we exhaust all opportunities available."

**Luyandza Madlala (Ekhwezi Primary School Head Teacher)**

"When the Ministry of Health came at the school and declared that the school should be closed, I really didn't know what I would do, but with advice from the school committee, I approached Inkhundla and

eventually met the MP who duly arranged that I find help for the construction of three classrooms. We are grateful for the help and we also appreciate the role by Micro Projects."

**About MP Muzi Gwebu:**

He is a former Bucophu. He won the race to parliament in 2013 beating multi award winning Ncandweni Christ Ambassador lead singer Timothy Myeni.



FACELIFT: The dilapidated Khwezi clinic that is being used by residents here. A new clinic is being constructed.



DANGER: The old structure at Khwezi Primary School that government said was no longer fit to be used by learners.

ability of material. The E500 000 worth market has a big storage area and a kitchen which implies that it will now incorporate individuals who would not only focus on selling produce alone but food as well. Speaking about

the structure, Gwebu said he made the construction his priority as he had seen the struggle the women went through. "Most of these vendors have been working under the tree for over 30 years and deep down I knew

how much they needed a good structure. I am grateful for the support from government as I had been able to fulfill this mandate." The women could not bring it to words as to how they are grateful for the construction

of the structure. Over the years the tree has acted as a shelter for about 20 women and the most challenge was during the summer season where rains proved a constant threat. "For me it was a very tough

ordeal during my time as a vendor as I would sell through the rain and worse I could not even afford an umbrella. "So the construction is a big breakthrough not only for us but for the future genera-

tion," said one of the vendors. One vendor even went to the extent of declaring that she aims to buy a car through the business and name it 'Gwebu' in an effort to show her appreciation and affection for the MP's work.

## PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY MP MUZI GWEBU

- Clinic
- Staff houses
- Home Economics lab
- Three classrooms
- Market
- Regraveling of MR8 road
- E20 000 Soccer tournament

- Victory 1
- Khanyizwe Group
- Mahangeni Tikhutsate
- Asibumbaneni

### PENDING

- Bethal Group Scheme
- Khanyisa Lusabeni Group Scheme
- Skhaleni Group Scheme

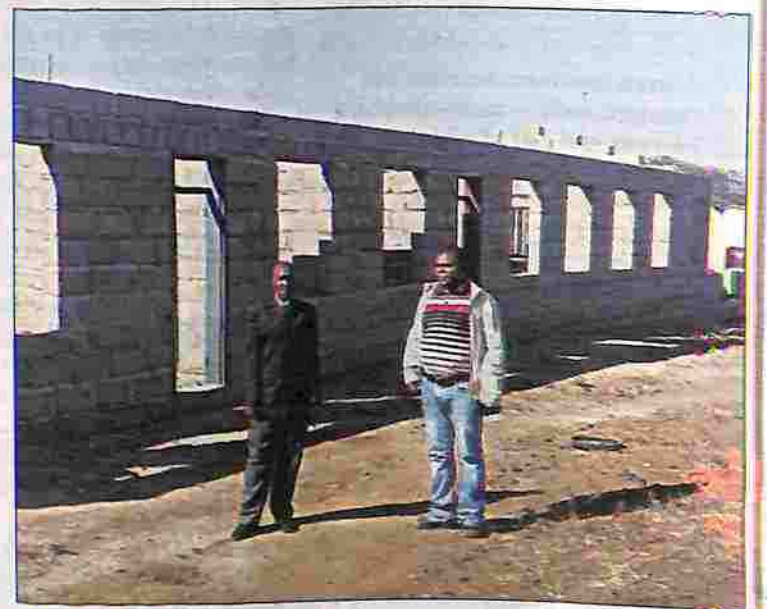
### S.E.C SCHEMES



UPGRADED: Lubulini road has been re-gravelled.



FOUNDATION: MP Muzi Gwebu showing the construction of nurses' flats at Sichilweni.



NEW: MP Muzi Gwebu standing next to Sibusiso Maseko the deputy head teacher of Khwezi High School where a home economics laboratory is being constructed.



# MISA CALLS FOR LAW REFORM COMMISSION

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini  
Matsapha

**MEDIA Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) Coordinator Vuyisile Hlatshwayo says there is need for the country to set up a Law Reform Commission.** Hlatshwayo told journalists attending a MISA workshop at Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha that there were several laws in the country that were not in conformity with the country's Constitution. He said soon after the enactment of the 2005 Constitution, government should have set up a process, through the law reform commission, to review all laws that were no longer in compliance with the supreme law.

Hlatshwayo said such laws were threats to the safety of journalists. He said research has revealed that journalists faced the following threats while conducting their duties; death threats, reprisals, killings, detention, expulsion, harassment and sexual harassment.

He said an assault on a journalist was an attack on society itself as it undermined the right of its citizens to be informed, to learn, to communicate and to make free independent and informed decisions.



**LAW REFORM: MEDIA Institute of Southern Africa Coordinator Vuyisile Hlatshwayo.**

He said in recent years, threats, attacks and crimes against journalists worldwide had increased and no region of the world had been exempt.

## Intimidation

In addition, he said intimidation against journalists was often undertaken with impunity because of lack of attention accorded to such actions by governments and judicial authorities.

He said such a climate of impunity further endangered journalists because lack of sanctions against perpetrators of intimidation and violence made journalists

easier targets.

The setting up of the Law Reform Commission is a matter that was also raised up by parliament through a motion that sought to compel Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Senator Edgar Hillary to do so.

The minister failed to heed the House resolution, prompting the Government Assurance Committee to haul him before the committee to explain his failure. The minister appeared before the committee and told it there was no money to implement the resolution.

## REVIVE SNAJ, JOURNALISTS TOLD

**SWAZI journalists need to revive the ailing Swaziland National Association of Journalists (SNAJ) if they hope to effectively contribute to issues pertaining to the media.**

These were some of the recommendations made by the journalists who participated in a two-day workshop organised by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

The journalists said the role of SNAJ was paramount in regrouping the journalists in the country so that issues affecting these professionals could be attended to through a united front.

The organisation is currently reportedly unregistered.

UNESCO's Phumzile Hlophe implored the journalists to unite and revive the organisation. She said they stood to benefit more from the UN agency if they worked as a collective.

## Protection

The journalists got an opportunity to discuss Human Rights Instruments which are pivotal in the protection of journalists.

These instruments include:

● The Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948, Article 19 which states: "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes

freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media regardless of frontiers."

● The African Charter on Human and People's Rights, Article 6 which states: "Every individual shall have the right to liberty and to the security of his person. No one may be deprived of his freedom except for reasons and conditions previously laid down by law. In particular, no one may be arbitrarily arrested or detained."

● And the International Covenant on Civil

and Political Rights, Article 20 which states: "Everyone shall have freedom of expression; this right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media of his choice."

● African Charter on Human and People's Rights, Article 9 which recognises freedom of expression as an important right.

The article states that: "Every individual shall have the right to receive information" and further that, "every individual shall have the right to express and disseminate his opinions within the law".



## MAN SEXUALLY ABUSES GIRL AT SIKHUPHE VILLAGE

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**A man has been arrested and charged with sexually abusing a 14-year-old girl of Sikhuphe Village.**

The accused person, Machamuka Dlamini (38), who also resides at the village, appeared at the Magistrate's Court facing a charge of rape.

He is alleged to have wrongfully and intentionally had unlawful intercourse with the said complainant without her consent. The charge is also accompanied with aggravating factors as the complainant is regarded as a minor by law.

Amongst the aggravating factors, the accused person is said to have inflicted physical and mental trauma to the complainant by forcing her into the act of sexual inter-

course. He is also said to have exposed the complainant to sexual transmitted diseases as he did not use protection during commission of the offence.

The accused is further said to have stood at loco parentis with the complainant by virtue of being a fellow resident in the same village.

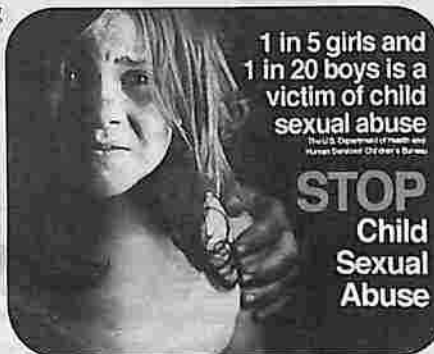
## Facing

The accused is also facing an alternative charge of contravening Section 3(1) of the Girls and Women Protection Act.

During his appearance before court, the accused

elected to engage the services of an attorney after his rights to legal representation were explained to him.

He was therefore not asked to plead to charge. The matter was then postponed to August 2, 2016 for setting of a trial date in the presence of the accused person's attorney. Meanwhile, he was remanded into custody.



## Kwaluseni MP concerned by Logoba road fatalities

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Matsapha

**AS the number of pedestrians killed by speeding vehicles along the MR3 Public Road at Ndlunganye, Logoba continue to increase, the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) in collaboration with the ministry of public works and transport and other various stakeholders conducted a road safety awareness campaign over the weekend.**

The event which was held at Matsapha Weighbridge was themed 'short cuts are dead cuts'. Members of the public were sensitised about the dangers of taking short cuts instead of using overhead bridges.

Kwaluseni Member of Parliament Mkhosi Dlamini expressed his concern on the increasing number of pedestrians who lose their lives while trying to use shortcuts instead



**CONCERN: Minister Lindiwe Dlamini (r) leading by example.** of using the overhead bridge.

Dlamini warned the public on the dangers of using shortcuts and stated that there was no firm which produces human parts therefore people must be careful with their lives and use the road with caution.

The MP stated that just before the campaign which took place on Saturday a pedestrian was knocked down by a vehicle in the area and lost her life. He sent his condolences to the family of the deceased. Dlamini stated that with so many people using the MR3 road it would be a good idea to

have conductors trained on road safety so that in their rush for customer they do so with caution in Matsapha.

Minister of Public Works and Transport Lindiwe Dlamini, speaking during the campaign, commended Kukhanya Civil Engineering contractors for posting temporary signage and personnel to caution motorists as they pass along the accident-prone stretch.

The minister also warned pedestrians not to take advantage of the gaps between the concrete barriers because motorists might not be in a position to see them (pedestrians) in time. She advised people to use the footbridges or underpasses where required. She urged the nation to observe road safety as the country is preparing for the SADC heads of state summit, adding that next month would be very busy as there will be the Umhlanga and Trade Fair events.

## Road construction contributing to rising death toll

**MINISTER of Public Works and Transport Lindiwe Dlamini has stated that statistics for pedestrian fatalities in the country were shocking.**

Dlamini stated that with the MR3 being a busy road it carries about 38 000 vehicles a day and the construction of the road was now con-

tributing to the number of fatalities.

"What is the source of the problem? As you all know the Matsapha-Manzini road is undergoing serious maintenance, hence there is no free flow of traffic," she said.

Dlamini added that sometimes motorists were delayed and once

they passed through the controlled areas they were tempted to over-speed yet the road passes through a highly populated area, where pedestrians take chances to quickly cross to the other side of the road without weighing the risk of emerging from the gaps in the concrete median.



# HACKED ASIAN'S SHOP BROKEN INTO

Stories by Wonderboy  
Dlamini  
Siteki

**NAEEM Gul Khan, a businessman of Pakistan origin had his shop at Mpolonjeni broken into, with items worth E10 000 stolen.**

The incident happened last Thursday.

Khan is the businessman who was hacked by fellow countrymen with bush-knives about three months ago. The incident which almost cost Khan his life was said to have been influenced by business related differences between him and his assailants who also run businesses in Siteki and Mpolonjeni.

Khan has alleged that following this incident, he has experiencing other threatening incidents both within his business premises and at his residence. The latest incident has seen him lose stock and money



**HACKED: Naeem Gul Khan, a businessman of Pakistan. (INSET) His injured leg.**

from his shop during an alleged break-in.

A group of thugs are believed to have broken into the shop on Thursday evening through the roof and managed to take away the said items.

According to Khan, the thugs were able to get a sum of E3 000 which was left in the till. Khan said the money was for purposes of paying daily deliveries such as bread the following day. The thugs also made away with items such as

## ... Such incidents never happened before - Khan

NAEEM Gul Khan says he had never experienced break-ins at his business before the attack that almost claimed his life three months ago.

Khan was attacked and hacked by his fellow countrymen after he quarrelled with them. He has been operating the business in the same area for about six years without experiencing any robberies or break-ins.

He said ever since he came out of hospital after the attack, he has been getting threats from unknown people who would call him on his mobile phone. He said at some instances, some Asian

men would occasionally make questionable visits to his shop. The men would neither converse with him nor buy anything from the shop.

Khan said a recent similar incident happened on Saturday when a motor vehicle which was occupied by four men parked right at the gate of his residence at Matsetsa.

He said, however, when he approached the vehicle to enquire on what they were looking for, it sped off. "I am really living in fear for my life and my family's as strange things have happened to me of late," he said.

airtime and other consumables.

Khan said he only discovered the break-in the following day when he came to open the shop. The corrugated iron on the roof was found to have been cut open using a sharp object.

The thugs went in and used some of the shelves in the shop to climb in and out of the shop. A bushknife was also found inside the shop, vertical to the hole on the roof. The bushknife is believed to have fallen from the thugs as they made away with the stolen items.

"Everything was found just upside down in the morning, and it became evident that there has been a break-in," said Khan.

Meanwhile, Khan alleged that this incident comes after a number of other attempts to break into the shop.

He said recently, some objects which are usually used during break-ins were found within the premises of the shop. It appeared that some people were trying to break into the shop but got disturbed either by passersby.

## Some HIV+ children refuse to take ARVs

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**CAREGIVERS** of HIV positive children are facing challenges with their adherence to antiretroviral therapy (ART).

This is contained in the Abstract Conference presentation book that was presented at the Swaziland HIV/AIDS Conference, held at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre last week.

The conference was themed "From AIDS crisis to opportunities" and it was attended by different stakeholders, who included policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the epidemic.

### Caregivers

Abstract SAC 23C of the book revealed that challenges faced by the caregivers include the matter where the care-recipients (children) have too many tablets to consume and the tastes of the tablets are unpleasant.

Caregivers also revealed that the age of the care recipients can pose as a challenge as younger children have difficulty taking the tablets. "Caregivers face challenges with HIV positive children when administering the medication to children who have had previous experiences of side effects after taking the ARVs," the abstract states.



It further states that, lack of disclosure and social support are other challenges faced by the caregivers.

"Poor client-health care providers' relationships also pose a challenge with the adherence to antiretroviral therapy (ART) of the affected children," states the abstract.

### Strengthen

"Based on the study's findings it is recommended that health care givers strengthen their relationship with the children. Strategies that will assist working caregivers reduce forgotten doses should be developed," it further states.

It further advocates for fewer drugs than the normal number. "Assisting the caregivers in disclosing the status of the care-recipient to the care-recipient and their family as well as advice on measures to alleviate the side effects of ART."

The HIV/AIDS conference was meant to share the expe-

riences of the affected stakeholders along the journey of HIV/AIDS in the country.

It was also to create networking opportunities and to encourage future collaborations with local and international researchers.

The meeting was also to provide an opportunity for global and national HIV researchers who have conducted research about Swaziland, to share their findings and experiences with Swazi stakeholders, including government and the community.

The conference was held prior to the 2016 International AIDS Conference, which commences in Durban, South Africa today. The International AIDS Conference is a biennial gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the epidemic.

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Through this notice we notify all users of our permit system that we shall be changing to the ASYCUDA World as from the 1st September 2016.

In preparation for this Go Live, we have arranged sessions as detailed below to educate our stakeholders of these changes and receive their concerns and challenges.

### IMPORTERS

Date:	Region:	Venue:
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		

### EXPORTERS & TRANSISTORS

Date:	Venue:
04 August 2016	The George Hotel
Starting time: 09:00hrs	

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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**TOGETHER:** Members of the Ministry of Agriculture portfolio committee seen discussing with the Secretary General of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Sindiso Ngwenya and Minister Moses Vilakati at Mpatheni under Mtsambama Inkhundla.



**GOOD NEWS:** Mtsambama MP Mphaya Simelane had something to say during the event at Mpatheni. **RIGHT - ON THE MIC:** NAMBoard boss Siphephiso Dlamini making his remarks.



**TAKE A RIDE:** Minister Moses Vilakati seen on one of the tractors to be used by the farmers under the Climate Smart Agriculture Project at Mpatheni.



**REP:** Senior Regional Officer Sibongile Mamba making remarks on behalf of RA Themba Masuku.

# COMESA PILOTS E5.5M CLIMATE SMART PROJECT AT MPATHENI

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Mpatheni

**COMMON** Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Secretary General Sindiso Ngwenya has described His Majesty King Mswati III as a visionary leader.

Ngwenya said he personally has benefitted a lot from the wisdom of the King.

He was speaking at Mpatheni under Mtsambama constituency last Thursday during the handover ceremony of the COMESA upscaling climate smart agriculture technologies project.

The event was also graced by Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati as well as many other dignitaries who are major players in the project.

The pilot project is covering land measuring over 32 hectares and the farmers are expected to grow vegetables and economically use a technology of managing the fields, courtesy of COMESA and its partners.

It is a first of its kind in the country and would benefit farmers from Mpatheni, Nkhungwini and Nhletjeni areas.

The project is worth over E5.5 million where E3.8 million of the funds was from COMESA while E1 million was injected by government and another part financed by NAMBoard.

Due to the project, the farmers will now use drip irrigation technology.

COMESA member states agreed that Swaziland be used as a pilot for the multi-million project.

The country is a COMESA member together with 18 others and the regional organisation's secretariat offices are in Lusaka, Zambia.

In his remarks, Ngwenya said His Majesty King Mswati III, was one of the major players who wanted to see the project succeed.

"I have, over the years, personally benefitted from the wise counsel of His Majesty as chairman of COMESA," said Ngwenya.

Ngwenya said the project was what

Project is a first of its kind in the country and would benefit farmers from Mpatheni, Nkhungwini and Nhletjeni areas. Farmers will now use drip irrigation technology



**PILOTING:** COMESA Secretary General Sindiso Ngwenya delivering his speech at Mpatheni where a climate smart project has been piloted. (Pics: Starsky Mkhonta)

the country had outlined in its developmental programmes.

Amongst these were the National Development Strategy (NDS), National Agricultural Investment Plan (NAIP) and the Vision 2022.

Ngwenya said Swaziland has been supportive and participating fully in COMESA programmes and activities adding that the country also committed itself in seeing the entity's programmes succeed.

Ngwenya said the project at Mpatheni was another way of tackling challenges brought about by climate change which has impacted negatively to human beings globally and in particular farmers.

"We are gathered here today on account of our programme on climate change. I am sure most of us who are here have experienced what this has done to farmers and their livelihoods. What does not even need to be debated is that everyone has to adapt to climate change or else we will perish," said Ngwenya.

The SG said Swaziland has been fortunate as out of all the 19 member countries, it was selected to pilot the climate change project, adding that the country would benefit through the programme in a number of ways.

"There has been a partnership with UNDP where the country drafted its national climate change policy and response strategy all which have been approved by government," said Ngwenya.

Ngwenya said the climate smart agriculture pilot covered aspects which were three in total. He said the piloting of water efficient drip irrigation technology, as one of the aspects, would see farmers grow their vegetables year in and year out with NAMBOARD availing a market.

"The second aspect is the support of building capacity on best agronomic practices for production, processing and marketing of vegetables and other high value crops. The third aspect being that of a countrywide climate smart agriculture baseline survey which was conducted to inform and support new initiatives on climate change adaptation and mitigation," said Ngwenya.

Also present during the event included the Ministry of Agriculture Principal Secretary Bongani Masuku who directed the programme. Jinnoh Nkambule who is PS at Commerce Ministry was also present. NAMBOARD CEO Siphephiso Dlamini also formed part of the dignitaries.

## ...about 110 jobs to be created

**GOOD** reasons prompted COMESA to pilot the upscaling climate smart agriculture technologies project in Swaziland, COMESA Secretary General Sindiso Ngwenya has said.

Ngwenya said COMESA member states were all convinced that Swaziland was the ideal country to pilot the climate change project.

He said some of the reasons that led to COMESA to endorse Swaziland were excellent production and marketing linkages through NAMBOARD. The SG said another reason was that of the quick impact the pilot would have in as far as generating income and food security at family level.

"The sustainability prospects of the

pilot are excellent as NAMBOARD will make sure there is good market accessibility and produce being of high standard," said Ngwenya.

Ngwenya said another achievement of the project was that it also contributed to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of seeing hunger and poverty reduced.

"Through the water saving drip irrigation technology, farmers will produce over 500 tonnes of vegetables per annum which is to see 40 farmers raking between E2 million to E3 million in the project area. The project will create 100 seasonal jobs for people during planting, crop management and harvesting periods," he said.

Ngwenya said a total of 120 farmers

were trained in climate smart agriculture technologies, market-led vegetable and fruit tree practices and linkages to the value chain.

"Over 400 farmers were equipped with conservation agriculture skills and 375 farmers attended demonstrations on climate smart agriculture. There were 60 agricultural extension staff that was trained in climate change and adaptation training of trainers to ensure continuity of the skills impacted," said Ngwenya.

A group of 65 farmers were taken to places like Ngonini, Mavulandelela and Sdemane where they learned about fruit tree production, good agriculture practices and to have an understanding of the value chain systems.





**HAPPY:** Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati making his remarks. **CENTRE - FOR DEVELOPMENT:** Sithembiso Gina who is UNDP Programme Specialist delivering her speech on behalf of Resident Representative Israel Dessalegne. **RIGHT - SUPPORTIVE:** Kontshingila Senior Indvuna Mageza Mazibuko who represented Inkhosatana Gelane making some remarks at Mpatheni.

## 400 LOCAL FARMERS PARTICIPATE

**MINISTER** of Agriculture Moses Vilakati says His Majesty's government is determined to empower Swazis.

Vilakati who was one of the speakers during the hand over of Upscaling Climate Smart Agriculture Technologies Project at Mpatheni on Thursday said such initiatives were a clear demonstration how government was keen in seeing Swazis living a better life.

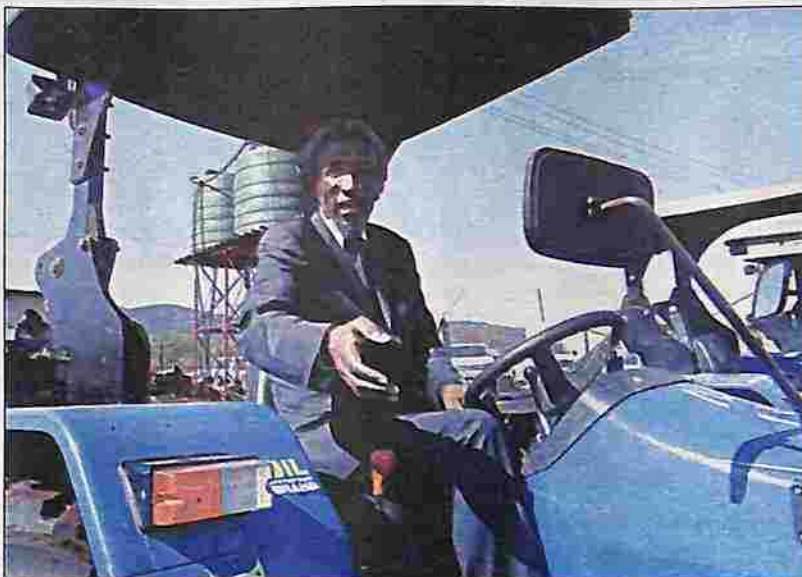
He said government's efforts by pursuing such programmes meant to empower Swazis to be economically sustainable at family and community levels, was something commendable.

He thanked COMESA and its partners for considering the Kingdom for the pilot project.

"I am a witness that the COMESA project management team, NAMBOARD, UNDP, farmers and officials from my ministry, have worked tirelessly in order to have all the set targets met in as far as deadlines are concerned on this project," said Vilakati.

He said he was informed that 400 farmers participated and would directly benefit from the project.

"As part of the capacity building programme, 120 farmers have been trained on market-led vegetable and fruit production skills. Through COMESA development partners and government, we have been able to rehabilitate, expand the packaging facility to provide for the cold chain management component," he said.



**TESTING:** Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jinnoh Nkambule test driving one of the tractors.

The minister said the amount of money spent in the project was over E5.5 million where COMESA splashed out a sum of E3.8 million while E1 million came from the government's coffers and NAMBOARD forked out E500 000 while there were other costs which were not part of these figures.

"These exclude contributions in kind such as the services of the tractors, heavy plant machinery, staff housing and staff time," said the minister. Vilakati said when looking at the project, he was confident that it would be an answer to the challenges faced by farmers.

He said with market guaranteed, farmers would not experience the risk of produce loss and other setbacks.

The minister applauded the farmers for the commitment they showed in the project and further urged them to work extremely hard to make it a success.

"I have so much trust in you and let me also make it known to all of you that I will be coming here from time to time to monitor progress. I urge you to strive and make sure that the harvest yield is doubled or even tripled when I come," said Vilakati.



**SHOWCASE:** One of the fields under the Climate Smart Agriculture Project at Mpatheni.

## NEWS EXTRA

# MEYIWA WANTS TO SMOKE PEACE PIPE

**SAM MEYIWA**, the controversial father of Bafana Bafana's murdered goalie, Senzo Meyiwa, is to smoke the peace pipe with Kelly Khumalo.

On his own terms, of course... He wants Kelly to apologise to his family for the embarrassment she caused by speaking ill about them after Senzo's death.

Sam and Kelly haven't seen eye-to-eye since she started dating the slain soccer star.

Kelly and Senzo were blessed with a baby girl before he met his death at the hands of thugs at Kelly's mum's Vosloorus home in October, 2014.

Speaking to Sunday Sun, Sam said he welcomed Kelly's baby into his family. He said since Kelly's mum started bringing his granddaughter to his house in KwaZulu-Natal, he's put the past behind him - for the sake of the child.

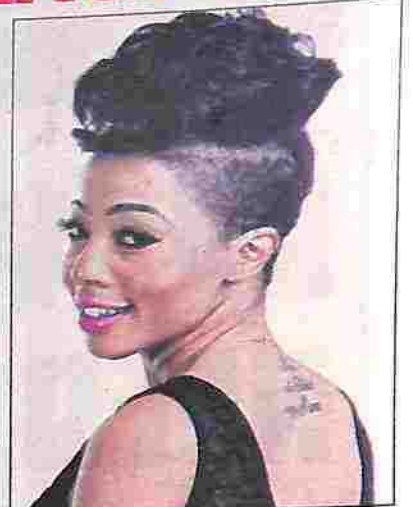
"I've realised that as much as there's a level of hatred towards Kelly, I can't punish my granddaughter for her mum's sins.

"I can't just let life continue without loving my granddaughter, she's the happiness for both her parents," Sam said.

"Kelly's mum called me and told me something's wrong with my granddaughter.

"She suggested that perhaps if she could visit her dad's family, things might get better.

"I told her it's fine as long she



**PEACE:** Kelly Khumalo.

doesn't come with Kelly.

"I'm also grateful to Kelly's mum for the humanity that drove her to get to my house and bring the baby," he said. But he added the Khumalos should forget about him coming to cleanse their house.

"She (Kelly) should behave herself and come with her family, and apologise to us for her role in landing my son in his grave.

"Whenever she appears on TV, it's like she's happy my son's dead," Sam said.

Kelly and her mum were not available for comment.

Kelly's phone was constantly off.

She also failed to respond to SunTeam's SMSes at the time of going to press. *Daily Sun*



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# KAGWEGWE COMMUNITY NEED A BRIDGE

...ministry of public works and transport has been approached about the project before the rainy season starts.

KAGWEGWE community wants a bridge constructed over the Dlomodlomo River as it is risky crossing it especially during the rainy season.

Bucopho, of the area Nqamiso Magutshwa said the ministry of public works and transport has been approached about the request before the rainy season starts.

He said schools such as the New Nazareth Primary as well as community members would benefit once the bridge is constructed.

"As summer is around the corner, we wish to start working on construction of the bridge sooner. We have started engaging the ministry of public works and their response is positive. During floods, it is risky to cross the river not only to human beings but also livestock as it can be swept away," said Magutshwa.

Magutshwa said another bridge was needed along Mahundula River close to the KaGwegwe



**SAFETY FIRST:** KaGwegwe community wants a bridge constructed along the Dlomodlomo River. (Google pic)

umphakatsi.

He said the community was keen on kick starting these two projects.

He said during a recent visit by the Minister of Public Works and Transport Lindiwe Dlamini, it was explained how risky it was to cross the two rivers.

He said on rainy days, motorists find it difficult to make

it to the other side.

"Concerns to have bridges constructed for ease of crossing these two rivers were raised during the minister's tour a couple of months ago. Plans to have the bridges built have started. I must say, it is encouraging to see the ministry's officials showing interest in these two projects. The residents are also ready to

assist by providing manpower if it will be needed," said Magutshwa.

Magutshwa said a footbridge would be needed near Nhletjeni Primary at Emweni River which is used by pupils and others to get to the school.

He said as there was no footbridge (*tebetebe*), a total of six lives has been lost.

"The river was flooded and the children were swept away and only found dead after a long search.

Again, one of the elders at the *umphakatsi* (KaGwegwe) almost died as he drowned while crossing the same river. Fortunately, he was able to swim out of the river as strong currents were sweeping him away," said Magutshwa.

Magutshwa said they had been assured of a sponsorship to help construct the footbridge. A team of foreigners once arrived in the area to assess what was needed for the project to kick off.

## 350 homesteads need clean water at KaGwegwe

KAGWEGWE residents are in dire need of clean water.

For over 20 years now, a total of 350 homesteads in the area have been facing water scarcity.

Bucopho of the area Nqamiso Magutshwa said there were efforts made to have all the homesteads have access to clean water.

KaGwegwe is a huge community whose other areas are under Sandleni constituency while others are at Mtsambama.

"The 350 homesteads which have been without clean water for the past 20 years are those within the Sandleni constituency. We had a design back in 2006 for the water scheme project, however it was found to be outdated when we tried to apply for funds under the Rural Development Fund (RDF). We have a new design now and it accommodates all the homesteads and other establishments such as the new schools and churches," said Magutshwa.

### Projects

Magutshwa said there was once clean water in the community, however, the project's lifespan was cut short as there were no proper maintenance measures in place.

He said with the country determined to be a first world state by 2022, the residents have sprung up to action to revive the water scheme project.

"This time we have a committee in place for the water project so as to minimise problems we faced previously. We just need clean water for our people. As the residents realised that maintaining the project would be key, they will contribute money for the establishment of the new one. We have to raise at least 10 percent of the total amount of the project and indicators show that it will be met," he said.

He said it was agreed that each homestead would have to contribute a sum of E300 towards the project.

He said the residents have shown commitment as already a majority had paid. Magutshwa said by August this year, all the residents would have raised the needed money as part of the contribution to meet the 10 percent as per the requirement of a community project of this nature.

## 115 homesteads to be powered by E1.5m electricity scheme

A total of 115 homesteads under KaGwegwe *umphakatsi* stand to benefit from an electricity scheme project worth over E1.5 million.

Bucopho, Nqamiso Magutshwa said the residents have formed an association known as Ngwebane Electricity Scheme.

Each homestead contributes E1 300 towards the scheme.

A number of homesteads have benefitted from earlier projects.

"Around 110 to 115 homesteads are without electricity at Ngwebane, we have come up with a plan where each homestead will contribute E1 300. Some residents have already paid, while some are paying in

instalments, something we agreed upon when the association was formed," said Magutshwa. Magutshwa said once all members have paid their contributions, that would then be followed by application for funding the project.

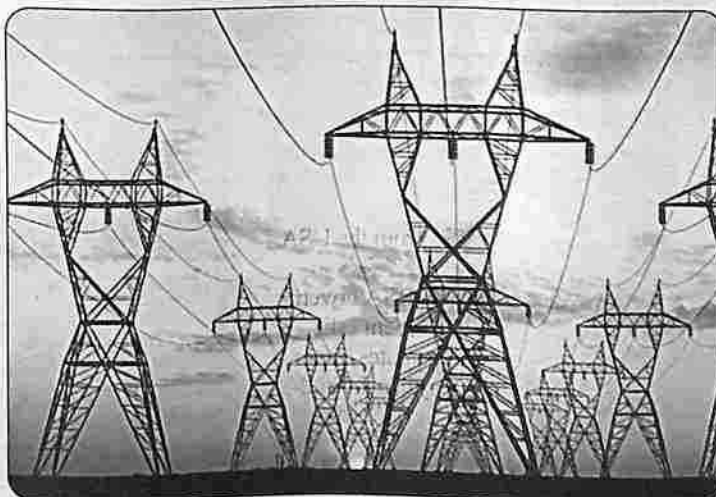
He said through the rural electrification scheme projects funded by the Republic of China on Taiwan, a number of areas under his constituency had benefitted.

"A lot of homesteads around here are without electricity. The rural electrification scheme will surely benefit many communities," said Magutshwa.

Magutshwa also thanked government for its effort in bringing development even in rural areas

saying this would stop people from migrating to the cities. "Our wish and dreams is to see this area develop just like many

others and with such projects taking place, jobs will be created for the rural folk," said Magutshwa.



## Headman's dedication pleases populace

ELDERLY people from some areas under Sandleni constituency are pleased with the work of Nomcebo Dlamini and her team.

Dlamini is the constituency headman (*indvuna*) and is one of the few female *tindvuna tetinkhundla*

elected in the 2013 elections. Levels

Gogo Nomsa Hlanze said her wish was to have Dlamini elevated to a more superior position than the one she is occupying now.

While the old woman was seem-

ingly being diplomatic, it is a known fact that a more superior position at constituency level is that of being a member of parliament (MP).

"She deserves to be elevated and my wish is that she becomes some-

thing better than her current position.

She is of good service to people especially folks like us who need care.

Nomcebo has not failed us as women and she is always willing

to assist when approached on anything," said Gogo Hlanze.

Gogo Hlanze said it should not be interpreted in a bad way that she was singing Dlamini's praises yet there were many others who formed the constituency team.



# 16-year-old boy arrested for raping minor [6]

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

A 16-year-old young man has been arrested for allegedly raping a six-year-old child whom he was supposed to be looking after.

Sipho Dlamini\* of Ntabamhloshana appeared before the Manzini magistrate's court last week to answer for the charges of rape.

He was accused of rape and indecent assault in that on March 18, 2016 at about 2000 hours at Ntabamhloshana area in the Manzini region, he did wrongfully and intentionally

have unlawful sexual intercourse with Nombeko Dune\* a girl aged six, without her consent. The crown alleged that the offence of rape under these circumstances was accompanied by aggravating factors as envisaged by section 185 (bis) of the criminal Procedure and Evidence Act, 1938 as amended in that the complainant, was aged six years.

## Protective

It is said, the accused failed to use protective measures to prevent the complainant from exposure to sexual transmitted diseases like HIV and AIDS. The crown further added that the accused by this unlawful act infected life lasting trauma on the complainant, as he also

stoc<sup>d</sup> as a guardian to the victim thus breaching the relationship of trust the victim had over him. The accused was also slapped with another charge which was that of indecent assault. According to court records, the accused was said to have undressed the complainant by taking off her skirt and underwear while she was still wearing it, thus committed the said offence. During his appearance at the Manzini magistrate's court, the accused's rights to legal representation were read to him and his guardian who was also present stated that he would assist the accused as he will conduct his own defence. The prosecutor applied that the accused be remanded into police custody until Wednesday.

RAPE  
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## Gospel artist wanted for theft of equipment

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

A gospel artist is wanted by members of the Royal Swaziland Police Service for allegedly stealing studio equipment worth E16 000 from a friend.

Ntokozi Dlamini is alleged to have 'stolen' the equipment after his friend failed to pay him a E50 debt.

The aggrieved friend who was found at Matsapha Sigodweni police station to check on the progress of the matter stated that the gospel artist came over his place to collect the E50.

Dlamini was owed the money, however, the person who owed him was not there.

It is alleged Dlamini then started collecting any equipment he came across in the house including speakers' cables, microphone and even a mixer.

The complainant stated that he tried to call Dlamini upon realising what had happened.

He said he also tried to explain that some of the stolen equipment was not even his but was borrowed and the owners wanted them back. The aggrieved party stated that he called the gospel singer and told him that he would try to get the money at the end of the month so that the debt would be sorted.

However, the gospel artist did not listen as he did not return the equipment.

When asked about the progress of the matter, the complainant said the police officer handling the case told him that the matter would be back before court last Wednesday.

However, that did not happen as the singer was rumoured to be in South Africa.

## Teenager nabbed for DD, driving without a licence

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court

A 19-year-old pupil from Nsangwini has been fined E1 600 for drink-driving and driving without a licence.

The Pigg's Peak magistrate's court heard how Mbongiseni Motsa was arrested by the Pigg's Peak police after he was caught driving his uncle's car along the MR1 public road in Pigg's Peak.

The incident happened at 19:30 hours last Thursday.

Motsa told the court that he was asked by his uncle to move the car and park it at his homestead that was just one kilometre away from Pigg's Peak.

"My uncle was too drunk to drive the car home, so he asked me to drive it for him. I

agreed, because I enjoy driving and I wanted to help unfortunately as I was driving the car to the homestead I was intercepted by the police.

They asked for my driver's licence which I did not have, they then asked me if I had been drinking and I told them that I had.

I was then, arrested and the car was impounded, he said.

According to police records Motsa's readings from the breathalyser read 0.46, which is above the legal limit.

Motsa pleaded guilty to both counts and was sentenced by Magistrate Simangele Mbatha to six months in a correctional facility for drink-driving if he failed to pay the E1 000 fine.

Motsa was further sentenced to four months in a correctional facility if he failed to pay the E600 fine for driving without a driver's licence.



## UNICEF PUMPS E580 000 FOR TEACHERS TRAINING

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

THE United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has pumped E583 680 for a teachers training workshop.

The 10-day training workshop for Maths and Science teachers has been organised by an organisation called Teachers Across Borders Southern Africa (TABSA).

UNICEF Education Specialist Victor Nkambule said TABSA was started by a former Waterford student Yunus Peer as a way of giving back to a community that shaped his academic and professional career.

"The workshop will benefit more than 160 teachers from all over the country. The partnership is supported by UNICEF, TABSA and the ministry of education and

training. The teachers will be trained on maths and science teaching skills," said Nkambule

Nkambule said the training would be held at UNISWA Kwaluseni Campus from today for the next ten days.

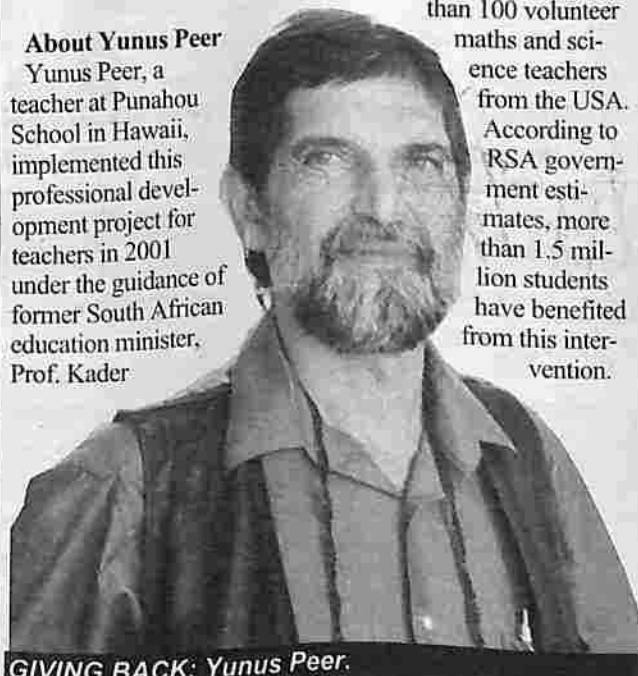
### About Yunus Peer

Yunus Peer, a teacher at Punahou School in Hawaii, implemented this professional development project for teachers in 2001 under the guidance of former South African education minister, Prof. Kader

Asmal.

The project has evolved into TABSA, which is now in its 16th year. Since 2001, nearly 5 000 Southern African teachers have attended TABSA workshops that have been facilitated by more

than 100 volunteer maths and science teachers from the USA. According to RSA government estimates, more than 1.5 million students have benefited from this intervention.



GIVING BACK: Yunus Peer.



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### INVITATION TO TENDER

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PREPARATION OF A DETAILED PHYSICAL PLANNING LAYOUT AND ENGINEERING DESIGNS FOR THE KM III AIRPORT PRECINCT

TENDER NO. 14 OF 2016/17

1. Tenders are hereby invited from suitably qualified consultants to undertake the Preparation of the KM III airport precinct detailed physical planning layout and engineering designs.

2. Request for Proposals may be purchased from; the **Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority, Head office, Matsapha Airport road** (office of the Airport Development Planner) effective **7<sup>th</sup> July 2016** for a non-refundable fee of **E300.00** per set. The method of payment shall be cash or bank guaranteed cheque payable to the SWACAA offices.

3. Completed Tender Documents shall be delivered in a sealed envelope to:

**The Secretary to the Tender Board  
Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority  
Matsapha Airport  
P.O. Box D361  
The Gables**

Not later than 12 noon Swaziland time on **5<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**

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(Not to be opened before 12 Noon the 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2016)".

- There will be a site visit on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at King Mswati III International Airport car park. Tenderers are expected to convene at 10am at the car park.
- Only companies registered with the Construction Industry Council (CIC) are eligible to tender.
- The Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender and reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

BY MANAGEMENT



# POLICE STUMBLE ON FOUR BAGS OF DAGGA IN PIT LATRINE

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Mashobeni



**MEMBERS of the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Service have discovered dagga at a homestead's pit latrine.**

The dagga, weighing 38 kilograms, was found at a Mamba homestead at Mashobeni. However, the home owner claimed he does not know where the illegal herb came from.

The owner of the homestead further claimed that the pit latrine belonged to a school teacher.

RSP members had been called to the area to investigate an armed robbery at the Mamba homestead, headed by Milton Mamba.

Also at the homestead was Milton's son Mvelo and Thando Mamba.

The RSP investigation team involved three police namely Sergeant Du Pont and Sergeant

Muzi Dlamini and Detective Meshack Ndzinisa all from the Pigg's Peak police station.

"We were called to the area to investigate an armed robbery but we ended up finding dagga. Milton Mamba allowed us into his homestead.

## Suspicious

As we searched, in the first four houses we found dagga scattered all over the floor and this raised our suspicions. We then asked to search the rest of the rooms and we found dagga weighing two kilograms concealed in a black plastic under a bed," the police said.

The police said they then decided to search the entire home and found four bags of dagga in an unused pit latrine.

"We then arrested three suspects and drove with them back to the police station where we weighed the sacks in front of them and found that the dagga weighed 38.5 kg," the police said.

However, Milton Mamba, the owner of the homestead claimed that he had no idea where the illegal herb came from. He said the dagga belonged to his neighbours.

"Though the pit latrine is nearer our homestead, it does not belong to us, but to a school teacher of Sigombeni High school," Mamba said.

The three Mamba accused appeared before Pigg's Peak Magistrate Simangele Mbatha and they all pleaded not guilty to the charges of dagga possession.

Mbatha then set trial to July 21, 2016.

## Mavovo presents retiring teacher with E3 000, cow

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Nsangwini

**FORMER Senator Mavovo Mkhonto presented a retiring headteacher of St Benedict Catholic primary school with a cow and E3 000 cash.**

The teacher, Savinah Ndondo Dlamini also received gardening tools during her farewell function held at the school last Thursday. It was also attended by Senator Ndimiso Mdluli who said the teaching profession was a calling.

Dlamini had served the school for over 19 years.

Others who attended the function were St Benedict primary school grantee Father Khaluse, together with the school committee, Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs' representative Jabulani Malinga, **Swaziland National Association of Teachers' (SNAT) Lungile Mthupha as well as the schools teachers and parents.**

**"I believe that teaching is a special Godly calling to serve and to break the chains of**

**ignorance and deprivation using education to free the minds of young Swazi children. The teaching profession allows children to achieve their true worth and exploit emerging opportunities," Senator Mdluli.**

Mdluli gave a brief summary of Dlamini's 37 year teaching career. He said Dlamini started teaching in 1979 at Hhelehele Nazarene school and was a class teacher for the first seven years.

## Promoted

Dlamini was then promoted to deputy principal for 11 years at kaLanga Nazarene Primary before her appointment as principal at St Benedict primary school for 19 years.

Dlamini was then presented on behalf of all the parents, teachers and dignitaries with a cow and gardening tools as well as E3 000 by former senator Bishop Mavovo Mkhonto.

Mkhonto further encouraged Dlamini to continue working because she was a hero and a living testament that non-selfish hard workers always succeed.



Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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The Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) is a Category A Public Enterprise and will be hosting the 48th annual Swaziland International Trade Fair and it invites suitable Swazi registered companies to express their interest to be registered in the Authority's supplier's database for the supply of products and services in the following categories:

#### Category A

- A1 Catering for Public
- A2 Catering for VIPs
- A3 Leasing of Restaurant

#### Category B (Limited Tender)

- B1 Tent Rentals, Deco & Furniture for VIPs

#### Category D

- D1 Stage & Canopy
- D2 Sound and Lighting

#### Category C

- C1 Mobile Toilets Rentals/Hire

#### Category E

- E1 Event's Organisers for Gospel Sunday on the 4th September 2016.

The application for Expression of Interest should include the following:

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6. Certified copy of current Trading License
7. Certified copy of Department of Labour Certificate of Compliance
8. Certified copy of SNPF Employer's compliance Clearance Certificate
9. Current Tax Clearance Certificate
10. VAT Registration

Companies should submit the required Expression of Interest by 12h00 on the 25th July 2016. To be delivered at our offices, 1st floor, Sibekelo Building 1, North Wing, Mbabane. Submissions should be hand delivered and marked "Confidential" and state the Category. They should be addressed to:

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Procurement Office  
Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority  
P.O. BOX 4194  
Mbabane

\*Electronic submissions will not be acceptable



Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority

## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AT THE EAST3ROTE INVESTMENT SEMINAR 2016, DELEGATE BOOSTING EVENT

The Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) working together with the Investment Promotion Agencies of the East3Route countries (South Africa (KZN and Mpumalanga Province), Seychelles and Mozambique) will be hosting an investment seminar delegate boosting event. The event will be a precursor towards preparation for the East3ROUTE Investment Seminar to be held in Maputo on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016. The East3Route seminar brings together selected private sector players from the four member-states to explore business opportunities, business match making, networking as well as forge opportunities for trade over a wide range of products and services within the East3Route region. Since inception, the seminar rotates annually between member-states of the East3Route Initiative. This Year's edition of the Seminar will be held in Maputo.

As part of building momentum towards this event, SIPA invites Swazi domestic companies currently doing business in Mozambique, or looking to expand to Mozambique as well as those companies interested in meeting potential partners from Kwazulu Natal and Mpumalanga Provinces to a briefing session. The briefing session entails a short breakfast meeting to be held at the **Royal Villas on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016 from 07:45 - 09:00am**. Invitation is limited to 50 companies, and companies are requested to send High Level Representation preferably at the level of the CEO/Managing Director. Admission is one person per company. SIPA will reserve the right to screen relevancy upon receiving expression of interest and to close registration once submissions exceed the required number (50).

The briefing session will primarily clarify logistics and expectations as well as how to optimize participation on the Investment Seminar to be held in Maputo in October. The deadline for applications is Tuesday 26 July 2016.

For registration and more information about East3Route Seminar, please contact Mrs. Nombusa Geza / Mrs. Amelia Shiba at [nombusop@sipa.org.sz](mailto:nombusop@sipa.org.sz) / [amelias@sipa.org.sz](mailto:amelias@sipa.org.sz) respectively, or call: 24040470/2/3/4.

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## Our lawyers are happy, I am not



**Lawyers are happy with the current Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala.**

They said as much in their adjourned meeting a week ago.

I am not sure if the happiness comes from the obvious fact that the clown they used to bang heads with, Michael Ramodibedi is no longer the chief justice or it's purely based on the service delivery of Justice Maphalala in the brief time he has been in office.

Once again, I am not sure whether the excitement from the legal eagles stems from the fact that there have been no reports of sexual harassment of high court staff.

Or the feeling is that things are not as bad as they were during the Basotho man's time.

Why are lawyers happy really? Why lawyers *batichenye nga CJ*? I hope the happiness is not motivated by petty jingoism. Personally, I have no problem with the CJ. However, I am least impressed with the traces of grandiosity.

I never understood why the Supreme Court judges were given so much time to deal with appeals because it becomes costly for taxpayers.

### Sumptuous

Again, I never appreciated the reasoning behind allocating each Supreme Court judge a car, a police officer (mainly female) and a plate loaded with a sumptuous meal at Royal Villas.

Since I will never understand this, I will leave it at that. A country faced with such a devastating drought is the least expected to spend its resources like Donald Trump. It does not make me happy to see such happen.

Well, that is not the point. Could it be that lawyers are happy with the inconsistency as far as the dishing of the justice is concerned?

Or may be lawyers are no longer interested in the outcomes of the cases they take part in so long as they get paid what's due to them?

I am of the view that the current CJ has a daunting task of convincing us that the time of Makhulu Baas is over. During that time, nobody got justice.

People were either lucky or they knew

● Personally, I love judges, and by extension I love courts. They are my ideals that typify on earth what we shall meet hereafter (Heaven). Yes in Heaven for those who will be lucky enough to join me. I once highlighted that a CJ is judged by the judges he brings along to the bench. You may ask, what is it that makes us trust our judges? Well, it's their independence in office and may be the manner of appointment



**IDEAL: Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala with the High Court Judges.**

someone who knew everybody.

Our CJ and the rest of the bench must be made aware that there is a higher court than the courts of justice and that is the court of the conscience. Thanks.

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### Minorities

Judges are the people who have to protect the rights of individuals; have to protect the rights of minorities; and have to protect the rights held in the Constitution.

If this does not happen, there comes judicial abuse. This occurs when judges substitute their own political views for the law.

Where am I going with this? Well, not to be seen to be criticising judgments but I have a concern. It's a point of bother, to put it politely.

I would be happy like the lawyers, after I have been educated on how Judges came to their judgments.

There appears to be a lot of inconsistency yet the law has to be consistent.

I seem to get the sense that courts are now more on money than corrective platforms. I seem not to get a sense that verdicts that are dished out are a deterrent enough to would-be criminals. Some tend to plant a seed that you can steal when older because the courts would sympathise with what nature has done to you than aggravating circumstances.

### Demand

I pray for courts that would send people to jail than demand they pay back monies stolen or at least courts that would be consistent.

In my layman's books, theft is just theft no matter how old one committing it is. I have seen varying judgments from the high court. Thus I am not happy like my legal friends. I would like to be happy too.

Speaking of which, I hate it when a judge is politely accused of lying. Judge Sipho Nkosi must fix the secretary mess. And he must also sit down with the registrar and clear out anything they could.

Back on the judgments, I will start with for-

mer Magistrate Leo Dlamini who for allegedly taking a bribe of about E1 000, he was slapped with five years. It did not end there and he also lost his job as further punishment.

Then there was Polycarp Dlamini, the former CTA boss who got seven years for theft. He is still doing time despite the fact that he was ordered to pay back the money.

Another former CTA man Mphumelelo Mamba was sentenced to five years in jail and was further ordered to pay back E59 000 to government.

As permitted by law, Mamba took his matter to the Supreme Court where he felt the sentence was too harsh. He failed thus he has to pay back the money and do some time in prison.

Just recently, a former principal Themba Dlamini and former MP Johannes Ndlangamandla were handed a worrisome sentence for theft that bothered on fraud.

They were handed a suspended sentence and ordered to pay back the over E24 000 they had stolen. Age was what further saved them.

### Discretion

Now I ask, what is the message about the suspended sentences in some cases? I am certain judges use discretion but clearly it has limits.

How can people involved in organised crime walk just like that? How when others before them are doing time in jail? Are judges not reading from the same Bible?

I am not in anyway trying to lash out on judges but rather expressing on the justice they serve us. I also hope the CJ will find it in his duty to educate simple people like me.

There are many people like me out there who are worried about this sort of things. All I am asking for is an explanation, as to whether money is what our justice system is all about or the act.

I would have thought correction was the priority. If we are not careful, we would find ourselves breeding thieves like we did with dagga dealers. In Swaziland it is easy to get arrested for dealing in dagga the same way it is easy to walk free after being arrested. All you have to do is save fine money and get into dagga dealing. Similarly, with theft or fraud, it appears if you save money for a fine you are safe. If you are old enough, that is a bonus. I am not happy.

It is unfortunate that like many others, I forgot that judges are just lawyers in ceremonial dresses. Ewu.

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## ON THIS DAY

...JULY 18

1927 - Ty Cobb set a major league baseball record by getting his 4 000th career hit. He hit 4 191 before he retired in 1928.

1932 - The U.S. and Canada signed a treaty to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway.

1935 - Ethiopian King Haile Selassie urged his countrymen to fight to the last man against the invading Italian army.

1936 - The first Oscar Meyer Wienermobile rolled out of General Body Company's factory in Chicago, IL.

1936 - The Spanish Civil War began as Gen. Francisco Franco led an uprising of army troops based in Spanish North Africa.

1936 - "The Columbia Workshop" debuted on CBS radio.

1942 - The German Me-262, the first jet-propelled aircraft to fly in combat, made its first flight.

1944 - U.S. troops captured Saint-Lo, France, ending the battle of the hedgerows.

1944 - Hideki Tojo was removed as Japanese premier and war minister due to setbacks suffered by his country in World War II.

1947 - U.S. President Truman signed the Presidential Succession Act, which placed the Speaker of the House and the Senate President Pro Tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.

1964 - Pete Rose (Cincinnati Reds) hit the only grand slam home run of his career.

1970 - Ron Hunt (San Francisco Giants) was hit by a pitch for the 119th time in his career.

1971 - New Zealand and Australia announced they would pull their troops out of Vietnam.

1985 - Jack Nicklaus II, at age 23 years old, made his playing debut on the pro golf tour at the Quad Cities Open in Coal Valley, IL.

2000 - It was announced that Christopher Reeve would direct and serve as executive producer on the TV movie "Rescuing Jeffrey."

2001 - A train derailed, involving 60 cars, in a Baltimore train tunnel. The fire that resulted lasted for six days and virtually closed down downtown Baltimore for several days. (Maryland)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Vin Diesel (Movie Actor) - July 18 1967 - 48 years old



Nelson Mandela (World Leader) - July 18 - 1918 - 1913(95) years old



**APPRECIATIVE:** Chairman of GFFJ, Sipho Mseleku has experienced the great move of God as we have seen an exponential growth that was not anticipated when The GBR- Global Business Roundtable began. In this picture Mseleku is with Global Fund for Christ (GFFC) Zambia representative and Savenda MD Clever Mpoha and Secretary to Cabinet Dr. Roland Msisika during a previous function.

## GBR/GFFJ APPROACHING THE FUTURE WITH DETERMINATION, CONFIDENCE



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*FACT: One of the challenges facing modern business and the private sector globally is the fact that the current financial and economic systems and organisations, unless inspired by God and led by the Holy Spirit, will not prevail in solving the deepening economic problems of the world.*

**DURING the recently held GBR/GFFJ Economic Symposium, Minister of Commerce and Trade, through his Principal Secretary made mention of how this organisation is continuously getting Gods people ready to takeover their inheritance of prosperity through its activities.**

He couldn't have said it better than boldly indicating Governments support for the GBR/GFFJ Agenda, as a natural partner, since Swaziland has a majority of its population being Christians, moreso because GBR/GFFJ has a potential of facilitating a prosperous trade agenda.

The official launch of the Global Fund for Jesus (GFFJ) in Swaziland, at the same Symposium saw the divine birthing of a fund, on Swazi soil that will be the biggest in the face

● "We believe God will use organisations like the GBR- Global Business Roundtable to ensure that His people take over and control the economies of the world."

of the earth. And having the GFFJ operating in the country will help bring Swaziland into the family of nations that will contribute to and share from this Christ-based fund.

During the economic symposium, Chairman of GFFJ, Sipho Mseleku emphasised the importance of GFFJ by recalling that, when God established the Global Fund for Christ, in the vision, He emphasised three times that it must be in His name. For us to understand why the fund must be in the name of "Jesus", we have to appreciate the significance of this name.

### Ascend

Mseleku reminded the gathering that when Jesus was about to ascend to heaven, He told the disciples to ask for anything in His name and it shall be done. It's His name that heals the sick, casts out devils and carries out miracles on earth. For example, the man at the "Gate of Beautiful" in Acts 3 was healed by the disciples John and Peter in the Name of Jesus. These two disciples used His name as an authority to heal the man - this is only one example among many.

Consequently, through GFFJ, Jesus has transferred His power to us to mobilise resources e.g. cash, property, shares, human resource, etc. to build His fund to do what He would have done for the poor, vulnerable, the most marginalized, etc. had He still been physically here on earth.

As members of GBR, we further commit and/or agree to become the conduit or channels

through which the GFFJ mandate shall be delivered.

By so agreeing to deliver on the GFFJ mandate, effectively it means members of GBR are partnering with Jesus Himself, as they will practically represent His Kingdom, here on earth - thus assuming the status of being GFFJ Ambassadors.

The GFFJ mandate is based on the unshakable belief that what God says He will do, He always does. That the GFFJ will be the largest, in terms of assets, in the face of the earth - unbelievable as it may sound - signs are already showing that this is not too far from happening.

### SIMUNYE ROUNDTABLE

The past Tuesday saw this roundtable being mentored on business opportunities by RITZ owner, M Motsa. Since GBR/GFFJ values runs in every devoted member of these organisations, Simunye Roundtable session made sure that such values, earlier analysed in this platform, are shown.

The speaker also highlighted the importance of doing a SWOT analysis whilst not forgetting prayer, whilst emphasising the response to opportunities presented by the environment. It is also worth mentioning that Simunye Roundtable was birthed by the Manzini Roundtable, whilst Simunye itself has recently launched the Mpaka Roundtable with more coming, as per Vision 2020 mandate.

### GBR WEEKLY MEETINGS

● We have our sessions, every Tuesday and Thursday from the different regions of the country. Everyone is free to attend these sessions, at no cost and anyone can become a member free of charge.

● Every after the session, we network, a powerful session where business deals are clinched and sealed over a meal. Our sessions start promptly at 6pm-8pm and the venues and days are as follows:

● In Mbabane- City Court-last Tuesday of the month

● At Ezulwini-Bethel Court-first Tuesday of every month

● At Simunye-Simunye Club-second Tuesday of every month

● Manzini- third Tuesday of the month, presently at The Caritas

● Mpaka-TioZe Restaurant, third Thursday of every month

● At Nhlalanga- Ngwane Teachers Training College-every last Thursday of the month

● Ngculwini-currently at Mhubhe High School, fourth Saturday of the month (to be launched soon with Siteki)- 11:00-1:00p.m.

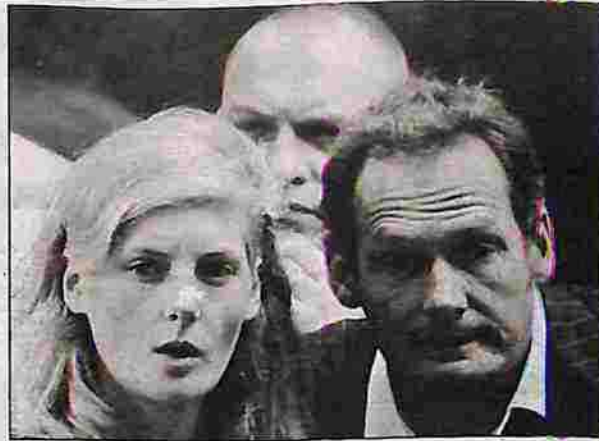
● Siteki-second Thursday of the month, new building next to Baceth Hardware

● More on the recently hosted, powerful and timely Economic Symposium, where enlightening nuggets were shared, shall be shared next Monday on this Platform. For more information log in to the GBR website: [www.globalbusinessroundtable.com](http://www.globalbusinessroundtable.com) or send an SMS to: +268 78722063





**FIRST CHOICE:** Michael Jackson's first choice for nuptials was Harriet (pictured with the pop star), the daughter of friend and *Oliver!* child actor Mark Lester.



**DADDY'S GIRL:** Michael Jackson wanted to marry 11-year-old *Harry Potter* actress Emma Watson, left, it is claimed, had he not been able to do so with Harriet. (pictured right with her father Mark Lester)

## Michael Jackson dressed as a CLOWN

**MICHAEL** Jackson wanted to marry his 12-year-old British goddaughter or 11-year-old *Harry Potter* actress Emma Watson, according to the doctor blamed for the pop star's death.

His first choice for nuptials was Harriet, the daughter of friend and *Oliver!* child actor Mark Lester, but Watson soon became his second choice, according to Dr Conrad Murray.

Murray served as the pop icon's doctor for three years before he was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in Jackson's death in 2011, serving half of his four year sentence.

Now, he has written a sensational tell-all book called 'This Is It' laying bare grim details from the King of Pop's life.

Murray told *The Mirror*: 'Michael fell in love with Harriet when she was roughly five years old. Then, by age 12, he grew to become fixated on her.'

The doctor said Jackson wanted him to go and visit Lester and discuss a potential marriage while the pop star was in London ahead of the 2009 'This Is It' concerts.

### Innocent

Mark Lester declined to comment to the *Mirror* about Murray's allegations, while Jackson's friendship with Harriet remained entirely innocent. MailOnline has contacted Mr Lester for comment.

The revelations come after Murray also spoke of how Jackson would dress up as a clown and wear surgical masks so he could romp with call girls and not be recognised.

Dr Conrad Murray said the pair would also put on fake Arabic accents to stop the girls from discovering Jackson's identity.

In the book, Murray claims that the singer, who died of a prescription drug overdose aged 50 in 2009, would sometimes pose as a stroke victim to hide his true identity.

'I once wore scrubs and Michael walked with a limp, pretending to be a stroke victim. He was drooling on one side of

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**POSING:** Jackson poses for a photo in 2004 with friend Mark Lester and Lester's two children Harriet and Olivia.

his mouth,' Dr Murray said.

The doctor recounts a tale in which Jackson was desperate to go to a strip club, but to avoid being spotted, he insisted Jackson go to a low-profile hotel and have escorts come to his room instead.

They visited the Gold Coast Hotel in Las Vegas and performed their stroke victim routine to make it safely to their room, where Murray arranged for the escorts to be sent over.

### Extremely

Murray recounts how Jackson insisted that the two girls supplied be extremely slim, exotic and mixed race.

After the strippers, who Murray described as being '6 out of 10', they put on fake Arabic accents.

He added: 'Another time, with Michael dressed as a clown, we had to keep stifling laughter as people stared at us.'

The revelations come after Murray had also disclosed Jackson's desire to marry 11-year-old *Harry Potter* actress Emma Watson.

Murray told how Jackson became infatuated with Watson, now 26, after seeing her in the wizard films, and had a card-

board cutout of her at his LA home.

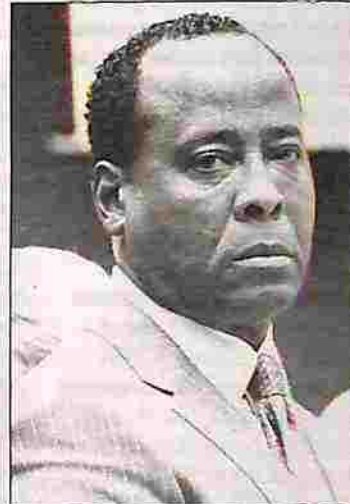
Despite the shocking revelations in the book, Murray claims he has the singer's blessing to 'set the record straight'.

### Physician

Murray, who was Jackson's private physician for more than three years, also revealed that the singer was 'betrayed' by one of his close family members.

Jackson also apparently begged Murray to protect his family from that person if anything happened to him.

But despite the shocking claims he makes in the book,



**SOURCE:** Dr Conrad Murray.

Murray refused to comment on whether Jackson was a danger to children.

Murray also said Jackson considered him family and maintains he is innocent of the crime he was jailed for.

### Motivation

He insisted money was not his motivation for writing the new book, but that the singer had urged him to do so.

But Murray, who shares his time between Florida and California, also said that he hasn't earned any money since being released from jail two years ago, the *Mirror* reports.

Murray, who met the singer in 2006, was hired to be Jackson's personal physician for his comeback tour in 2009. However Jackson died in the midst of rehearsals. *Dail Mail*



**THIS IS IT:** Murray (pictured arriving for his arraignment) has written a sensational tell-all called 'This Is It' laying bare grim details from the King of Pop's life.

## Wit and Wisdom

1. "I refuse to answer that question on the grounds that I don't know the answer"

— Douglas Adams

2. "Wit beyond measure is a man's greatest treasure." — J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Oscar Wilde*

3. "Patience, grasshopper," said Maia. "Good things come to those who wait." "I always thought that was 'Good things come to those who do the wave,'" said Simon. "No wonder I've been so confused all my life." — Cassandra Clare

4. "Don't let the muggles get you down." — J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*

5. "I am not absentminded. It is the presence of mind that makes me unaware of everything else." — G.K. Chesterton

6. "If they can get you asking the wrong questions, they don't have to worry about answers." — Thomas Pynchon, *Gravity's Rainbow*

7. "Heterosexuality is not normal, it's just common." — Dorothy Parker

8. "I don't deserve any credit for turning the other cheek as my tongue is always in it." — Flannery O'Connor

9. "Humour keeps us alive. Humour and food. Don't forget food. You can go a week without laughing." — Joss Whedon

10. "The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers." — William Shakespeare, *King Henry VI*

11. "Clever as the Devil and twice as pretty." — Holly Black, *White Cat*

12. "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the road less travelled by and they CANCELLED MY FRIKKIN' SHOW. I totally shoulda took the road that had all those people on it. Damn." — Joss Whedon

13. "There is, I believe, in every disposition a tendency to some particular evil, a natural defect, which not even the best education can overcome." "And your defect is a propensity to hate everybody." "And yours," he replied with a smile, "is wilfully to misunderstand them." — Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*

14. "The world was my oyster but I used the wrong fork." — Oscar Wilde

15. "Any woman who is sure of her own wits, is a match, at any time, for a man who is not sure of his own temper." — Wilkie Collins, *The Woman in White*



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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	7.5%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



Correct as at 15 July 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.2798	14.3298
British Pound / SZL	19.1491	19.2162
Japanese Yen / SZL	7.3902	7.4154
Swiss Franc / SZL	14.5905	14.6371
Botswana Pula / SZL	1.3294	1.3370
Australian Dollar / SZL	10.9226	10.9666
Canadian Dollar / SZL	11.0764	11.1144
Mozambique Metical / SZL	4.6219	4.6979
Euro / SZL	15.9162	15.9719
Gold	1,332.0500	
Oil	45.6000	

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Moving Forward

# STRENGTHENING LILANGENI HOLDS BACK GOVT DEBT

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE slight recovery of Lilangeni against major currencies resulted in a nominal decline of just under one percent in total public debt.

As at the end of June 2016, preliminary debt figures indicated that total public debt stood at E8.4 billion.

Government debt, also known as public debt refers to the money owed by government.

According to the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) recent economic development report May/June, 2016, this reflected a petite decline of one percent of the to E8.46 billion debt recorded in May 2016.

"The decrease can be attributed to a slight recovery of the Lilangeni against major currencies in which the country's liabilities are dominated," reads the report in part.

During the month of June the external value of the Lilangeni strengthened against major currencies.

The CBS reported that the domestic unit strengthened by 1.9 percent to average E15.10 against the US dollar, strengthened by four percent to average E21.46 to the pound, and by 2.4 percent to the euro to average E16.97.

"The Lilangeni recovered its

## PUBLIC DOMESTIC DEBT OUTSTANDING BY HOLDER AS AT JUNE 30, 2016

Holder	Government Bonds	Treasury Bills	Total	Share of Holding (%)
CBS		E2 680 000	E2 680 000	0.08
Commercial Banks	E548 757 700	E1 109 568 000	E1 658 415 700	47.75
Non-bank financial institutions	E1 190 164 100	E421 912 100	E1 612 076 200	46.41
Other	E110 444 900	E89 830 000	E200 274 900	5.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>E1 849 366 700</b>	<b>E1 624 080 100</b>	<b>E3 473 446 800</b>	<b>100</b>

footing against the dollar after volatile trading spurred by Britain's decision to leave the European Union, however the rand has remained the worst-performing emerging market currency." The local currency ended the period under review at E14.95 to the US dollar, E20.03 to the Pound Sterling and E16.57 to the Euro.

## Report

The report said the strengthening of the currency also resulted in a small decline of external debt, about two percent from E5.1 billion to E5.0 billion, which was the equivalent of 9.6 percent of the gross domestic produce.

Meanwhile, the report said domestic debt increased with about 6.1 percent, bringing domestic debt to 6.7 percent of

the gross domestic produce.

"The increase came as a result of a bond issuance amounting to E150 million. Alongside a maturity of E78 million for a similar paper, government successfully issued a five year bond amounting to E150 million at a coupon rate of 10.0 percent," said the report.

The CBS reported that the bond was fully allotted

and an amount of E178 million was raised after exercising the 'green-shoe' option, which allowed for an uptake of up to 50 percent above the amount on offer.

"Of the outstanding domestic debt, E1.62 billion accounts for treasury bills while E1.85 billion accounts for bonds," said the report.

While commercial banks continued to dominate participation in government securities on the shorter end of the yield curve, the CBS reported that non-bank financial institutions dominate on the longer term securities.

The current total public debt stock has increased by E1.5 billion compared to the E6.5 billion reported in December 2015, which comprised of E3.2 billion of domestic debt and E3.7 billion of external debt.



By Linda Dlamini

# BREXIT EFFECTS, A TWO SIDED COIN

THE effects of the exit by Britain from the European Union (EU) could be felt soon in the local economy.

In the last couple of weeks the major currencies have depreciated markedly against the Lilangeni, which has consequences for the local economy in the short term.

University of Swaziland (UNISWA) lecturer and economist Sibusiso Khumalo said global markets were quite volatile of late and this consequently affected foreign exchange rates. As with most economic scenarios there are positive and negative factors to the affected economy. "Given

the Lilangeni's appreciation against major currencies there are trade related consequences to consider.

With regards to imports currency depreciation often results in higher number of volumes of imports as a result of the fall in prices in imports," he said.

## Cheaper

Khumalo said this could lead to a fall in prices as the goods that are imported were cheaper. "This is good for consumers as goods and products that are imported could fall in prices," he said. However, the other side of this was that the cheap imports could affect the local production industry as the

imports could be cheaper than the domestic products. Thus consumers would purchase cheaper imports at the expense of domestic goods and thus these firms will produce less and consequently need less people and thus retrench to maintain their profitability.

## Exports

"With regards to exports the appreciation of the local currency is not good news for net exporters as their products become more expensive for the foreign buyers of products," he said. The economist explained that the rise in imports and fall in exports could lead to a scenario in the short term where

imports are greater than exports.

"This in economics is often referred to as a current account deficit, which is part of the balance of payments of a country," Khumalo explained.

The global market shock as a consequence of the Brexit has also seen oil prices drop in the last couple of weeks.

Khumalo said the problem with the volatility of oil is that it is inextricably linked to inflation. "Oil prices are a key driver of inflation; the variables are directly related in that the rise of oil often results in the rise of inflation. Thus with lower oil prices inflationary pressure will be minimal," he said.



# GOVT RECEIVES CLOSE TO E46M DIVIDENDS FROM SRIC

By Manqoba Makhubu

WITH a 41 percent shareholding, government has received close to E46 million as dividends from the Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC).

Over the past three years, government has received close to E160 million as dividends from SRIC.

The token of dividend was received by Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini last Friday at the Royal Swazi Spa Gigis Restaurant.

In an interview with the minister he said government appreciates dividends, because they invest taxpayer's money. "Therefore we expect dividends, although some companies seem surprised why government should collect dividends."

He said a profitable company reflects that the board and management is efficient and therefore they are very grateful to SRIC for declaring dividends even during the past years.

SRIC General Manager Zama Ngcobo said the business was able to grow despite a difficult trading environment and it remained profitable.

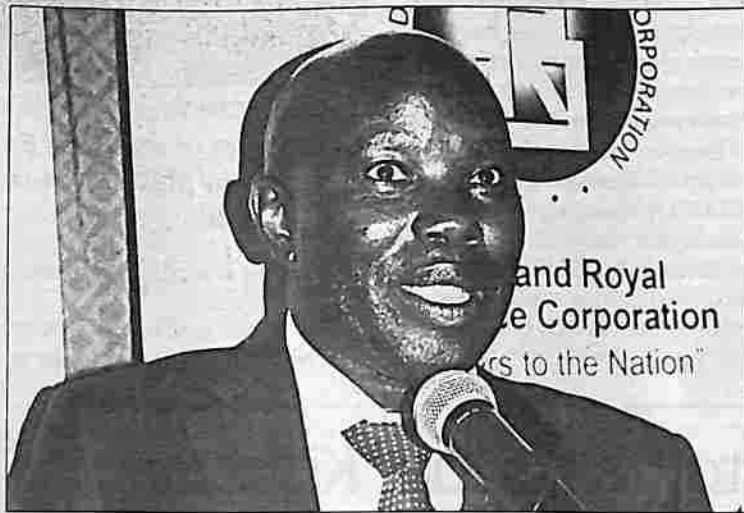
## Challenges

For the year 2015 the dividend due to shareholders decreased by E2 million from E114 million in 2014 to E112 million in 2015.

He said the challenges mostly emanated from demographic shifts and changing customer behaviour.

"Internet and mobile devices have changed the approach over the past few years and created a new generation of customers who are increasingly demanding simplicity, transparency and speed in their transactions with insurance companies including agents. Customers are managing their

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PAID DIVIDENDS: SRIC General Manager Zama Ngcobo.

insurance needs on their own."

Adding, he said as people exchange more personal information and start building networks of trusted friends, this would shift the balance of trust from insurance agents and advisors to online communities. "These trends will accelerate leading to a situation where customers will be willing to buy direct using their online trust network of friends and family to guide their choice."

## Result

This will result in a fundamental redefinition of the role of advice and the disappearance of distributors as a sales channel."

However, he said to ensure the sustainability of all aspects of their business and all products within their portfolio they have affirmed balancing growth and profitability, pro-active management of risk exposures, and the use of information technology in the distribution

of the products.

Ngcobo said their first priority has been to deliver on their financial targets and provide their shareholders with a sustainable dividend which they were considering to increase over the coming years.

## Report

"I am pleased to report that so far we remain on track to deliver on the financial targets for the period 2016."

"For the first six months we are ahead of our targets," he said.

However, he said the economic and business environment remained volatile and this was unlikely to change going forward. "Investment returns have not been satisfactory, driving even more focus on the improvement of underwriting margins."

"We would like to assure our shareholders that SRIC is still a worthwhile investment going forward."

## SB has offered E5.1 m grants to date under KickStart

By Manqoba Makhubu

AS of July 14, 2016 Swaziland Beverages has given out grants worth over E5.1 million to youth owned small businesses under the KickStart programme.

The programme was founded in 2010 and had only three winners receiving funding of about E250 000 according to Swaziland Beverages Managing Director Zama Kunene.

Speaking during the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the KickStart awards held last Thursday at the Happy Valley Hotel, Corporate Affairs Director Mpumelelo Makhubu said this was one the company's five shared imperatives domiciled under their sustainable development ambition dubbed, 'prosper.'

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## Products

The prime minister was represented by Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini during the Swaziland KickStart 2016 awards.

He said the country urgently needed a nation of entrepreneurs, starting young, to make products, or provide services of value.

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MORE DONATIONS: Swaziland Beverages Corporate Affairs Director Mpumelelo Makhubu

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He sang praises of programmes including Junior Achievement (JA) and Enactus. "In those schemes, we have not only seen extensive interest among students, but also an encouraging degree of natural flair and creativity."

Dlamini said nurturing these ideas was where the KickStart initiative proved to make an excellent contribution in government's drive to create a nation of entrepreneurs.

## Injection

"Swaziland Beverages provides an injection of true quality into entrepreneurship in our country."

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## SNPF to invest more funds in local financial sector

By Linda Dlamini

THE Swaziland National Provident Fund is looking to invest more funds in the Swazi financial services sector.

Speaking during a press conference at the signing of Swaziland Development Company (SIDC) shares from Interneuron Swaziland to SNPF last week, SNPF General Manager Business Development and Finance Langalakhe Dlamini said they have some shareholdings in Old Mutual Swaziland and were looking at the possibility of acquiring more assets in the financial sector.

Dlamini said the investments that the fund makes were always strategic and the financial sector was one of those earmarked for investment.



LOOKING TO INVEST: Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) General Manager Business Development and Finance Langalakhe Dlamini making his presentation during a press conference (Pic: Thembeke Dlamini).

He stressed that one of the goals of the fund was to ensure a rate of return that is CPI (Consumer Price

Index) plus three percent.

## Endeavours

In his presentation Dlamini high-

lighted that the fund is always looking at having developmentally minded partners in its endeavours.

"We are open to the prospects of having a strategic partner in the SIDC, as long as they meet the criteria that we have set for a development partner," he said.

## Shares

Asked if they were considering listing some of the SIDC shares on the Swaziland Stock Exchange (SSX), for the general public to have participation in investment and for the development of the Swazi financial market Dlamini said they might look at it in the future.

"However, we are still going to formulate although I can say that we are open to discussing it," he said.

"We have a strategic plan for SIDC which will run until 2022," Dlamini added.

SNPF bought a 30.9 stake in SIDC, resulting in the total holdings of SNPF in SIDC to be 62 percent for an undisclosed fee.

Since the price paid for the shares was undisclosed the issue of valuation of the shares arose during the briefing.

## Valuation

"The valuation for SIDC was conducted by different reputable companies; for instance the one conducted for SNPF was done by premier investment banker African Alliance (AA)," he said.

"Also present here are the investment advisors Imbewu Yesive who also provided their risk management expertise."

Dlamini concluded by saying that he would like to assure the public and the fund's members that they did not overpay for the shares.



# Research, development huge challenges facing SMEs

Stories By Manqoba Makhubu

**ENTREPRENEUR of the Year Award (EYA) 2015 winner Mcebo Ginindza says the biggest challenge faced by small businesses is research and development.**

"As a result, most people go for readily available adventures, they go for what they see," he said.

Ginindza was speaking during the official launch of the EYA 2016 awards last week.

He said these two elements, research and development were critical if the country was considering becoming a major exporting nation.

"We need to develop a research facility so that we can see what the world needs and supply what is in demand."

Meanwhile, he said his business was going under a strain, but they have managed to stay afloat.

## Recycles

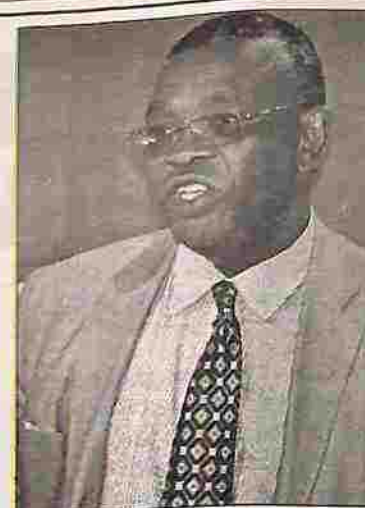
Ginindza's business, Enviro-Wise recycles plastic bottles, paper, glass and cardboard boxes, processes them and then exports and sell them to South Africa, where the waste is full recycled.

"People are buying less, which means we are increasingly receiving less waste to manage, but we are

coping and we are trying hard to remain afloat."

Adding, he said the price volatility of basic commodities has made this year a difficult year for small businesses. However, he said these challenges also presented opportunities for them to come up with more innovative solutions and products.

Ginindza was echoed by Small Enterprise Development Company (SEDCO) Managing Director Dorrington Matiwane, who said the problems facing SMEs need to be addressed as soon as possible to enabled them to fully benefit from the opportunities in the international



**LAUNCH: Year Award (EYA) 2015 winner Mcebo Ginindza (r) and Small Enterprise Development Company (SEDCO) Managing Director Dorrington Matiwane.**

markets availed by the ministry of commerce.

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compete at a global level. The winners of this competition will then become pioneers of its development," said Matiwane.

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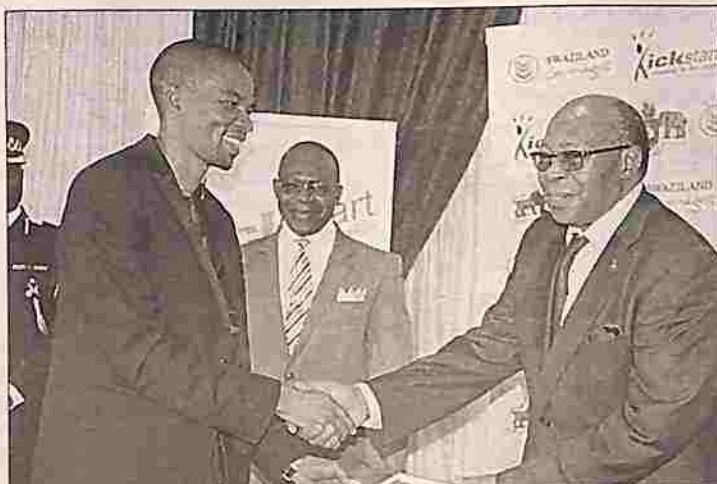
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**TEARS OF JOY: Ntokozo Zanele Masoko receiving her award, she broke down in tears after she was announced the winner of the 6th edition of the Kickstart competition.**



**ANXIOUS: A section of the participants waiting for the name of the winners to be announced.**

## MORE BUSINESS NEWS

### EXPAT OR IMMIGRANT? HOW SOUTH AFRICANS IN UK SEE THEMSELVES

**JOHANNESBURG – Immigration trends to the United Kingdom (UK) following Brexit remain uncertain, until there is clarity about the UK's trading position with the European Union (EU) and if it contains its Freedom of Movement policy.**

This is according to Lindsey Barras, a Director at PwC Legal, UK. "It is expected that immigration flows from the EU will decrease." Overall there is still an understanding that both high and low skilled labour is needed, although the

focus is likely to be on higher skilled individuals, explained Barras. The 2011 census shows that there was just under 200 000 South Africans living in the UK.

"There is no immediate reason why this should decline as South Africans are not specifically impacted by any potential Brexit related immigration changes," explained Barras. This may change, however if the UK's economy does slow due to Brexit. There is some concern regarding people leaving the UK. "People have expressed unease but to date

we are not seeing significant movement in this area." If the UK ends Freedom of Movement (the right to migrate between EU countries) it may shift its immigration focus towards Commonwealth countries, like South Africa, to encourage increased migration, according to Barras. Immigration levels to the UK haven't changed and likely won't change until Article 50 is triggered. It's still unclear when that will happen, but the UK's new minister for negotiation exit from the EU David Davis has said. *Fin24*

### WeWork sues ex-employee for disclosing information

**CALIFORNIA - WeWork Companies Inc, a closely held operator of shared office space, has sued a former employee for unauthorized disclosure of information to Bloomberg News that showed the firm, which is valued at \$16 billion, falling short of its financial goals.**

In a complaint filed late on Friday with the New York Supreme Court for Manhattan, WeWork accused Joanna Strange, who was fired June 10, of gaining unlawful access to its computers and of stealing confidential and proprietary information.

The firm, which operates sites in 40 U.S. and foreign cities, also accused Strange of breaching her contractual and



**SUED: Chief Executive Officer and co-founder Adam Neumann and his wife during the interview with a journalist.**

fiduciary duties.

Bloomberg reported on Friday that in late April, WeWork in an internal review document slashed a 2016 profit forecast by 78 percent, cut its revenue estimate by 14 percent and disclosed a 63 percent surge in projected negative cash flow.

Chief Executive Officer and co-founder Adam Neumann

told employees in meetings on May 9 and May 23 that the company had to rein in costs and get its finances in order, according to Bloomberg. WeWork said on Thursday that it reported a case of corporate theft to the US Attorney's office and that the "stolen document was prepared months ago for scenario planning purposes. *Fin24*



# 'MTN Business Calls Assist' to reduce costs of doing business

By Linda Dlamini

SWAZI MTN has practically demonstrated that small and medium enterprises are important for the economic development of the country.

This assertion was made by Chief Executive Officer Ambrose Dlamini during the MTN Business Call Assist launch, held at the MTN service centre in Mbabane last Thursday.

"Our focus as a business, and as a nation, should be stimulating growth of SMEs which will in-turn accelerate the growth of the economy of Swaziland. Also it is our aspiration to join hands with leading organisation in the country that champion SME advocacy and growth," he said. With this initiative in mind Dlamini said, as a company they have developed innovative technology

to greatly reduce the costs of doing business.

"Today we deliver to SMEs in Swaziland a solution called MTN Business Call Assist. This is an affordable cloud service, suitable for any SME regardless of size, and level of growth. This facility assists businesses to effectively, and efficiently manage their business calls on-the-go, quite literally," Dlamini said.

"We believe, and know that this solution will be a game changer for our clients, particularly those in the segment," Dlamini added.

The CEO emphasised that the MTN Business Call Assist has been proven to work well in stimulating business activity in other markets where MTN operates in. Dlamini said MTN Business Call Assist is a milestone for MTN Business as they continue to invest in its efforts, which seek to

enable, and inspire growth for SMEs in the country.

"To fulfil this ambition it has become critical for us to look at how best we can serve the needs and aspirations of our clients, and deliver solutions that will enable their competitiveness, and fast track their growth," he said.

## Learned

Dlamini highlighted what MTN has learned that they need to consistently innovate to come up with affordable business solutions.

"These solutions should answer the different circumstances and challenges that our customers come across on a day-to-day basis, as they do business," he said. Dlamini noted however that the contribution does not just limitedly add value to its customers; it further contributes to the country's vision of systematically moving Swaziland towards first world status by 2022.



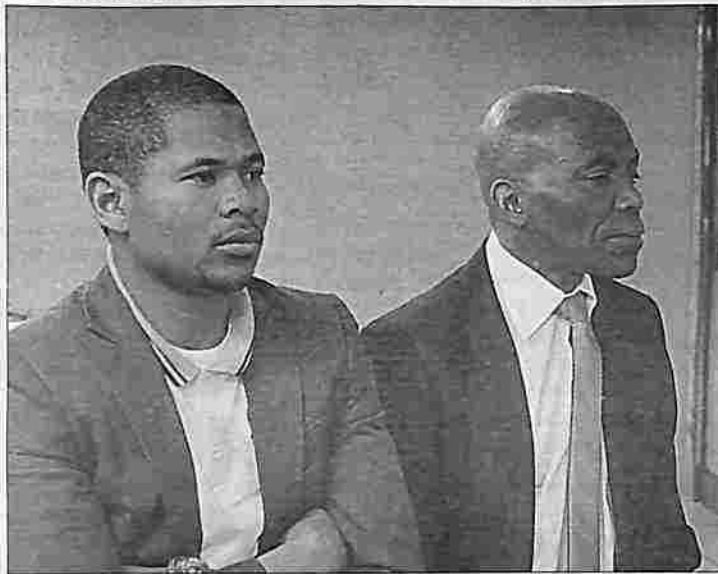
**ASSISTING SMALL BUSINESSES:** Swazi MTN Chief Executive Officer Ambrose Dlamini during the MTN Business Call Assist launch at the MTN Service Centre at Mbabane on Thursday. (Pics: Linda Dlamini).



**FOLLOWING:** A section of the attendants listening to the proceedings.



**SHARED OPINIONS:** SME Business owner Siboniso Mavelela posing a question.



**LISTENING:** Mlungisi Kirk and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Director of Small and Medium Enterprises, Michael Zwane listening to the proceedings.



**INNOVATION:** Excited Head of MTN Swaziland Enterprise Business Unit Thandazile Dlamini giving a presentation.

## DRAINING RUBLE GLUT HERALDS CENTRAL BANK'S FIRSTLOSS SINCE 1998

MOSCOW - Not since 1998 has Russia's central bank booked a loss, but that may be about to change.

The bottomline will suffer because the Bank of Russia is becoming a net borrower from lenders for the first time since 2011 as deficit spending by the government sends rubles cascading through the system, according to VTB Capital and Renaissance Capital.

Policy makers are now preparing to pay banks to soak up the excess cash and avoid spillovers into inflation.

The money presses at the central bank have been churning out rubles as government converts foreign currency from one wealth fund and prepares to unseal the other to navigate three more years of budget deficits.

To manage a liquidity surplus it expects from early 2017, the Bank of Russia is now teeing up measures that include deposit auctions and sales of short-term bonds, costlier operations that will be a drain on its results.

"A liquidity surplus is a function of the state of the budget," Alex Isakov, an economist at VTB Capital, said by phone. "If financial results become negative, even very negative, that would be a consequence of the longer time it takes the budget to adjust." **AFP**

## MORE BUSINESS NEW

# Hike or hold: Hard to call SARB's next rates move

CAPE TOWN - There is a moderately high 40% chance of an interest rate hike by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the SA Reserve Bank (SARB) next week, said Peter Attard Montalto, emerging markets economist at Nomura.

But in general, he sees the repo rate remaining unchanged at seven percent this time around and certainly rate cuts nowhere close. This is because he reckons the MPC median mode of pausing where possible while still being in a hike cycle remains. He explains that the uncertainty on the decision is "acute" given that consumer inflation data will be released only shortly before the rate announcement. Nomura expects inflation to

tick up marginally, but pointed out that inflation expectations have been more stable at around the top of the target.

"The MPC framework and the way the MPC works have not fundamentally shifted in our view despite Brexit and the fall in global rates, counter to what many investors think," said Montalto. "In other words the MPC is still in a hiking cycle, rates are still below neutral and the MPC still wants to get there."

Montalto explained that the MPC now sees a slightly bigger output gap, with more non-structural and non-domestic forces like Brexit. He also thinks the MPC sees a little more short-term support for the rand. "But medium-run worries around downgrades

and the period after the local elections from political risk remain," he cautioned.

"Overall, we think the MPC will have enough hawkish material by maintaining views around downgrade risks and the market may be underestimating Fed hike risks over the medium run.

The MPC will want to keep projecting its concerns about anchoring especially as inflation is set to rise towards year-end.

"Even if anchored now, we think risks are high that expectations can easily become unanchored in a wage-round year with food price issues. This is the type of 'fear' that could drive the MPC to hike the rate at this meeting."

**AFP**

## World Bank bars four companies from projects

WASHINGTON - The World Bank announced on Friday it had barred four companies, including a former unit of Daewoo, from future contracts after finding serious misconduct in projects around the world.

The development lender said its investigations found fraud and corruption related to projects in Mongolia, Vietnam, Peru and Kenya that involved the companies.

Daewoo Information Systems, a former branch of the sprawling South Korean conglomerate Daewoo, was debarred for engaging in "corrupt misconduct" to win a bank-financed contract in Mongolia. The company is frozen out of World Bank projects for two and a half years. The other three companies were put on the black list for submitting false information in bidding for contracts: Thang Loi Group, over a Vietnam project; Consorcio Ocongate, for a Peru project; and Minimix Agencies, related to a project in Kenya. They were debarred from two to four years. "The outcome of our investigations during this last quarter speaks to the sustained commitment of the World Bank Group to respond to allegations of fraud and corruption." **AFP**



# Focus on SA scene

## ZUMA WELCOMES DELEGATES TO DURBAN AIDS CONFERENCE

**DURBAN** - President Jacob Zuma, in a statement, welcomed international delegates to the International AIDS Conference taking place in Durban from July 18-22.

Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, who is the Chairperson of the South African National Aids Council, (Sanac), will officially open the conference tomorrow evening "and will officiate at the conference on behalf of government and the partnership against Aids as a whole in the country."

The President welcomed United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki Moon and SADC Heads of State and Government to the conference, as well as "leaders in the entertainment, business, labour and other fields" who are helping in the fight against HIV and Aids. President Zuma noted that 20 million people had been tested since government ramped up HIV testing in 2009.

**He also announced the following measures that have been or will be implemented:-**

- All children under one year of age will get treatment if they test positive



**WORD OF WELCOME: SA President Jacob Zuma.**

in order to reduce infant mortality over time. Indeed the rate of mother to child transmission of the virus has been drastically reduced.

- All patients with both TB and HIV will get treatment with anti-retrovirals if their CD4 count is 350 or less. The treatment then was available when the CD4 count was less than 200.

- He announced that TB and HIV/Aids would be treated under one roof. The purpose was to address early

reported deaths arising from undetected TB infection among those who are infected with HIV.

This step was taken because approximately 1% of our population had TB and that the co-infection between TB and HIV was 73%.

- All pregnant HIV positive women with a CD4 count of 350 or with symptoms regardless of CD4 count would have access to treatment. At that time, HIV positive pregnant women were eligible for treatment if their CD4 count was less than 200.

- All other pregnant women not falling into this category, but who are HIV positive, would be put on treatment at fourteen weeks of pregnancy to protect the baby. In the past this was only started during the last term of pregnancy.

The President stated that "HIV positive persons are living longer and lead healthier lives, thanks to wider access to treatment. South Africa has significantly reduced the mother-to-child transmission of HIV, thus ensuring healthier babies." Government has also "launched Phila, a massive HIV prevention campaign targeted primarily at young women and girls." *eNCA*



**TRAGIC: A minibus taxi driver fled the scene of an accident in which one person died and three were injured when the taxi careened out of control and crashed into a wall in Vosloorus, Ekurhuleni disaster and emergency managements services (DEMS) said yesterday. (AP)**

## Minibus taxi driver flees scene of deadly Ekurhuleni accident

**EKURHULENI** - A minibus taxi driver fled the scene of an accident in which one person died and three were injured when the taxi careened out of control and crashed into a wall in Vosloorus, Ekurhuleni disaster and emergency managements services (DEMS) said yesterday.

The accident happened in extension 10 next to the intersection of Bierman and Moagi roads, DEMS said in a statement.

No indication as to the time of the accident was provided.

Preliminary investigation showed that the taxi "drove over the middle road island and the driver failed to bring it under control before crashing against the wall", the

statement said.

"A Rescue team from Vosloorus fire station in Ekurhuleni swiftly responded out after receiving the call. On arrival, all four casualties were found on the scene except the driver.

As per information received on the scene, the driver literally ran away after the crash. "The injured were given pre-hospital medical treatment by paramedics before being taken to Thelle Mogoerane Regional Hospital in Vosloorus by ambulance while the other was declared dead on the scene."

Ekurhuleni metropolitan police department (EMPD) officers were conducting the investigations into the accident, DEMS said.

*Africa News Agency*

## Buthlezi rubbishes having a hand in NFP's woes

**KWAMASHU** - The IFP rubbished claims that it was behind its arch-rival's disqualification from the municipal polls.

Mangosuthu Buthelezi has been accused of paying a National Freedom Party (NFP) official R6-million to miss the IEC's registration deadline, but the IFP leader said the allegation was baseless. He said NFP officials only had themselves to blame for missing the IEC registration deadline. Buthelezi cautioned his supporters, urging them not to be provoked by "cheap political tactics". "The strategy of the NFP is that you should react and retaliate and when we do so then the IEC will say there can't be a free and fair election, so they want us to be in the same boat as they are," he told supporters in KwaMashu, an area once governed by his party. He visited the notorious KwaMashu men's hostel which has been rocked by violence. *eNCA*



**NOT TRUE: IFP Leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi.**

## Bill Gates deliver Nelson Mandela lecture

**JOHANNESBURG** - Microsoft founder and philanthropist Bill Gates delivered the 14th annual Nelson Mandela Foundation lecture in Pretoria yesterday on the eve of the former statesman and president's birthday.

The lecture was held at the University of Pretoria's Mamelodi campus. The foundation said the lecture was dedicated to the many residents of the township who gave their lives in the struggle for liberation and democracy in South Africa.

The theme for Gates's lecture was "Living Together" in which the philanthropist laid out his vision of how to create a better world for all.

Gates said Nelson Mandela would be remembered for generations to come "for his courage, his

vision, and his relentless pursuit of equality and justice".

"Previous speakers in the lecture series have shared thought-provoking insights about how we can create a better world envisioned by Nelson Mandela.

I'm privileged to add my voice to the conversation this year," Gates said in a joint statement with the foundation.

"For hundreds of millions of people life is better today than it was a generation ago, but there is so much more we can, and must do, to make that a reality for people everywhere." According to the foundation, the annual lecture is its flagship programme to honour its founder, Mandela, and to raise topical issues affecting South Africa, Africa, and the rest of the world. *News24.*

## CUT POLITICIANS' SALARIES TO EMPLOY MORE PEOPLE - DA

**VUWANI** - A Democratic Alliance ward candidate in Vuwani, Limpopo has said the only way to ensure that everyone has a better life is to cut the salaries of politicians earning a lot of money.

"Everybody is equal. The salaries of those earning high should be cut a notch so that we increase the salaries of low income groups and create jobs for the unemployed," ward 14 candidate Mbulayeni Rambau told News24.

"Why should one earn R50 000 while there is another one who has never earned R5? This is how I understand what it means to be equal." Rambau said poverty and unemployment were high in his

area and believed the only way for government to address the issue was to have stringent policies in place to address the inequalities in salary gaps. He said that should mostly apply to politicians.

"I don't believe a person should go into politics to become a billionaire. Money and resources should be shared equally and people will start having a better life. If a better life is a Cresida and a six bedroom house, let us all start there," he said. "Nothing has happened" Sitting in his yard and looking outside to the dusty road, Rambau became emotional when talking about service delivery and lack of development. *News24.*

## Three Durban kids critical after swallowing mystery pills

**DURBAN** - Three children from KwaMashu, Durban are in critical condition after they ingested unidentified tablets, Kwazulu-Natal EMS said yesterday.

One girl and two boys, aged 2, 3 and 5, required advanced life support treatment from paramedics

who attended the scene at about 01:00 on Sunday, KZN emergency medical services spokesperson Robert McKenzie said.

### Tablets

The circumstances that led to the children discovering the tablets were unknown. However, they

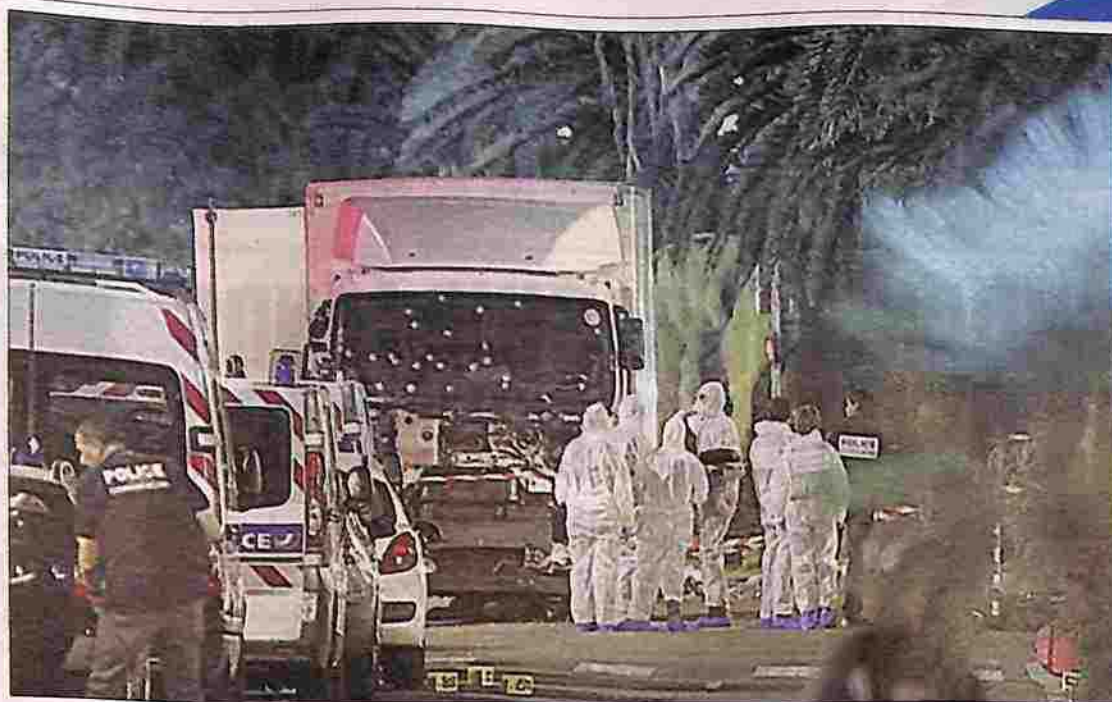
were in an incorrectly marked packaging.

While the packet suggested the tablets were paracetamol, they were in fact an unknown medication. McKenzie cautioned parents to lock away medicine from children and always to keep it in its

original packaging.

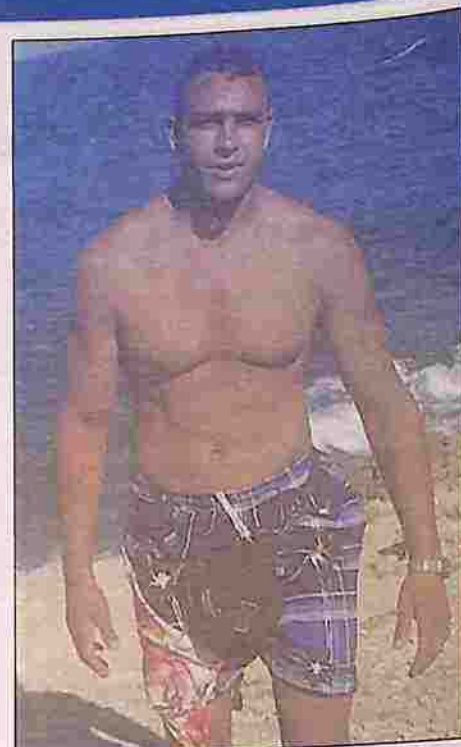
In a previous case, children had swallowed tablets thinking they were sweets and McKenzie called on parents to educate their children that medication was not something to play with. *News24*





**(L) BLOODY:** Truck terrorist Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel who murdered 84 on Bastille Day in Nice, was described by a cousin as a 'nasty piece of work' who never observed the rules of Islam. (Daily Mail)

**DAMAGE:** The front of the truck was badly damaged after it knocked down hundreds of people enjoying their evening.



**SMILING ASSASSIN:** Strolling along the beach on a family holiday, trucker terrorist Mohamed Bouhlel shows off his muscular frame in a picture taken just months before he slaughtered 84 people.

## BASTILLE DAY ATTACKER PICTURED HOLIDAYING

...in grinning holiday snap just months before his deadly massacre

**NICE** - Strolling towards the camera on a family beach trip, topless terrorist Mohamed Bouhlel suns himself in a holiday snap taken just months before he slaughtered 84 people on Bastille Day.

The Tunisian-born gym fanatic, 31, ploughed a 19-tonne lorry into crowds of men, women and children while they were celebrating France's most important national holiday in Nice last Thursday.

A further 202 people were injured, including 50 who are 'between life and death', after monstrous Bouhlel brought terror and bloodshed to the French Riviera.

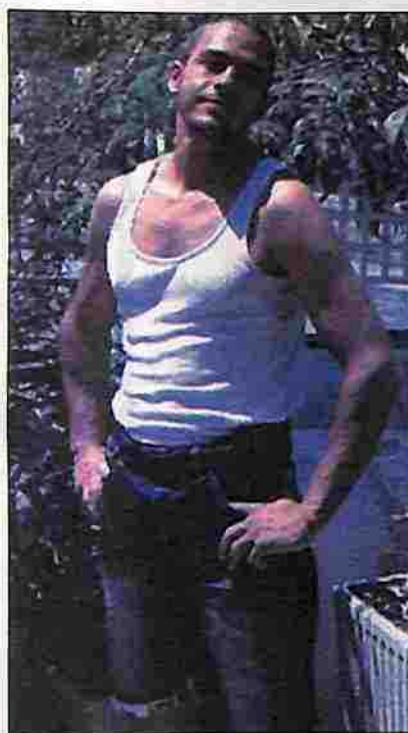
The delivery driver, who was also a keen kickboxer, is believed to have been taking strong medication to control mood swings which had destroyed his marriage.

His cousin told MailOnline Bouhlel never prayed or attended a mosque, and hit his wife - with whom he had three children aged five, three and 18 months - and was in the process of getting a divorce.

Bouhlel is also said to have been addicted to strong cannabis which made his bouts of mental illness worse.

The terrorist, who had been known to the French police since January, had been on the radar for six months for petty criminality.

It is understood he lost his job as a delivery driver when he fell asleep at



**MASS MURDERER:** The Tunisian-born gym fanatic, 31, ploughed a 19-tonne lorry into crowds of men, women and children while they were celebrating France's most important national holiday in Nice last Thursday.

the wheel and crashed into four cars and had also been involved in a bar brawl.

Walid Hamou, a cousin of Bouhlel's wife Hajer Khalfallah, told MailOnline: 'Bouhlel was not religious. He did not go to the mosque, he did not pray, he did not observe Ramadan.'

'He drank alcohol, ate pork and took drugs. This is all forbidden under Islam.'

'He beat his wife, my cousin; he was a nasty piece of work.'

On Thursday he was stopped by police just hours before he crushed scores of people underneath the wheels of his 25 tonne truck and fired shots indiscriminately at police and innocent bystanders.

He told officers that he was delivering ice-cream to the area and was allowed to park on the waterfront for several hours.

Horrifying footage of the moment the truck turned into a deadly juggernaut were uploaded online within minutes, showing a trail of dead bodies left in its path.

Bouhlel's wife was taken into protective custody by police on Friday Morning. Detectives had raided the 12th floor apartment she had shared with her estranged husband in the early hours of the morning and another rented property nearby.

Four others have been arrested on suspicion of being part of Bouhlel's 'close entourage'.

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## BRIEFS

## Obama to deploy 200 troops

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama on Friday said he would deploy up to 200 US troops equipped with combat equipment to South Sudan to protect US citizens and the embassy in Juba amid an outbreak of violence between rival troops in the nation. The US troops will be initially stationed in neighbouring Uganda, Obama said in a notice to the US Congress. They will include 47 troops announced earlier this week, and 130 troops currently in Djibouti. "It is not possible to know at this time the precise scope or the duration of the deployments of US Armed Forces necessary to support the security of US citizens and property in South Sudan," Obama said in his letter to Congress. *Reuters*

## Biggest city shuts churches, mosques

LAGOS - Africa's largest city is closing dozens of mosques, churches and nightclubs in a bid to reduce noise for its 20 million residents long used to lusty hymn-singing, honking horns and boom boxes that rattle the foundations of homes. The state government of Lagos is on a mission to make the seaside city free of noise pollution by 2020. "It's a great menace," said Adebola Shabi, general manager of Lagos State Environmental Protection Agency. "Studies have shown that noise levels affect the amount of violence and affect our health." The agency has shut down more than 70 churches and 20 mosques this year as well as a dozen pubs, hotels and clubs, he said. *News24*

## Army media jump gun, welcome coup

CAIRO - Some of Egypt's pro-army media jumped the gun in their reporting on the attempted coup in Turkey, declaring it a success and welcoming the overthrow of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. At least three newspapers ran headlines on Saturday declaring that Turkey's army had overthrown Erdogan. But by the time their print editions came out, Turkey's government had largely succeeded in quashing the coup after a night of clashes that left dozens dead. As the events unfolded, Egyptian TV personality Ahmed Moussa declared "this isn't a military coup," but "a revolution within the Turkish armed forces." *AP*

## Journalist arrested in South Sudan

JUBA - Activists say South Sudanese authorities have arrested a prominent journalist over an article he wrote supporting calls for the United Nations to send more peacekeepers to the country to protect civilians. The East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project accused National Security Service agents of arresting Alfred Taban, the editor-in-chief of the Juba Monitor newspaper, on Saturday afternoon and taking him to an unknown location. Edmund Yakani, executive director of the Juba-based Community Empowerment for Progress Organisation, which monitors harassment of journalists in South Sudan, confirmed the arrest. *Africa News Agency*

## Tsvangirai, Khupe Rift Exposed

HARARE - MDC-T leader Morgan Tsvangirai did not consult his deputy Thokozani Khupe before making the shock announcement on Friday that he had appointed Elias Mudzuri and Nelson Chamisa as his other vice-presidents. Khupe told The Standard yesterday that she had nothing to do with the appointments, a clear indication that MDC-T is headed for a roller-coaster ride over the leadership changes. *AllAfrica*



# SUDAN'S AL-BASHIR LANDS IN RWANDA, DEFYING ICC

KIGALI — Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir arrived in Rwanda on Saturday to attend a summit of African leaders, defying an international warrant for his arrest after public assurances from Rwandan leaders that he would not be arrested.

The African Union summit yesterday was expected to discuss the continent's uneasy relationship with the International Criminal Court, which some say unfairly targets Africans. Ahead of the summit, some African countries renewed efforts to quit the ICC en masse despite the opposition of some countries like Botswana, Nigeria, Senegal and Ivory Coast have been pushing back as well in recent days. Ugandan



ARRIVES: Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir.

President Yoweri Museveni has led growing criticism of the ICC, calling it "useless" during his inauguration in May, an event that al-Bashir attended. Some countries want a separate African court with jurisdiction over rights abuses. "Withdrawal from ICC is entirely within the sovereignty of a particular state," Joseph

Chilengi, an AU official, told reporters Saturday.

Al-Bashir is wanted by the ICC for alleged atrocities in the country's Darfur region.

Rwandan Foreign Minister Louise Mushikiwabo said this week that Rwanda would not arrest him.

"Africa doesn't support criminals, but when justice is involved with a lot of politics we take a pause to separate the two," Mushikiwabo told reporters. Although Rwanda has not ratified the Rome Statute that is the basis for the ICC, it handed over suspected war criminal Bosco Ntaganda of Congo to the court in 2013.

The African Union summit also will discuss South Sudan, where clashing army factions raised concerns of a return to civil war. *Africa News*

## African bank approves \$6.5m to help South Sudan

JUBA - The African Development Bank Group (AfDB) has approved \$6.5-million to improve water supply that would benefit 230 000 people in South Sudan's capital Juba following days of clashes between rival army factions.

A statement from AfDB received in Juba on Saturday said the funds from the Transition Support Facility-Trust Fund will strengthen efficient utility operations, private sector participation and women empowerment. "The project aims to improve the livelihoods of people in Juba city through the provision of improved water supply infrastructure," AfDB said.

The approval comes on the heels of recent violent conflicts between rival factions in Juba which has left more than 300 people dead and thousands others displaced.

Aid agencies on Friday launched a revised appeal, seeking \$701-million to help South Sudanese refugees which could pass 1 million mark this year if cross-border displacement trends continue.

The UN refugee agency has also expressed concerns about the possibility of fresh outflows of refugees in the wake of the recent military crisis in Juba and the dearth of funding for South Sudanese refugees.

Currently, the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) is protecting some 33 000 internally displaced persons in Juba.

The African bank said it needs to continue to implement its operations in fragile states which have the tendency to oscillate between conflict and peace.

AfDB however emphasised the need to make safeguards for the resources and the staff overseeing the implementation, and maintain close coordination with other development partners on the ground.

*Africa News Agency*

## Algerian troops kill 99 'terrorists' in six months - army

ALGIERS - Algerian troops killed 99 "terrorists" in the first half of this year, the army said Saturday.

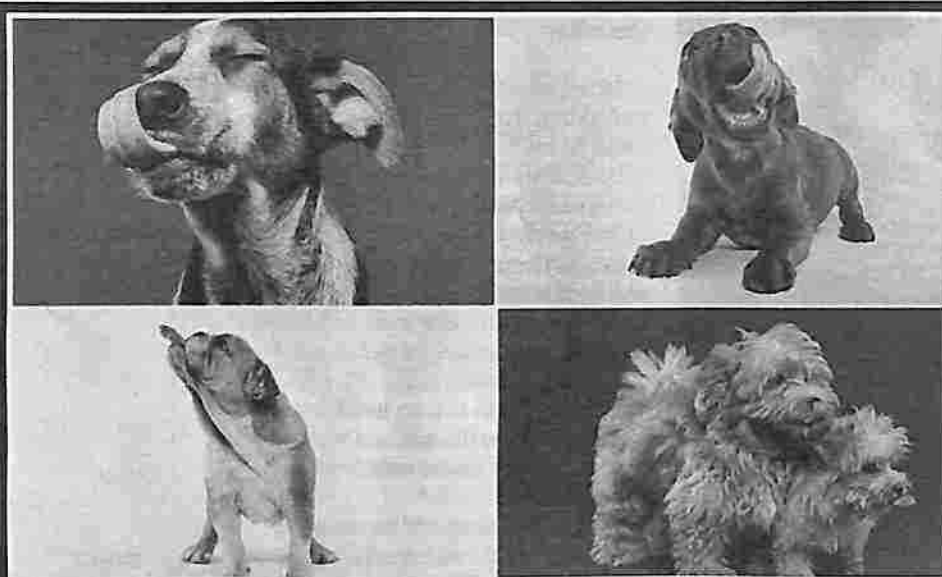
The fatalities included 26 "terrorists" killed last month, the July edition of the army's magazine reported.

The government usually refers to radical Islamists as "terrorists."

Fifty other suspects have been detained in the first six months of 2016, according to the publication.

Military forces have also seized a big cache of arms during swoops in different parts of the country during that period.

The seized weaponry included Kalashnikov rifles, machine guns, rocket launchers, bombs, mortars and explosive belts. In recent months, the North African country has stepped up its crackdown on suspected militants as neighbouring Tunisia is grappling with Islamist insurgents. An estimated 200 000 people were killed in a conflict between the Algerian government and Islamists in the 1990s. *Africa News Agency*



TASTE OF PEANUT BUTTER: Experts put the doggie trait down to affection, but in these images the photographer used a canny method to catch his subjects with their tongues poking out - a taste of peanut butter. The series of photographs is taken from a new book called *Lick Puppies*, by American photographer Ty Foster. An expert in animal photography, his portraits of dogs in mid-lick went viral on the internet. Pictured clockwise from top left, Pepper the Australian cattle dog, Lola the Chesapeake Bay retriever, Popcorn and Peanuts the palanese pups and Stan the English bulldog. (AP)

## ZIM WOMEN IN POT-BEATING PROTEST AGAINST MUGABE

BULAWAYO - Hundreds of women in Zimbabwe on Saturday demonstrated against President Robert Mugabe's government by beating pots, symbolising a nation facing starvation and economic hardships.

The march organised by the main opposition party Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), dubbed the #BeatThePot campaign, took

place in Zimbabwe's second largest city of Bulawayo.

### Starving

"These pots that we are beating are no longer cooking anything at home this is why we brought them to say we no longer have anything to cook. We are starving," Thokozani Khupe, MDC vice president said while addressing women who took part in the march. "What we are saying here is

we are putting more fire on a pot that is already boiling. We want that pot to boil until Mugabe goes."

"That is why we are saying please Mugabe you have failed, please go so that our lives can go on well," she said.

The women who were clad in red party colours held up placards denouncing Mugabe. They marched in the central business district of Bulawayo singing and beating pots with wooden and steel cooking utensils. *Africa News Agency*



# World News

## Erdogan demands US extradite preacher Gulen

ISTANBUL - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Saturday urged the United States to extradite the preacher Fethullah Gulen, who he accuses of masterminding the failed coup, to face trial in Turkey.

"The United States — you must extradite that person," he told thousands of supporters in Istanbul, referring to Gulen, who lives in Pennsylvania and has denied any involvement in Friday's attempted coup.

Erdogan said he had repeatedly told US President Barack Obama that Gulen threatened Turkey's security and should be extradited.

"I am calling on America here, I am calling on Mr President (Obama)," he told the crowd.

"Mr President, I told you myself, either deport or hand over to us this person who lives in 400 acres of land in Pennsylvania," he said, carefully not referring to Gulen by name.

"I told you that he was engaged in coup plots but I was not listened to. Now again today after the coup I say it again. Deliver this man who lives in Pennsylvania to Turkey," said Erdogan.

Secretary of State John Kerry said Saturday that the United States will assist Turkey in the investigation of the failed coup and invited Ankara to share any evidence it has against Gulen.

"We fully anticipate that there will be questions raised about Mr Gulen," he said in Luxembourg. **AFP**

## TRUMP INTRODUCES VP PICK PENCE AS 'SOLID', A UNIFIER

NEW YORK - Donald Trump on Saturday introduced his pick for vice president Mike Pence as a "solid" man and a unifying figure among Republicans in their first public appearance on a joint ticket for the White House.

The New York billionaire, set to be crowned Republican presidential candidate in Cleveland next week, insisted the Indiana governor was his first choice despite media reports that he had considered changing his mind up to the last minute.

"One of the big reasons I chose Mike - one of the reasons - is party unity. I have to be honest. So many people have said party unity because I'm an outsider," the real estate tycoon said in Manhattan. After Trump's more than 20-minute speech, which often deviated from Pence, the two men shared the spotlight for only the briefest of moments when Pence walked out and they shook hands, and again after Pence had finished speaking and was joined by Trump and both men's families. Trump praised his 57-year-old running mate's fiscally conservative policies and lauded his own success in Indiana's Republican primary, which defied predictions from the party establishment. Pence had served "with distinction" in Congress and as the chairman of the House Republican Conference — in effect party number three — Trump said, adding that he has "the skills of a highly talented executive." **AFP**

## France boosts security across the country

NICE - France's interior minister boosted security measures across the country late on Saturday, calling upon thousands of reservists to help after facing severe criticism for alleged police and security failures in the deadly Bastille Day truck attack in Nice.

The Islamic State group announced earlier that the Tunisian man who barreled through a holiday crowd with a truck in the southern French city was one of its "soldiers" — the first claim of responsibility for the attack that killed 84 people at a fireworks display.

France on Saturday began three days of national mourn-

ing in homage to the victims — although that didn't stop politicians from sniping at each other over who bore responsibility for the failing to stop the attack. Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve announced he would call up 12 000 police reserves in addition to more than 120 000 police and soldiers already deployed around the country "because of the terrorist threat."

The IS claim — circulated on social media by a news outlet affiliated with the group — didn't name Mohamed Lahouaiej-Bouhlel, the 31-year-old Tunisian who authorities say was behind the wheel as a truck crashed into revelers Thursday night. But

the statement quoting an IS security member said Bouhlel was following IS calls to target citizens of the countries fighting the extremists.

The veracity of the group's claim couldn't immediately be determined, but French officials didn't dispute it.

What is known publicly about Bouhlel so far suggests a troubled, angry, sometimes violent man with little interest in the group's ultra-puritanical brand of Islam. His own father, in Tunisia, said his son did not pray or fast for Ramadan. Neighbors described the father of three as a volatile man, prone to drinking and womanizing, who was in the process of getting a divorce. **AFP**

## Two more arrests in Nice truck massacre

PARIS - French police yesterday arrested a man and a woman with ties to the man behind a truck ramming attack claimed by the Islamic State group, a judicial source said.

Five other people are already in custody, including the estranged wife of Mohamed Lahouaiej-Bouhlel, a Tunisian with no apparent links to extremism and who is said to have been radicalised very quickly. Lahouaiej-Bouhlel was shot dead by police after he rammed a truck through a crowd celebrating France's Bastille Day in the resort city of Nice, leaving 84 dead and about 300



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**EXCITEMENT:** In the latest display of Pokemon Go-inspired excitement, Central Park was brought to a standstill as gamers (top left) jumped out of their cars and ran towards the rare Vaporeon while bemused bystanders (main) looked on. This comes after British Pokemon Go users went into meltdown after having problems logging into the reality mobile game due to high demand. It is thought the game's servers have been unable to cope with the amount of people attempting to access the app since it was released in the UK on Thursday morning. (AP)

## BRIEFS

### Gang of 100 protesters march

LONDON - A baying mob of masked anarchists have marched on Boris Johnson's house and clashed with police while threatening to kill the new Foreign Secretary. The gang of about 100 protesters assaulted officers, set off smoke bombs and chanted slogans outside the property in North London on Friday evening. At least nine officers maintained a cordon outside the front door of the four-storey, £2.3 million home while protesters paraded a banner featuring Mr Johnson's face and the rope and blade of a guillotine. **Dailymail**

### 161 die in coup bid, 2 839 held - PM

TURKEY - Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said Saturday 161 people were killed in the coup attempt against the government, with 2,839 soldiers now detained on suspicion of involvement. Yildirim, speaking outside his Cankaya palace in Ankara and flanked by top general Hulusi Akar who was held during the coup attempt, also described the putsch bid as a "black stain" on Turkish democracy. He added that 1,440 people had been wounded. The toll 161 did not include the assailants, he emphasised. Turkey's acting army chief Umit Dundar had earlier said 104 putschists had been killed. **AFP**

### Three injured after flight hits turbulence

TORONTO —

Three people including two flight attendants were injured after a Porter Airlines flight hit severe turbulence prior to landing here. In a statement released to local media, the airline said Porter Airlines Flight 720 departing from Washington D.C. encountered the turbulence before landing at Toronto's Billy Bishop Airport at around 11 a.m. local time. As a result, two flight attendants sustained "minor turbulence-related injuries" and were transported to hospital for treatment. One passenger also required medical assistance on scene for a minor scrape sustained during the rough air. **Africa News Agency**



### World leaders express support for Turkey

TURKEY - World leaders expressed support for Turkey and its democratic institutions on Saturday after the government quashed an attempted military coup. Italian Foreign Minister Paolo Gentiloni said Turkish authorities must do their utmost to ensure "respect for the rule of law, of fundamental rights and of parliament's role" following the failed military coup. In a statement issued by the Foreign Ministry Saturday evening, Gentiloni expressed "relief" that Turkey thwarted what he calls a "military adventure that would have brought the country into chaos with the return of ghosts of the past." **eNCA**

### Murder suspect escapes from courtroom

FLORIDA — The search for a Florida murder suspect who escaped by bolting from a courtroom became nationwide Saturday as a sheriff said it is believed the man is armed and receiving help. Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said Saturday his detectives have information that indicates Dayonte Resiles has obtained a weapon and is getting assistance. Without providing details, Israel said Resiles planned the escape. He said search warrants are being served and the focus remains on South Florida, but Resiles could be anywhere. He said a nationwide alert has been issued. **Africa News Agency**





# KHOLE DITCHES HER OWN SHOW

By Nomfundo Sifundza

IN what was supposed to be an intimate and warm soul session at the Cuba Nora Restaurant in Mbabane, turned to be as cold as a freezing french river as the songstress of the night packed her bags and left her fans hanging.

Singer Kholekile 'Khole' Shabalala had organised and prepared her own show to be held at the Corporate Place Plaza, Cuba Nora restaurant where entrance was free. She was supposed to be featuring another artist known as Nkosi Sibanda who has recently been on the keys during all Khole's performances.



**DITCHES CROWD:**  
Singer Kholekile 'Khole' Shabalala.

Supporters and fellow artists were already seated anticipating the songstress to usher them into the weekend with her brilliant vocal abilities as punctually as 7:00pm as the show was scheduled to start at that time.

Unfortunately that did not happen because, as soon as Khole realised that the sound was not playing in favour of her, she decided to storm out of the restaurant without an explanation to her audience.

Her departure was unnoticed by some of the audience as they were heard asking each other "what time will she start singing?" Until

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International's (SDMI) Jean Pierre freed them of their curiosity.

Making them aware that there would be no more performances on the night due to sound problems, "Ladies and gentlemen we kindly apologise as there will no longer be the show as anticipated tonight, but we will play music from the background that will sound more like what you should have been hearing" he explained.

The disappointed fans soon vacated the restaurant after Pierre's announcement as they had clearly come to show support and be mesmerised by Khole's beautiful voice.

The artist later took to social networking site, Facebook to apologise for ditching her own show as she wrote "I would like to take this moment to send out my deepest apologies to everyone who came out to Cubanora for the warm soul session show. Due to sound issues the show could not take place. My team is already working on the problem and we will soon announce our next appearance"

Some of her Facebook friends showed unshaken support as they commented with soothing words;

**Facebooker 1:**

And I was there to surprise and support you, was so sad!

**Facebooker 2:**

Its cool... stuff happens.

**Facebooker 3:**

Sorry Mpho



DJ Sox and DJ Bongz.



## Umdabula Festival Re-launched

By Nomfundo Sifundza

THE once so popular music festival made a comeback this weekend as it was re-launched alongside a graduation party in Lavumisa- Jozini.

The Umdabula festival was once popular yester year as the Swazi nation would flock to the Lubombo region to savour Swaziland's finest artists.

This past weekend the event was re-launched alongside Thembi Zulu's graduation party,

who graduated from the University of Pretoria.

Spinners that entertained during the night included newlywed DJ Peace, DJ Sox, So What and DJ Bongz.

"As the festival was re-launched an explosive show will be expected from the organiser next year" said a fan, who preferred that his identity not be revealed. The jubilant fan added "this festival used to bring joy to the people of Lavumisa and we certainly hope it is back forever now."

## Miss SD Contestants tattoo a Bible verse

By Phumelele Mkhonta

KEISHA Bullock, the Manzini beauty who made it through to the Top 10 Miss Swaziland's finalists

expressed how the tattoo holds sentimental value for her as it is a Bible verse that she abides by.

This, the beauty said on Saturday at Happy Valley Hotel, Ezulwini, where the finalists were gathered for a photo shoot session.

This was said in response to the expressed questions and wonder for the contestant's tattoo as International standards defy tattooed queens and runner ups.

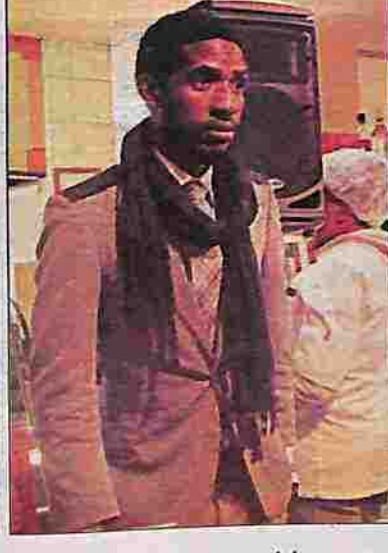
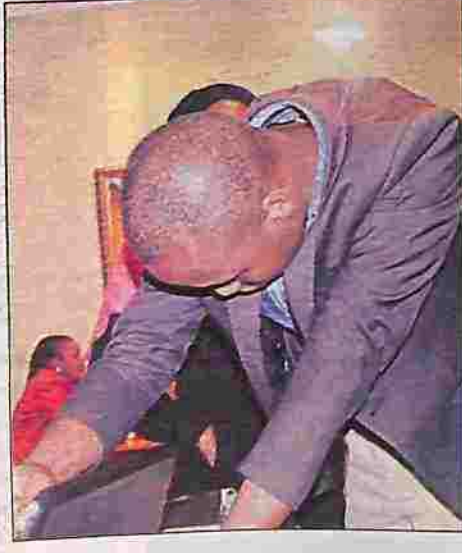
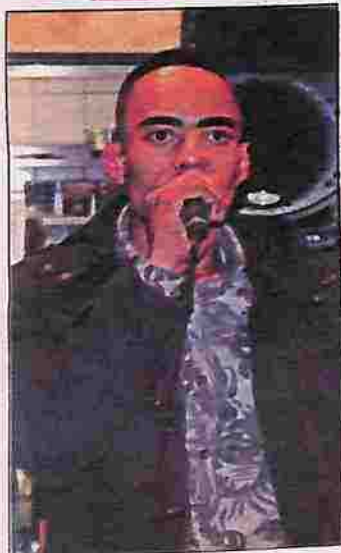
"I will not let this tattoo bully me out of any pageant as it defines who I am. The tattoo is 'Philippians 4verse13' which states that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me; and yes this is me and these

words keep me sane day in and out. I will not allow it to pull me down as I believe anything is possible," said Bullock confidently justifying her inked wrist. The Miss Swaziland committee cleared the air saying the

rules state that tattoos must not be visible and Keisha's is not. They also stated that if Bullock happens to reach the Miss World level she would have to remove or air brush the tattoo.



**HOLY TATTOO:** Keisha Bullock.



**LET ME EXPLAIN:** SDMI's Jean Pierre explaining to the audience that the show would no longer take place due to technical issues after Khole ditched her audience without a word. (C) **WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?** Singer 'Gabriel D' tried to help solve the sound issue, whilst Jean Pierre looked on. (R) **JUST LIKE THAT?:** Khole's pianist Nkosi Sibanda seemed upset after he was left hanging by Khole. (Pics Majaha Nkonyane)



# MEET MISS SWAZILAND'S TOP 10 FINALISTS



**Name:** Kirsten Du Pont, Madonsa, Manzini  
**Age:** 19  
**Occupation:** Pre-School Teacher.



**Name:** Baby Mthinkhulu, Siteki  
**Age:** 21  
**Occupation:** Psychology student at Euro Campus Africa.



**Name:** Lindelwa Hutchinson, Siteki  
**Age:** 20  
**Occupation:** BCom student at UNISWA Kwaluseni.



**Name:** Nomphumelelo Bongiwe Dlamini, Ngculwini  
**Age:** 19  
**Occupation:** Enrolling for BSc in Consumer Science, Luyengo Campus.



**Name:** Tai Naude, Madonsa, Manzini  
**Age:** 18  
**Occupation:** Procurement student at IDM.



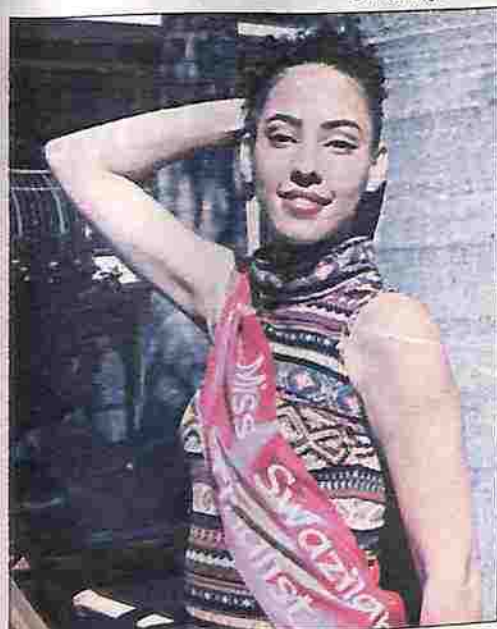
**Name:** Zethu Manana, Matsapha  
**Age:** 17  
**Occupation:** Scholar at Swazi National High School



**Name:** Cebile Sincobile Ntshalintshali, Mdumezulu  
**Age:** 23  
**Occupation:** Studying Industrial Architecture at Girne American University.



**Name:** Anna Dacunah, Mbabane  
**Age:** 22  
**Occupation:** Pre-school Teacher




**Name:** Keisha Bullock, Madonsa, Manzini  
**Age:** 20  
**Occupation:** Student at Hillside College.



**Name:** Quality Dlamini, Mahlabatsini  
**Age:** 20  
**Occupation:** Assistant Pre-School Teacher.

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## HIGHLIGHTS



### MEN IN BLACK

Today 14:00 | SONY (127)

Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith star in this blockbuster as the Men in Black regulators of all things alien on Earth.

With our planet crawling with extraterrestrials cleverly disguised to blend in with the clueless human population, top-secret organisation MiB is charged with monitoring and controlling alien activity while keeping it all a secret.

World-weary Agent K (Jones)

and his enthusiastic young partner, Agent J (Smith), are investigating several mysterious alien deaths with the help of the coolly resourceful Dr. Laura Weaver (Linda Fiorentino), deputy medical examiner of New York.

On the trail of an intergalactic terrorist (Vincent D'Onofrio) with a deadly agenda, K and J face a simple imperative: track down the interloper or the Earth will be destroyed. It's all in a day's work for the Men in Black!



### GADGET MAN

Tonight 21:03 | BBC Brit (120)

Richard Ayoade returns as Gadget Man. Richard has always used gadgets to shield him from the stresses and strains of everyday life, but in this series he's going to be using them to help make other people's lives better,

too, as he tackles four of the most pressing problems of the 21st century.

He'll be using a gobsmacking array of gadgets to do it: from research robots, to prototypes, to the latest ready to buy gadgets from all over the world.

### BREADWINNERS

Today 15:45 | Nickelodeon (305)

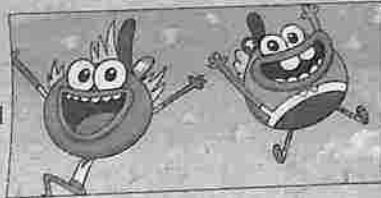
SwaySway and Buhdeuce help their rock idol get his career back on track. SwaySway and Buhdeuce want to impress T-Midi by delivering him the rarest bread in all the Bread Mines - Wolf Head Bread.

Don't miss SwaySway and Buhdeuce as they hatch mischievous plans to have as much fun

as they can while delivering bread across town. In these all-new episodes, the duck duo creates the rarest bread around, Wolf Head Bread, they enter their pet,

Jelly, in the local frog show, and Buhdeuce's plan to clone himself doesn't quite work out as planned! If

you can think it, these two will do it. Follow the bread boys on their latest crazy adventure.



# UNIVERSAL SIGNS MORE TALENT FROM THE VOICE SA

THE talent from M-Net's The Voice SA is taking the local music industry by storm.

Since the hit show's final at the end of May, winner Richard Stirton has already topped the iTunes charts with two number one singles, runner-up Gavin Edwards then followed suit with his song "Sparks" and Zoë Modiga has been entertaining television viewers in a new M-Net Movies brand promo. And this was just the beginning! Universal Music SA announced today that they are signing six more singers from The Voice SA.

The vocalists who clinched Universal Music deals are blind singer Vernon Bamard; Durban's Jono Johansen; family man Jeremy Olivier; Almur Marais, known to many as "Sulfontein", the classically trained opera singer Johan Anker and the supercool Austin Lurring from Pietermaritzburg. This treasure trove of talent joins Richard and Gavin as well as the two ladies who were told in the show's finale that Universal Music wanted them in their stable, Thembeke Mnguni and Zoë Modiga.

"We are delighted by the incredible

talent that has emerged from season 1 of The Voice SA - the show and the talent far exceeded our expectations! We believe that the ten artists that we've chosen to work with represent a good cross section of the SA music landscape, with each one having their own unique sound and personality.

We look forward to working with each one of them," says Kevin Grenfell, head of A&R at Universal Music.

Television viewers are already enjoying Richard's music video of the single "What Tears Me The Most" and the release of Gavin's music video is scheduled for the end of July. Thembeke Mnguni and Jono Johansen are both releasing their debut singles on July 22, while winner Richard Stirton will be releasing his full

debut album in late August.

Earlier this week, Richard Stirton was also named the best winner of The Voice internationally, after a panel was recently tasked to rank winners of the global franchise from 23 different countries. "It's fantastic to see that in its very first season The Voice SA has

provided a platform to kickstart or elevate the careers of phenomenal musicians," says M-Net's Head of Publicity, Lani Lombard. "We're very proud of Richard and his achievements to date and are excited that not only our winner, but so many of the other stars of the show will have the opportunity to make their music dreams come true."



## K.C Undercover Coopers Reactivated

Today 16:25 | Disney XD (304)

Zendaya stars as 16-year-old KC, who learns her parents are spies and expect her to be one, too. So she must cope with life as an agent as well as the problems and pitfalls of teenage life.

In the double episode special entitled "Coopers Re-Activated", having left The Organisation, KC decides to raise her profile at school by being the DJ at the school dance.

What's more, The Jackal has escaped and wants revenge on the Coopers. Can they help recapture him? Season two premieres today.



## LUPITA LOOKS WE LOVE

Actress Lupita Nyong'o's star has been shining bright since she walked away with the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for her role in 12 Years A Slave.

She has moved on to do more great things, including being part of the all-black female cast of the acclaimed Broadway play Eclipsed.

She received a 2016 Tony Award for Best Actress in a Play for her role.





## International Celebrity News

### Selena Gomez crashes car into fence

**NEW YORK** - Selena Gomez just got into a minor fender bender, and it was all caught on video! TMZ captured video



**CRASH: Selena Gomez.**

of the singer trying to back out of a salon's parking lot. Even though her friend tries to help her drive out safely, she accidentally bumps into a fence.

However, it looks like she was

distracted by all of the paparazzi surrounding her, and we don't blame her. There's a lot of commotion going on around her — and most drivers out there on the road don't have to deal with that. We're just happy that she's safe, and didn't get into a serious accident.

*Bangshowbiz.com*

### Bieber admonishes fan for trying to give him gift

**NEW YORK** - Between his

recent fist fight in Cleveland and several cryptic Instagrams, he's been exhibiting some slightly irregular behaviour as of late. And it seems like Justin Bieber's darker side manifested itself again on Friday night during a concert in Atlantic City, New Jersey, when a fan apparently threw a hat at him. The 22-year-old pop



**ADMONISHES: Justin Bieber.**

heartthrob went so far as to stop

his show and talk to the audience

about the practice of giving him gifts on stage, as documented by several Twitter videos.

"Take this moment to listen and try not to give me a hat or whatever you're trying to throw onto the stage right now, because I probably don't want that sh\*\*," he tersely stated, before walking back his comment just a bit with "sorry that was

mean." *Showbiz.com*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

### ISIBAYA

TODAY

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.

**PLANS: Samson.**

### ISIDINGO

TODAY

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.

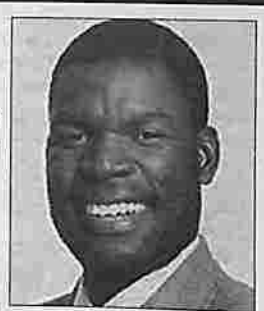


**COVER UP: Nikiwe.**

### Muvhango

TODAY

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



**GETS A VISITOR: Chief Azwindini.**

### RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Lerato is blindsided by Doc and Bong's press conference. Reneilwe lashes out at Mampho for betraying her. Zolani asks Reneilwe out to dinner. David tells Brenda to slow down the process of poisoning Solomon.



**LASHED AT: Mampho.**

### Victoria makes suitably stylish arrival in LA

**LOS ANGELES** - Mission 'move to Los Angeles for the summer' seemed complete on Saturday when matriarch Victoria Beckham made her stylish arrival in the States.

The fashion designer and mum-of-four looked particularly sophisticated in a tweed suit, strutting through LAX airport with her signature pout - giving nothing away as to the Beckhams' plans. he family



**STYLISH ARRIVAL: Victoria Beckham.**

sparked reports that they are bidding farewell to London for good this weekend when removal vans were pictured outside their £31.5m Holland Park home.

Victoria touched down the same day, keeping her head down with her large designer shades on as she walked through arrivals.

She teamed barely-there sandals with a chic long blazer and matching cigarette-cut trousers with a hand in one pocket. *Showbiz.com*

### Gwyneth, Chris Martin finalise divorce two years later

**LONDON** - Gwyneth

Paltrow and Chris Martin have finalised their divorce, more than two years after "consciously uncoupling".

The couple, who are parents to Apple, 12, and Moses, 10, reached a divorce settlement in May and their judgment was entered into a Los Angeles County courthouse last week.

According to a court document filed by the Shakespeares in Love



**DIVORCING: Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin.**

actress earlier this year, the couple have agreed that neither will ever ask for spousal support. The written agreement

also states that the duo has agreed on matters regarding

their property and child support. Gwyneth, 43, and the Coldplay singer, 39, have remained close friends since their break-up in March 2014 and have made co-parenting their two children their main priority. *Hello Magazine*

## SA Celebrity News

### Latifah delights crowd ahead of HIV/Aids conference

**DURBAN** - It was impossible to miss Grammy-winner Queen

Latifah in a 7000-strong sea of neon green T-shirts bearing the word 'promise' as she walked the streets of Durban on Saturday in support of the fight against HIV/Aids. Like her T-shirt proclaimed, Latifah, who arrived in Durban



**IN SUPPORT OF HIV/ AIDS FIGHT: Queen Latifa in Durban streets.**

on Saturday, kept her word and joined marchers from the city's Drive Inn to its CBD as part of non-profit organisation Aids Health Foundation's "Keep the

Promise 2016" march and concert. The event came ahead of the 21st International Aids Conference which starts today. *Times Live*

### Lorna Maseko's divorce announcement at awards show

**JOHANNESBURG** - Various media outlets

are reporting that 'Top Chef SA' host Lorna Maseko on Saturday night confirmed her divorce while presenting an award on stage. Drum magazine reported that the presenter was clearly 'intoxicated' and made some blunders that saw the audience 'cringe'.

The magazine adds that the host of the show, Anne Hirsch eventually tried to grab the microphone away from the presenter



**CONFIRMED: Lorna Maseko.**

as she used the f word, saying she's always wanted to be a rapper.

"During the presentation the presenter revealed that she is newly single and ready to mingle," reports Drum. Grazia tweeted: "Presenter Lorna Maseko confirms her divorce and that she's single and ready to mingle on stage at YOUSpec2016"

Lorna was a presenter at the You Spectacular Awards on Saturday night. She has been unavailable for comment since the incident. *Times Live*

### Vusi Nova tells it all in heartbreak album

**JOHANNESBURG** - There were a few crying

sessions, breaks to recover, and catharsis came as Vusi Nova poured out his soul in the recording studio. The result is 'Naninina' an exceptionally well sung and produced soulful album that depicts a tortured and troubled soul, joyous in places and appreciative in others. The truth of the matter, Nova tells me, is that he has just come



**POURED OUT HIS SOUL: Vusi Nova.**

out of a toxic relationship that took a toll on him.

"The person I was involved with broke my heart. After three and a half years I ended it all, just last month," he confesses. "I've got to a part in my life where I'm not afraid to be vulnerable. There are instances where I

cried, a lot of those, and the engineer Robin Walsh helped me through each and every song." *Sowetan*

### MTV Shuga set to be filmed in South Africa

**JOHANNESBURG** - MTV Shuga is

back for its fifth season and is set to be filmed in South Africa for the first time ever.

The MTV Staying Alive Foundation and MTV Base have appointed Quizzical Pictures as the production company for the upcoming series of the pro-social drama.

Quizzical Pictures, known for dramas like Rhythm City, Hopeville, Intersexions and



**5th SEASON: MTV Shuga cast members.**

Mumlilo, is already in pre-production for the fifth series of the eight-part drama series, which will be shot in

Johannesburg later this year. The series will star South African actress Mohau Mokoatle, in the role of schoolgirl/singer Bong, with numerous new roles still to be cast. *Sowetan*



When someone tells you their baby is 87 weeks old



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

## Capricorn

December 22 – January 19

You feel ready to conquer the world today. Perhaps you have done your homework or prepared the speech or just feel good after a few days of feeling kind of low. There is not only a desire for accomplishing great things but there will probably be many opportunities to partake in life's many puzzles. However, you should be careful in taking any undo risks or thrill-seeking stunts.



## Aquarius

January 20 – February 18

Your moods may fluctuate as much as the weather. Keeping an eye on the tendency to become negative will help you to stay in touch with the things you need to be involved with this day. This is not a good time to make any concrete decisions about a relationship or business deal. Applying yourself to work and helping friends, even in the subtlest manner, should prove successful. This afternoon a little quiet time at home is preferred. You might enjoy working in the garden or reading a book or stopping all activity to just hang out with a young friend and perhaps, feed the ducks.



## Pisces

February 19 – March 20

You display an urge to be recognized by co-workers for your hard work. There is a possibility that supervisors will analyze and summarize job positions and you and your co-workers may chat about the professional realm of life. This is life in the big business world and nothing to do with any individual but involves the general flow of business. Kindness to each other is important during the analyzing as each employee may be a bit sensitive.



## Aries

March 21 – April 19

The energies today show a fluency in communication and sharpen your intellect. You are curious and talkative and adept at solving any problems. There are also indications that you may increase your finances as a result of your communication abilities. Friends or acquaintances discover your gains and may ask for a loan from you.



## Taurus

April 20 – May 20

This is a good time to lead the way on an assignment, for your originality is unusually heightened. Also, a business deal hinges on your being competent and assertive. You are buoyed with plenty of confidence. You and your friends may be planning a fun trip on a riverboat that has gambling or perhaps some other entertainment soon. You may feel that luck is in your corner this week. You could be right. Just doing not become carried away with the moment—walk away with money in your hand.



## Gemini

May 21 – June 21

You may find yourself deep into conversation with groups most of this day. In the morning it may be one group and in the afternoon it could be another group. Mental stimulation from others is important for you right now and it's a good idea to make every effort to cooperate and compromise with others. Any project should be a great



## SUCCESS

## Cancer

June 22 – July 22

This is a productive day to focus, concentrate and get many things accomplished. Caution should be exercised before entering into any type of financial transaction too quickly. You look forward to finding answers and solutions that arise this afternoon and can be quite clever in the way you make any recommendations to update or improve current situations.



## Leo

July 23 – August 22

This is the time to shed away old concepts and ideas and prepare instead for a higher level of consciousness. New insights about your goals in the professional world come to you today. You are apt to spend a considerable amount of time and effort to improve finances, principally through physical or manual activity.



## Virgo

August 23 – September 22

A sudden business trip will open new doors of opportunity. Some business negotiation may be tricky but you have a talent for creating positive compromises. You will be able to complete the needed transaction in good time. This trip may be to a foreign country and could cause a reaction within your family. Reassure them that you will do a bit of research and take the precautions necessary.



## Libra

September 23 – October 23

Today, you tackle a project classified as work. Because this work interests you deeply, you really consider it fun. Status and security goals need rethinking in order to take advantage of changing circumstances. Your career is a focus for this, but your home and family situation are also involved.



## Scorpio

October 24 – November 21

You may receive an offer to work for another place of business this Monday. There could be pressure, but you would be best to educate yourself on the company, the people they sell their wares to and their standing in the community, city or country. Your analytical abilities are good. Projects that require much study may also involve travel to a library or museum. Fresh insight comes to you through mass media news reports—broadcasting, publishing or advertising.



## Sagittarius

November 22 – December 21

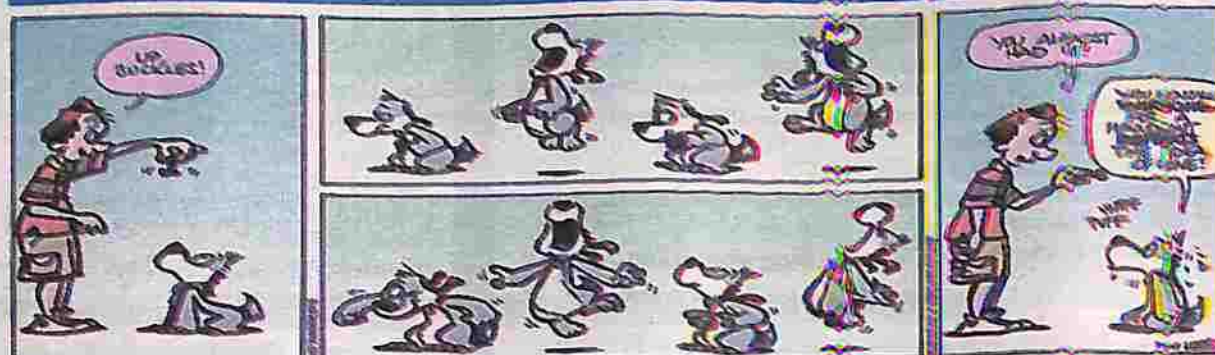
group meeting this morning reveals new information that would cause more study or investigative work to take place regarding some ongoing program or project. You may uncover or find an answer to some reason that there have been delays. Without realizing it someone gives you new insight into the way of finding answers. A long, complicated work matter may have everyone on edge. You may have to talk several people into the idea that the project will just need to take a little more time and patience.



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# SEMENYA, VAN NIEKERK WIN IN MONACO

**MONACO** - South Africa's Caster Semenya coasted to victory in the 800 metres at the Monaco Diamond League in a world leading, personal best and SA record time to underline her status as a heavy favourite for next month's Rio Olympics.

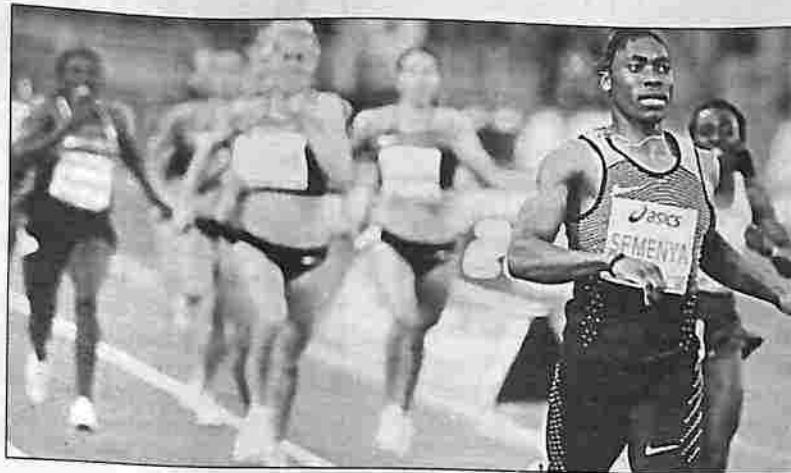
On a subdued evening in Monaco following Thursday's Bastille Day attack in nearby Nice, Dutchwoman Dafne Schippers won the women's 100m while there was a surprise triumph in the men's 1 500m as Kenya's Ronald Kwemai beat Olympic champions Taoufik Makhloufi, Mo Farah and Asbel Kiprop.

There had been doubts as to whether the meeting would take place after a gunman at the wheel of a heavy truck ploughed into a crowd celebrating France's national day in Nice, killing at least 84 people.

A decision was made for the event to go ahead although a statement earlier said the programme would be kept "strictly to the sporting events with no festivities".

Semenya streaked away to finish in 1:55.33, more than a second ahead of her previous world leading time of 1:56.64.

Semenya, who had to undergo gender testing before being cleared to compete as a woman after winning the world championship in 2009, powered away on the home straight to shave 12 hundredths of a



**READY FOR RIO:** South Africa's Caster Semenya.

second off her personal best.

World indoor champion Francine Niyonsaba trailed in second, with Kenya's Jepkoech Eunice in third.

"I was expecting to run under 1:56," Semenya said, before adding that she was looking forward to winning gold in Rio. "You have to believe in yourself and that's what I did today."

South African Wayde van Niekerk, whose gold medal-winning 400m run at the 2015 world championships in Beijing made him the fourth best performer over the distance, meanwhile showed his one-lap form with victory in 44.12sec, the perfect way to celebrate his 24th birthday.

Van Niekerk has made sprint history by becoming the first athlete to

dip under benchmark times in the 100 (9.98), 200 (19.94) and 400m (43.48), but he insists his focus this season is wholly on the one-lap race.

"It was a tough race but I'm taking every small thing as it comes," he said. "This is another opportunity I am given to fine tune my racing. Hopefully by the time the Olympics come, I'll be ready."

Schippers, the heptathlete-turned-sprinter, claimed a dominant win in the 100m, crossing the line in 10.94 seconds, a long way clear of Jamaica's Veronica Campbell-Brown (11.12) and South Africa's Carina Horn (11.14).

"I feel in shape, the race was fine, but the last 20 metres were harder, I could feel it," said Schippers, the world 200 metres champion.

## Barcelona agree new contract with Messi

**BARCELONA** - Barcelona have agreed on a new contract with Lionel Messi's father, handing Luis Enrique's side a massive boost ahead of the start of the new La Liga season.

Messi's current contract at the Nou Camp expires in 2018 and the Catalan giants have made extending the Argentine star's deal their biggest priority.

Now, Spanish media are reporting agreement has been reached with Mundo Deportivo saying Messi's father has accepted Barcelona's proposal to extend the deal.

Messi has endured a difficult summer, dramatically retiring from international football as Argentina were beaten in the final of the Copa America and then being sentenced to 21 months in prison for tax fraud - a punishment he is unlikely to serve.

Barcelona have stood by their star man throughout those difficulties, the club starting a #WeAreAllLeoMessi social media campaign in light of him receiving a supposed jail term.

Since Argentina's final defeat by Chile on penalties, Messi has kept a low profile but as the club's highest-paid player with two

years remaining on his current contract, his importance is undeniable.

A four-time winner of the Ballon d'Or, Messi will be hoping to help Barcelona wrestle back the Champions League crown from bitter rivals Real Madrid next season.

"We need to renew the contract of Messi, as well as lots of other players that we want to stay," Barcelona president Josep Maria Bartomeu said last month.

Barcelona have already added to their squad this summer with the signings of defenders Lucas Digne and Samuel Umtiti while they are also close to securing a deal for young Atletico Madrid forward Luciano Vietto.

But retaining stars such as Messi - Javier Mascherano's deal also expires in 2018 - is also high on the club's agenda.

Messi's partnership with Neymar and Luis Suarez is at the heart of Barcelona's success, with Brazilian Neymar having committed to the club on a fresh five-year deal this month.

Barcelona's new 155 million euros sponsorship deal with Nike begins in 2018 and the cash-rich status of the club means they're able to

ward off interest from other clubs. *Daily Mail*



**DEAL SEALED:** Lionel Messi.

## Club-throwing Rory McIlroy can't shake off 'fourth Beattie'

**LONDON** - Hands buried deep in his pockets, Rory McIlroy walked up the short slope to the green on the Postage Stamp at Royal Troon.

In the grandstand, some spectators adapted the 'Will Grigg's on Fire' song that Northern Ireland football fans made famous at the European Championship and included Rory's name instead. For the first and last time, McIlroy broke into a happy grin.

A minute or two later, he left his putt a few millimetres short so that it hovered on the lip of the hole and stayed above ground.

McIlroy turned round in disgust and stared out at the whitecaps on the Firth of Clyde, and the giant cruise ship that had been anchored off Ayr for most of the day as it sheltered from the weather. Like McIlroy

**NO LUCK:** Rory McIlroy.

at this 145th Open, it was going nowhere fast.

Another shot at winning a major was passing him by. He has not won one of golf's biggest tournaments since the US PGA at Valhalla in the summer of 2014, a drought of what is about to become seven majors.

As his round went on and the putts failed to drop, the most talented player in golf must have had those stupid barbs about how he has become the Fourth Beattie behind Jordan Spieth, Jason Day and Dustin Johnson bouncing around in his brain.

In the end, he snapped. He had carved an errant shot into the crowd on the 15th and

dropped back to level par, 11 shots behind the leader, Phil Mickelson. When he pushed an approach shot to the right on the 16th, he hurled his fair-way

wood into the turf and the head snapped off it. It summed up a day of frustration and disappointment.

"I let one go right on the previous hole with a three iron and I did the exact same thing there," McIlroy said of the moment he threw his club. "So it was basically just a bad swing and no one likes to make the same mistake twice. That's what happened."

"The club-head came loose earlier in the week. I actually had to get that head re-glued, so it was partly to do with that and partly to do with the throw as well. I'll get it re-shafted. The truck's here so I'll have it re-shafted and all will be well in the morning."

Except all will not be well in the morning. McIlroy was cursed by some bad luck at this tournament with a draw that exposed him to the worst of the weather on Thursday and Friday, and in the circumstances he has not played badly. But he also knows that these are his golden years as a golfer and opportunities to underline his greatness are passing him by.

The Fourth Beattie stuff seemed to get to him earlier in the week and no wonder. McIlroy has won four majors already, more than any of the rest of the quartet. As many, in fact, as the rest of them put together. *Daily Mail*

## Marcus Rojo being lined up for loan switch to Villarreal

**MADRID** - Manchester United defender Marcos Rojo is wanted on loan by Spanish side Villarreal.

The Argentina international is one of the players Jose Mourinho may consider offers for following the arrival of Eric Bailly from Villarreal plus return to fitness of Luke Shaw.

Villarreal also face bids from AC Milan for defender Mateo Musacchio and have earmarked Rojo as an option if he can fit into their wage structure. Rojo was signed by Mourinho's predecessor Louis van Gaal in August 2014 for £16million from Sporting Lisbon on a five-

year deal but has struggled to tie down a place in the first team. The Argentina international started just 15 Premier League games last term as United missed out on the Champions League.

It was a season disrupted by a shoulder injury picked up against Watford in December which saw Rojo miss almost three months, but did return to play in the season's closing months and started the FA Cup final win over Crystal Palace.

The 26-year-old moved to Europe with Spartak Moscow from Argentine club Estudiantes in 2011 before a £3.5m switch Sporting a year later. *Daily Mail*





# EXPERIENCED PSL TRIO TO JOIN 'NEW' MOROKA SWALLOWS

JOHANNESBURG - Swallows will buy the top-flight status of Free State Stars, who were campaigning yesterday at Uthukela Mayor Cup in Ladysmith, where they lost 1-0 in the semifinals to Lamontville Golden Arrows.

Swallows, who were relegated in the ABC Motsepe League from National First Division, are waiting for the PSL to give them the go ahead to approve the sale and the club's relocation to Johannesburg.

A source has revealed to Kickoff.com that the contracts of some of the players from Free State Stars will be transferred to Swallows entity as of tomorrow.

row. "Players like Morgan Gould, Bennett Chenene and Manti Mekoa are all also waiting on the wings to join the club," the source revealed. "It's a messy situation as you can see. The

27 Stars

players that were brought here to play in this tournament have been informed of the situation.

"Stars will be buying National First Division side Mthatha Bucks and that will likely happen next week."

## Joining

Stars' players who will be joining Swallows are: Jonny Mathole, Paulus Masehe, Katlego Mashego, Davis Nkausu, Danny Venter, Moeketsi Sekola, Bokang Thlone, Robert Sankara, Angelo Kerspuy and Makhehlani Makhaula.

Stars coach Denis Lavagne's future remains unclear after he just joined the club, but it is believed he will be handled by Swallows' new consortium to buy him out as Gordon Igesund is said to be the preferred choice to coach the club next season. **Kickoff**

**HOPEFUL:** Kaizer Chiefs former player Morgan Gould waiting to join Moroka Swallows.



## IT'S A CHANCE OF LIFETIME - MATHOHO

...is certain he will make a contribution to the South African U23 Olympic team

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs defender, Erick Mathoho, is certain he will make a contribution to the South African U23 Olympic team.

Mathoho and club teammate Itumeleng Khune were the over-age players called up to Owen Da Gama's squad for the Olympic Games next month.

"I am over the moon," Mathoho told the club's official website.

"This is an opportunity of a lifetime. The Olympics is a stage that every player wishes to grace

in their career.

"The Olympics offers one an opportunity to mix with top international athletes."

The 26-year-old added that age is not a factor when it comes to football and is looking to learn from the experience.

"Even though age is a factor in sports, I think current trends show that even players as young as 17 can play in big leagues and teams. I am certain to make a contribution in the squad as well as learn from the experience," he added. **Soccer Laduma**

## Lamontville Golden Arrows beat Free State Stars in Uthukela Cup semifinals

JOHANNESBURG - New signing Wayne Jooste got the only goal of the game but Arrows rode their luck after Stars missed a penalty in an incident that saw midfielder

Nkanyiso Cele sent-off for a second bookable offence.

Coach Clinton Larsen played a number of his new recruits, including striker Lerato Lamola, Kenya

international Clifton Mihesho, Limbikani Mzava and Jooste.

Vuyani Ntanga and Lee Langeveldt were also introduced in the second half as Golden Arrows

had much of the play.

The only goal of the game was scored midway through the second half as Quincy Ngcobo beat a defender and squared for Jooste to

fire home.

Golden Arrows played the local Uthukela side in the final yesterday. Stars played for the bronze medal against Ukhahlamba. **Kickoff**



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#### Required Qualifications, Experience and Skills

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- Understanding of PR and Marketing mediums
- Exceptional verbal and written communication skills
- Outstanding attention to detail
- Able to work cohesively within a team environment and with external partners
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- At least 3 years driving experience
- Ability to judge conflicting priorities

#### Key Accountability Areas:

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## ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP

## CONTE CONFIRMS CUADRADO WILL RETURN TO CHELSEA

London - Antonio Conte has revealed Juan Cuadrado will be a part of his Chelsea revolution.

Colombian attacker Cuadrado, 28, spent last season on loan at Italian side Juventus where he was managed by Conte's compatriot Massimiliano Allegri.

And with the new Stamford Bridge boss clearly a big fan of his abilities, the former Udinese and Fiorentina

man is set to play a part in the Premier League season ahead.

## Clash

"Juan Cuadrado is a Chelsea player," Conte confirmed after watching his new team lose 2-0 to Rapid Vienna in their first pre-season clash.

"He will come back very soon. He's in our squad, I'm very happy to have him and train him. I wanted him when I was a coach at Juventus

and he will come back very soon and train and play with us. Now, he's a Chelsea player and he'll stay with us. If something changes you'll know."

Cuadrado was signed by Jose Mourinho in 2015 but never made an impact with the Blues. He started just four Premier League games, before leaving for pastures new last August.

*Daily Mail*

## Everton looking to sign Leicester City's Kasper Schmeichel

EVERTON - Everton remain keen on Leicester City goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel though the Premier League champions will demand close to £20million.

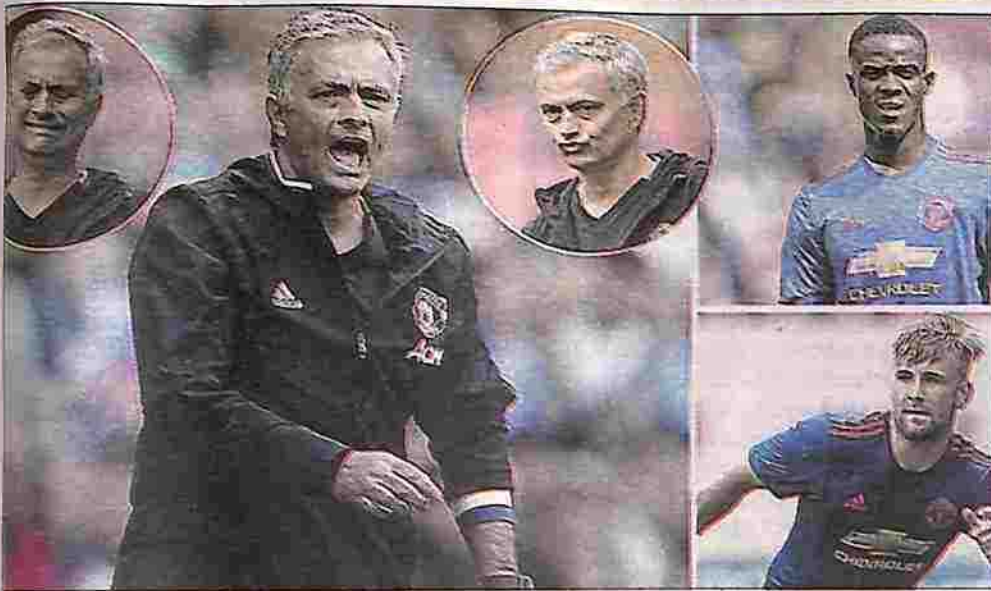
Leicester have been lining up signings in the face of interest in their title-winning side. They signed Nampalys Mendy ahead of selling N'Golo Kante to Chelsea for £30million and signed Ron-Robert Zieler amid interest in Schmeichel.

The 29-year-old has been in discussions over a new contract but may be tempted by Everton's new

project under Ronald Koeman. The Toffees have already signed one goalkeeper this summer in Maarten Stekelenburg and have also been linked with Newcastle United's Tim Krul, who has been made available by the Magpies.

Tim Howard left Everton earlier this summer after a decade on Merseyside and the search for his replacement has proved difficult for the Goodison hierarchy.

As well as Krul, Koeman harbours an interest in Newcastle midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum and is determined to beat Tottenham to it. *Daily Mail*



## Mourinho goes through full range of emotions

MANCHESTER - Jose Mourinho was definitely in the zone on his first appearance as Manchester United manager and his players knew it.

Unlike predecessor Louis van Gaal, Mourinho cajoled

... during first game in charge of Man U

and gestured his way through 90 minutes stationed in the technical area, not a clipboard or notebook in sight.

FA Cup final hero Jesse Lingard was just one of those

on the pitch to feel the force of the new boss's wisdom. The winger will not be caught ball-watching and drifting in from the right-hand touchline again. *Daily Mail*

## Hal Robson-Kanu favouring move to Hull

HULL - Wales hero Hal Robson-Kanu is set to become Hull City's first signing since their return to the Premier League.

Robson-Kanu, 27, is currently away on holiday mulling over a four-year contract offer, which he is understood to favour despite interest from mega-rich Chinese Super League clubs plus Watford, Swansea and Burnley.

Hull manager Steve Bruce was due to speak to the free agent's lawyer father Rechi Kanu on Saturday morning, having kept in close contact throughout the past week.

"I am hopeful but we face a bit of a competition. We have put a proposal to him, and he's gone away to think



about it," said Bruce. Former Reading forward Robson-Kanu's stock has sky-rocketed following his performances at Euro 2016, with his Cruyff-turn and finish in the quarter-final win over Belgium voted goal of the tournament in a BBC poll.

Meanwhile, Bruce could

revive his interest in another Welshman James Chester, 12 months after selling him to West Brom for £8million.

## Fears

Hull need defensive cover amid fears that Moses Odubajo dislocated his knee cap in the goalless draw at Grimsby on Friday night - an injury that would keep him out until the early months of 2017.

"It doesn't look great but we will not know the severity of it until we scan today," confirmed Bruce.

Towering centre-back Lamine Sane is also a target but Hull are yet to agree a fee with French club Bordeaux.

*Daily Mail*



SWAZILAND GOVERNMENT

## INVITATION TO TENDER

## REQUEST FOR TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF CATERING SERVICES

Tender Reference: 90 of 2016 / 17

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development has allocated funds for the procurement / provision of Catering services and it intends to apply the proceeds of these funds for eligible payments under any subsequent contract.

THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE now invites Tenders for the provision of Catering services at the Service training centre. The invitation to tender documents can be obtained from the Fire Service training Centre-Mbabane, from the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016. The documents cost Three hundred Emalangeni, (E300.00) only, and payable at the Treasury Building, Mhlambanyatsi Road, Mbabane Revenue Office, under Head 26/1101/21132 (payment is non-refundable).

A pre-tender meeting will be held at the training centre on the 03<sup>rd</sup> August 2016, at 09:00 hours. Attendance is compulsory, and Tenderers are urged to forward receipts as proof of payment.

Your company is hereby invited to submit a tender for the above mentioned procurement at the latest 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2016. It is not permissible to transfer this invitation to any other firm. The Tenderer shall follow the instructions in the attached invitation to Tender document and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, which must be marked as follows: 'The Secretary to National Tender Board, Treasury Building, Mhlambanyatsi Road, Mbabane'; 'Fire and Emergency Service (training Centre) Mbabane; Tender No. 90 of 2016/2017, 'Supply and Delivery of catering services'. Do not open envelopes before 9.00 hours, on the 19th August 2016, of catering service.

The completed tenders must be delivered to the offices of the National Tender Board, Treasury Building, and Mhlambanyatsi Road, Mbabane, Swaziland

## The deadline for submission of tenders

The deadline for submission of tenders shall be 9.00 AM on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Any tenders received after this deadline, telegraphic, electronic and faxed proposals will not be considered.

## Tender opening

The opening of tenders shall be on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016, at 10.00 AM at the National Tender Board, Treasury Building, and Mhlambanyatsi Road, Mbabane, Swaziland

The following documents must accompany the Tender:

- Certified copy - Trading license
- Certified copy - Tax Clearance certificate
- Certified copy - Form C
- Certified copy - Form J
- Certified copy - Labour Compliance certificate
- Certified copy - certificate of Incorporation
- Letter of declaration of eligibility
- Tender Form and price Schedule
- Manufacturers Letters
- Certified copy - SNPF Registration certificate.
- Certified copy - SNPF Compliance certificate
- Original General Receipt of E300
- Tender Security

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any proposal.

For further information please contact in writing: Mr. Ndumiso Sigwane, Divisional Officer - P.O. BOX 773 Mbabane, Swaziland. (Email address: mnsigwane@yahoo.co.uk)



# 'BOLT BEATING GATLIN NOT GOING TO SAVE ATHLETICS'

RIO - Here on a strip of indoor running track some 40 miles north of Dallas, could be glimpsed the quirkiest running style that has ever propelled a prodigy to Olympic legend.

The head and back remained as still and straight as the Statue of Liberty herself. The body was lean and every movement was a clear picture of meticulous attention.

We were visiting Michael Johnson's home state of Texas 20 years on from that night in Atlanta, Georgia, when his short stride pitter-pattered itself to the never-before, never-again double of 200 and 400 metres gold. "This man," declared David Coleman, "surely is not human."

Those Games had been tarnished by commercialism, inefficiency and jingoism, and even pipe bombings, by the time, on the 14th day, Johnson took his second title in

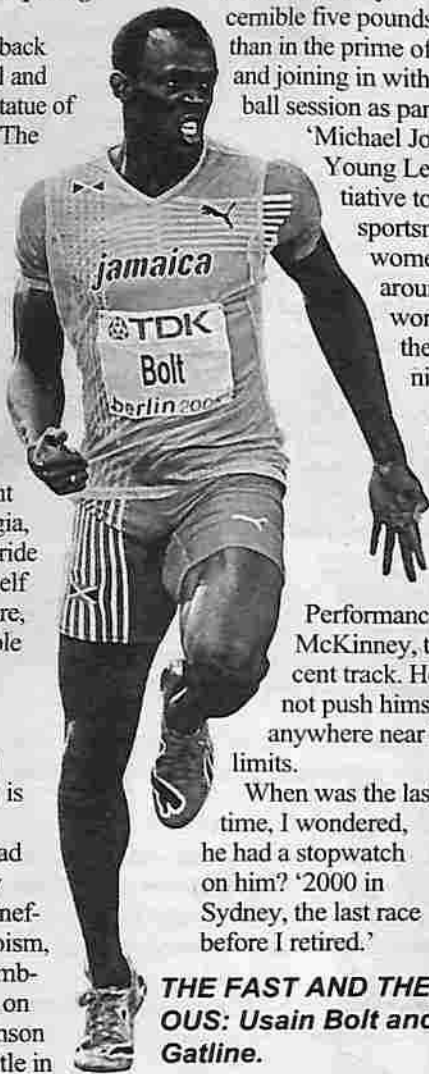
19.32sec, smashing his own 200m world record to smithereens.

He was 28 and the saving face of those cursed Olympics. Now he is 48, still only an indistinguishable five pounds heavier than in the prime of his career, and joining in with a basketball session as part of his 'Michael Johnson Young Leaders' initiative to support sportsmen and women from around the world helping their communities.

When the basketball is over they cross his eponymous Performance Center, in McKinney, to the adjacent track. He does not push himself anywhere near his limits.

When was the last time, I wondered, he had a stopwatch on him? '2000 in Sydney, the last race before I retired.'

**THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS: Usain Bolt and Justin Gatlin.**



By his standards, he merely jogs and so one of the young sports leaders, a 20-year-old college rugby player from Los Angeles called Noah Trotter, can tell his grandchildren that he beat Michael Johnson.

On the walls of the Center, in glass cabinets, hang the running suits Johnson wore at three Olympics, in Barcelona, Atlanta and Sydney. There is also a pair of gold shoes — not the gold shoes, but a later version. The ones from 1996 have been auctioned off.

Enough about the old days. What about the human glories and the drugs horrors of modern athletics?

First for discussion: the man who succeeded him as the king of the track, Usain Bolt, now aged 29. Can he add

a third set of 100m and 200m golds to his collection, despite the hamstring tear that recently caused him to call in his Munich-based doctor, Hans Muller-Wohlfahrt, and raised fears about his participation in Rio itself?

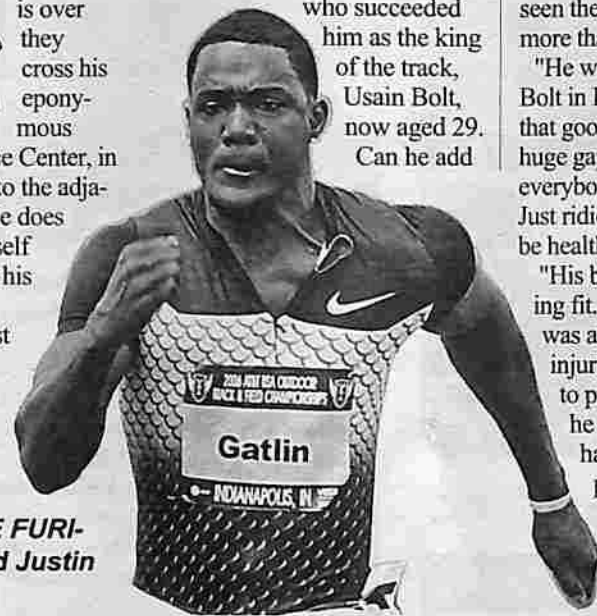
Bolt is due to run in the Anniversary Games in London on Friday, effectively a fitness test for Rio. Assuming he is fit, can he run 100m in sub 9.10sec in Rio and obliterate his own world record of 9.58sec, as he believes is possible?

"I'd be careful in saying that sub 9.10 is not imaginable," said Johnson. "Ultimately someone will do that. But I don't believe Bolt is going to. I think we have seen the best of him. Which is more than enough."

"He won't need to be the best Bolt in Rio because he is just that good. The best Bolt puts a huge gap between himself and everybody else on the planet. Just ridiculous. He only needs to be healthy. If he is, he wins."

"His biggest challenge is staying fit. As history indicates, he was always likely to get injuries this year and if I had to predict what will happen, he gets injured, he won't have much time to compete, he won't have much time to recover."

*Daily Mail*



## Thierry Henry still dreams of managing Arsenal

LONDON - Thierry Henry still dreams of managing Arsenal one day despite opting to give up his role with the Gunners' Under 18 side in order to continue his television career with Sky Sports.

Sportsmail's Charles Sale revealed on July 11 how Arsene Wenger had laid down an ultimatum to Henry - that he must relinquish his £4million a year deal with Sky Sports and commit to the club full-time, or leave.

Henry opted to move on, despite offering to work as the club's Under 18 assistant manager for free and being in the process of completing his Pro Licence with the Gunners.

He will now continue to work on his coaching badges away from Arsenal but, when asked whether he still dreamed of managing the club one day, Henry told The Sun: "I would be lying if I said it wasn't a wish that I have because I love Arsenal."

"The game is my passion and always will be."

"I would like to manage but I am far from it. Although I am able to manage any team now I would still like to pass my Pro License that I'm working on to give me a better all-round knowledge. I am in the process of doing that."

"That is how it is, it was a dilemma that wasn't really a dilemma. I have to work. I respect the decision and if I can't complete my hours there, then I will do it somewhere else. It isn't an issue."

Henry's role with the Under 18s side is set to be taken on by another Arsenal legend, Tony Adams. The former England captain has been taking sessions with the club's youngsters in recent months and is in talks with the club about a formal role, which would see him work alongside Under 18s manager Kwame Ampadu.

Following his retirement from playing in 2002, Adams had spells in charge of both Wycombe and Portsmouth before taking charge of Azerbaijani club Gabala FK.

*Daily Mail*

## Zaha scores but leaves the field on crutches

CINCINNATI - Wilfried Zaha found the net as Crystal Palace beat Cincinnati 2-0 on their pre-season tour of North America, but there was concern at the final whistle as the forward left the field on crutches and with his foot encased in a protective boot.

After Jordan Mutch had driven home Palace's opener from outside the box after nine minutes, Zaha beat his man on the edge of the area and fired a well-placed shot into the bottom corner to complete a comfortable victory for his side in the second half.

But his game ended after 72 minutes, when a firm challenge from Cincinnati right back Jamie Dell saw Zaha tweak his ankle before he was replaced by Jacob Berkeley-Agyepong.

While manager Alan Pardew was not overly happy with the

challenge which led to Zaha's departure, he doesn't believe the injury to be particularly serious.

"It was a little bit disappointing it was a heavy challenge," Pardew told the South London Press.

"It was a clumsy one, really. We hope he's OK. He should be OK. We don't think it's too serious."

The game was played in front of a crowd of 35,061 at Nippert Stadium - the largest ever attendance for a football match in the state of Ohio - with the United Soccer League side holding their own despite only playing their first competitive game in April this year. It was the hosts who had the first chance as Paul Nicholson burst forward and fired a 20-yard shot which Palace goalkeeper Alex McCarthy had to tip over the bar. *Daily Mail*

## 'Hazard will be as good as Messi, Ronaldo'

LONDON - Antonio Conte will not fail for lack of ambition at Chelsea.

The 46-year-old Italian put in his first public appearance at the club last week after a week of holiday following Italy's exit from Euro 2016.

And though there was an element of nervousness and vulnerability about him surrounding his English language skills, he is already significantly better than Fabio Capello ever was.

And given his propensity for rich metaphors and bold claims, he is a man who will not be misunderstood in England. The targets he has set for his players are clear: be the best. By which he means, with presumably the likes

of Eden Hazard in mind, be as good as Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo. "I think that Chelsea have players who can become top, top, top players," said Conte. "I think

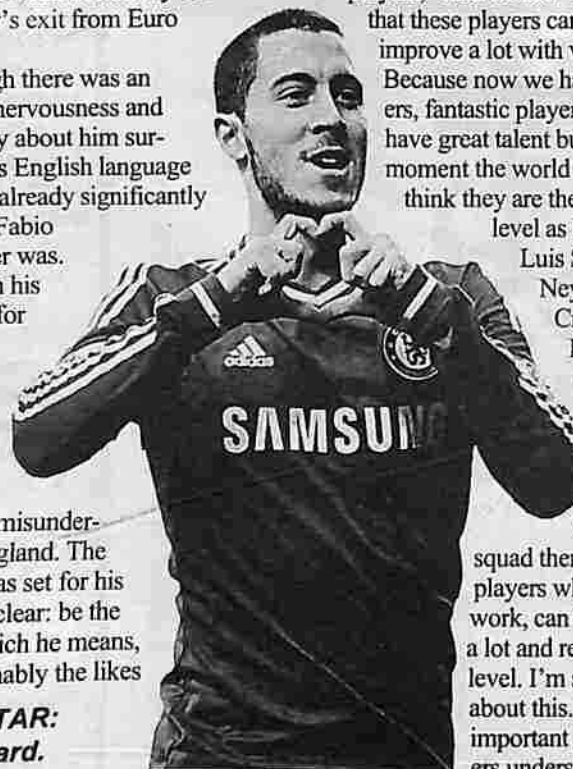
that these players can still improve a lot with work. Because now we have players, fantastic players, who have great talent but in this moment the world doesn't think they are the same level as Messi,

Luis Suarez, Neymar, Cristiano Ronaldo or Paul Pogba.

"But I think that in

our squad there are players who, with work, can improve a lot and reach this level. I'm sure about this. It's important the players understand this."

**RISEING STAR: Eden Hazard.**



There is the ability to work, to prove and to show that, now I am a top player, but I want to become top, top, top player and I want to stay there."

"This is important. The mentality is important. The heart is important, patience and the will to improve is very important and in this case it's important for the manager to take the best players and try to improve them." It is perhaps a message most directly aimed at Hazard, the player of the year in 2014-15, and seemingly on the cusp of being one of the world's great players, yet a crushing disappointment in 2015-16.

Even at Euro 2016, though he appeared to be coming to life against the Republic of Ireland and Hungary, his tournament ultimately ended in disappointment with the 3-1 defeat by Wales.

Conte, who started training last week at Chelsea, had already spoken with Hazard and appears confident about which player we will see this season. "I think last season was bad for all the players," he said. "It's incredible that Chelsea finished 10th in the table."

*Daily Mail*



# Colin Montgomerie refuses to rule out return to The Open

LONDON - Colin

Montgomerie refused to call time on his career at The Open Championship after signing off at Royal Troon.

The veteran Scot finished on 17 over par for the tournament after shooting a final-round 76 on his home links in South Ayrshire.

It has been a poignant week for Montgomerie, with the event taking place just a few minutes' walk from his childhood home and with the 53-year-old being granted the honour of hitting the first shot.

But after coming through qualifying to secure a first appearance at The Open in six years, there have been suggestions it could be his last on this stage.

Montgomerie, who has famously never won a major title despite dominating the European golfing scene in the 1990s, accepts time is not on his side but he will not give up.

He said: "You've got to be real-



GOING NO WHERE: Colin Montgomerie.

istic and think that it might well be the last time I'm here at an Open - I'd love to think it won't be. I've always loved playing in this championship.

My Open record isn't that great really. I haven't really performed

that well, but at the same time I've always enjoyed the whole theatre of the thing and hopefully this won't be my last.

I'd love to think that I can do this again and try and qualify again."

Montgomerie's championship looked to be over after he finished on Friday but, as others struggled in poor weather later in the day, his four-over-par total made the cut.

His extra two rounds did not go according to plan, but he was pleased with the way he finished with six successive pars yesterday having been the first man out. His fine approach to the 18th earned him a good ovation from the few fans to have taken their seats early as he walked up to the green, but he was unable to end with a birdie.

He was all smiles as he tapped in and retained his good humour as he conducted media interviews.

"I'm the leader in the clubhouse again, for the second time this week," he joked. "So if everything goes really badly... you never know. They say it's not finished until the last putt is holed!"

DALY MAIL

## Adam Johnson looks to make £300 000 profit

...as he puts his five-bedroom 'family home' on market for £1.9m

LIVERPOOL - Paedophile footballer Adam Johnson could be set to make a £300 000 profit after putting his five-bedroom home on the market for almost £1.9million.

The former Sunderland and Manchester City midfielder is currently behind bars after being found guilty of sexual activity with a 15-year-old girl earlier this year.

Now it is understood the 29-year-old is selling his property in Castle Eden, County Durham, which he is believed to have paid £1.5million for in October 2012.

He lived at the 'family home' with girlfriend Stacey Flounders and their daughter Ayla, but the couple split during the court proceedings and Miss Flounders is understood to have moved out after Johnson began his sentence. The property is set in grounds of 2.2 acres, and is being marketed by Fine and Country, who describe it as a home of 'prestige and rarity'.

A listing description said: 'Meeting all the requirements of privacy and security and with close to 8 000sq ft of accommodation, it is truly unique and is the kind of property to which many aspire.'

'Its beautiful woodland setting offers around 2.2 acres of peace and tranquillity and its contemporary layout is complemented by the highest quality fixtures and fittings in a design-led interior.'

The home was designed in 2009 by award-winning architect Colin Wardle of firm Design Two. It features French doors, Italian stone flooring, under-floor heating throughout and stone spiral staircases.

All five bedrooms are doubles with en suite bathrooms, while three have their own separate dressing rooms. The England disgraced winger's sister Faye posted a message on Twitter, saying: "Absolutely devastated that the single judge has rejected my brother's appeal against sentence and conviction." Daily-mail

## Ronaldo will win Ballon d'Or - Neymar

BARCELONA - FC Barcelona superstar, Neymar, has revealed who he thinks should win this year's Ballon d'Or.

The Brazilian's club teammate, Lionel Messi won the accolade for the record fifth time last year, after Barcelona clinched the treble. However, the Selecao forward believes that Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo should win this year's Ballon d'Or award.

"Winning titles plays a big role in the race for the Ballon d'Or," Neymar told Lance!.

"Ronaldo won the Champions League and now Euro 2016 as well. So I reckon he is in a good position.

"Plus Ronaldo is a great



PREDICTION: Neymar Reveals his Ballon d'Or winner will be Cristiano Ronaldo.

player. I have no qualms in saying that."

The Portuguese captain has already won the prestigious

award three times, but finished second in the voting to Messi for last year's award. SoccerLaduma

## Nani shows off capoeira skills

VALENCIA - Former Manchester United winger Nani showed off his impressive capoeira skills at his unveiling at his new club, Valencia.

If you didn't know it already, the Portuguese forward has joined the La Liga outfit after an impressive season with Fenerbahce.

At the 29-year-old's unveiling, he performed an ancient Brazilian martial art in front of the cameras and fans who came to welcome him to the club.

The forward performed this dance with other Capoeira artists and was actually pretty good at it!

soccerLaduma



IMPRESSIVE: Former Manchester United winger Nani shows off capoeira skills at Valencia unveiling.

## Finland set to return to MotoGP calendar

FINLAND - Finland is set to host a MotoGP round in 2018, the country's first appearance on the calendar since 1982, while Germany has agreed a contract extension until at least 2021, promoters Dorna said yesterday.

Dorna said in a statement that agreement had been reached for Finland's KymiRing, a circuit under construction at Tillola near the city of Kouvola, to be approved in time for the 2018 season.

Finland hosted motorcycle grands prix in Tampere and Imatra between 1962 and 1982.

The late Jarno Saarinen, who died at Monza in Italy in 1973, is the only Finn to have won a motorcycle grand prix world championship, in 250cc in 1972.

Dorna also announced, in a statement issued at the German Grand Prix at Sachsenring, a new five-year deal for Germany to remain on the calendar.

"We and the ADAC (German Automobile Club) will be making a joint announcement in the next few weeks concerning the venue for the German MotoGP round," said Dorna chief executive Carmelo Ezpeleta.

ADAC sports president Hermann Tomczyk said negotiations were ongoing for the Sachsenring to remain the venue.

Reuters

## FC Barcelona, the most valuable club on the web

BARCELONA - FC Barcelona is the best in the business when it comes to digital and economic presence in the world of sport, according to a recent study released by Hookit, which is included in Forbes Magazine.

The study shows that Barça has the most valuable social media presence, worth \$25 million.

As Forbes explains in its article, FC Barcelona tops each of the three categories in the study.

With its promotion of campaigns using hashtags, mentions, brand image and engagement, it is the club with the most followers around the world.

The study estimates that FC Barcelona has 148 million fans on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, but if all platforms are counted, the Club has more than 200 million.

The number of interactions with fans stands 1.45 billion - made up of likes, shares, comments and retweets

- more than double that of Real Madrid, in second place in the standings. Barça, top of each of three categories in the Hookit study, is way ahead of its competitors, in football and in the rest of the world of sport.

Among the top 10 are other top football clubs like Manchester United and Bayern Munich, but also NBA sides like the Los Angeles Lakers and the Warriors. fcBarcelona.com







# MBABANE SWALLOWS TROPHY PARADE

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**SWAY SWAY!** Swallows players posing with some of their fans during the trophy parade held at Mpaka, Siteki and Big Bend on Saturday. (Pics: Sabelo Majola)



**RED AND WHITE:** Swallows fans posing in front of the four trophies.



**OH HAPPY DAY:** Swallows supporters dancing up a storm at Mpaka.



**THERE YOU GO:** Birds skipper Tony 'TT' Tsabedze helping Cassandra Dlamini from Siteki put on her cap after winning it.



**ALL GOLD:** Some of the fans captured holding the Ingwenyama MVA Cup.



**SWALLOWS PRIDE:** The supporters could not keep their hands off the trophies for picture moments.



**MINGLING WITH THE STARS:** Wonder 'Samba-Jive' Nhleko pictured with the fans.



**SOCCER BABES:** Some of the cheerleaders displaying the trophies.



**GROUP PIC:** Swallows players together with 'Birds' cheerleaders posing for a group photo.



**NOT LEFT OUT:** Even the elderly came out and embraced the moment.



# MRFA PRIZE PRESENTATION



**WELL DONE:** Fairview Cosmos' Themba Thwala receiving the trophy from Total's Bethu Baartjies and Vincent Shabalala. Looking is MRFA Chairman Samora Simelane during the prize presentation held at the association's premises in Manzini on Thursday. (Pics:Sanele Jele)



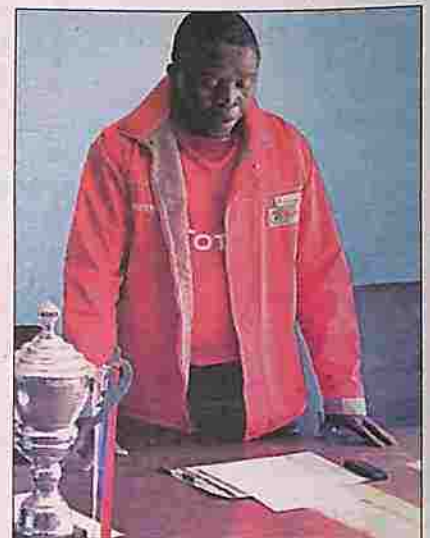
**GOOD JOB:** MRFA Chairman, Samora Simelane, Total's Bethu Baartjies, Fairview Chiefs Representative Lusekwane Dlamini and Total's Vincent Shabalala displaying the trophy.



**YOU DESERVE IT:** Hub Sundowns' Ambrose Dlamini (second from the left) receiving the trophy from sponsors.



**ATTENTIVE:** A section of those who attended the event listening to speeches.



**INITIATIVE:** TOTAL's Shabalala making his remarks.



**ADDRESS:** MRFA Secretary Njabulo Mabuza making his remarks while Simelane, Baartjies and Shabalala look on.



**EMISSARIES:** Representatives from different companies following proceedings.



**THERE YOU GO:** Dlamini receiving medals from Shabalala.



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## football talk

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● New Everton boss Ronald Koeman is keen on bringing in Ivory Coast striker Wilfried Bony, 27, as part of a £50m swap deal which could see centre-back John Stones, 22, move to Manchester City. (*Sunday Mirror*)

● West Ham are considering a move for Real Madrid and Colombia attacking midfielder James Rodriguez, 25, with the Spanish club wanting £67m. (*Marca*)

● Chelsea are planning to add to the signing of Leicester and France midfielder N'Golo Kante, 25, by going back to the Foxes to try to sign 25-year-old Algeria winger Riyad Mahrez. (*Sunday Express*)

● Kante's arrival at Chelsea could also signal the departure of midfielder Nemanja Matić from Stamford Bridge, with Italian club Juventus hopeful of signing the 27-year-old Serb. (*ESPN*)

● Leicester City could also lose head of recruitment and assistant manager Steve Walsh as Everton want to bring him in as sporting director. (*Sunday Telegraph*)

● Red Devils midfielder Jesse Lingard, 23, is in talks over a new £40 000-a-week deal with the club. (*Sunday Mirror*)

● New United boss Jose Mourinho wants to sign Monaco and Brazil right-back Fabiano, 22, in a deal which could be worth £22m. (*Sun on Sunday*)

● Defender Laurent Koscielny, 30, and Arsenal have stalled in their talks over a new £90 000-a-week contract, with Bayern Munich interested in the France international. (*Sunday Express*)

● Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp has defensive concerns and the Reds have contacted Barcelona about centre-back Jeremy Mathieu, 32. (*Le Parisien via Sun on Sunday*)

● West Ham striker Diafra Sakho, 26, has refused to travel with the team to their Austria training camp as the Senegal player looks to push through a move away. (*Mail on Sunday*)

● Crystal Palace manager Alan Pardew wants a reunion with Newcastle and France midfielder Moussa Sissoko, 26, but is unwilling to meet the £35m asking price. (*Sunday People*)

● Liverpool are looking to keep full-back Jon Flanagan, 23, despite the player being linked with a loan move to Brendan Rodgers' Celtic. (*Liverpool Echo*)

● Southampton and Serbia midfielder Dušan Tadić, 27, is wanted by Bundesliga side Schalke if their Germany forward Leroy Sané, 20, completes a £42m move to Manchester City. (*Mail on Sunday*)

# STA FOCUSES ON LOCAL COMPETITION AFTER ZIM TRIP CANCELLATION

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER – THE Swaziland Taekwondo Association will now be looking at staging more local competitions to prepare for the World Junior Championships to be held in October in Canada.**

This comes after the late cancellation of the 'Zimbabwean Taekwondo Competition' which was scheduled for the past week-

end. The event has since been pushed to September.

STA will now have to devise strategies to keep the national team busy ahead of the World Junior Championships.

STA Secretary Sandile Mchunu said they would now stage more domestic

tournaments to help the artists prepare for the upcoming international competitions.

"We are hosting the U-Tech High School competition this coming Saturday as we want to

keep the artists in shape. We are inviting other local teams to bring players especially youngsters

whom we want to assess for the world championships."

He said they would definitely attend the Zimbabwe competition to be held in September.

"The Zimbabwe tournament will be part of our World Championships preparation to try and make sure that the country competes effectively at the biggest stage," he said.

STA is fresh from hosting the Junior National Championships held three weeks ago at the Bosco Skills Centre.



## SRIC Business League in full swing on Wednesday

By Sibusiso Masilela

**GOLF – THE Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) Business League will be in full swing on Wednesday.**

The teams are still fighting

for a slot in the Champions League to be held in August.

The games will be played at the Royal Swazi Sun golf course, starting at 1:30am.

Both pool A and Pool B teams will be playing.

Pool A will see log leaders Pots Construction looking to

extend their good form at the expense of Liberty Life.

Second-placed Previc will play against SGU. The remaining teams from the two pools will take part in the Consolation League also set to take place in August.

### THE FULL FIXTURE

1/2nd Africa Chicks vs Go Big  
3/4th Pots Construction Vs Liberty  
5th SEC vs RSP  
6/7th Royal Swazi Vs MTN  
8th Easigas vs Ladies  
9th Previc vs SGU Team  
10th SRIC vs Swd Beverages  
12th Kukhanya vs Ecsponent  
13th African Alliance vs Galp  
15/16th Standard Bank vs Irish Swazi Enterprises  
17th Central Bank vs Manyatsi Nhleko Q S

#### Log standings

##### Pool A

1. Pots Construction – 25pts  
2. Previc – 22pts  
2. Africa Chicks – 22pts  
4. SGU team – 21pts

4. Go Big – 21pts  
6. RSP – 19pts  
7. SEC – 18pts  
8. Liberty – 14pts  
9. Easigas – 13pts  
10. MTN – 12pts  
11. Royal Swazi – 9pts  
12. Ladies – 4pts

##### Pool B

1. SRIC – 33pts  
2. Swaziland Beverages – 27pts  
3. African Alliance – 23pts  
4. Central Bank – 20pts  
5. Standard Bank – 17pts  
6. Manyatsi Nhleko Q S – 15pts  
7. Ecsponent – 14pts  
8. Irish Swazi Enterprises – 12pts  
9. Kukhanya – 7pts  
10. Galp – 4pts

## NNAS president grateful to 'Your Advantage Sports'

By Sanele Jele

**NETBALL – THE National Netball Association of Swaziland (NNAS) has lauded Your Advantage Sports for donating a kit to the national Under-21 team.**

Accepting the kit, NNAS President Mandisa Sgudla said they were happy to see companies supporting the national team. "We are grateful to Your Advantage Sports for this kind gesture and we can only promise to represent the country well during tournaments." She said the kit came at the right time when they needed it. "We will be leaving for Botswana this week for the African World Cup qualifiers and we needed this kit so much. The players will be highly motivated going into this tournament." Sgudla said he was hoping that more companies



**GENEROUS: NNAS President Mandisa Sgudla, Your Advantage Sports Director Herman Jele, Under 21 captain Fisokuhle Dlamini and NNAS secretary Simangele Motsa during the donation of an Admiral full set netball kit held in the company's premises last Wednesday. (Pic: Sanele Jele)**

would follow suit. "I hope other companies will copy from Your Advantage Sports and help in the development of netball in the country." YAS Director Herman Jele said the donation was made possible through their partnership with Admiral South Africa. "We were inspired by the executive committee's

passion in this sport and we felt this would come in handy as they will take part in the World Cup qualifiers in Botswana," Jele said.

The tournament is slated for Botswana, starting from July 23 to 30. Three countries will qualify for the Netball World Cup to be held in Botswana next year.

## Scandza maintains good run in MRPA

By Sibusiso Masilela

**POOL – SCANDZA maintained their good run in the Manzini Regional Pool Association after beating Gundwini 21-4 during the Manzini Zone encounter played on Saturday.**

The Siphofaneni based side has kept a clean sheet in the new campaign following their victory over newcomers George Hotel in their previous outing.

It proved to be a bad weekend for Gundwini as they also went down 5-20 to Bel Air by 5-20 in their second match of the day.

The Matsapha zone saw Police College beating Figaredo 16-9, who then rediscovered their momentum to beat Lions 14-11 in their second match.

Action continued in the Malkerns zone where Macembe trounced Bhunya 15-10 while Way Inn brushed aside Stairs, beating them 20-5.

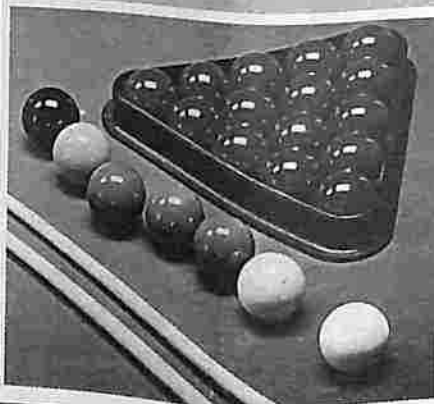
MRPA Chairman Muntu Dlamini confirmed the results yesterday.

He said they would be releasing the logs today.

"We are happy with the progress in the three zones and we would like to thank teams for displaying the spirit of fair play in all the encounters," he said.

#### Full results:

Manzini Zone			
Gundwini	2	Bel Air	20
Gundwini	4	Scandza	21
Malkerns Zone			
Nicks	14	M. Eagles	11
Mankayane	17	Sun of Kings	8
Stairs	5	Way Inn	20
Bhunya	27	France	18
Matsapha Zone			
Police College	16	Figaredo	9
Lions	11	Figaredo	14
Tigers	16	Garison	9





# HRFA announces close to E1million income

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER - THE Hhohho Regional Football Association (HRFA) has accumulated close to E1million income in their last financial year.**

This was revealed during the Annual General Meeting held at Mhlathane High School.

The event was graced by FA President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa and close to 500 representatives.

According to the organisation's financial statements as at June 30, 2015 presented by the HRFA Treasurer Linda Mnisi, the association recorded E929 298, which shows an over E204 000 increase from last year's E724 569.

The income mainly came from sponsorships, player's registration and affiliation fees.

Fines and protests also contributed to the total income.

In the previous year, the monies for fines stood at E57 505.

Noteworthy though is that the affiliation fee is less by E7 000 compared to the previous financial year which was E187 315. Sponsorships increased from E155 000 to E250 000.

The report further stated that the association had a deficit of E62 910.

The expenditure's exact figure is E992 208.00.

A major portion of the income was spent on prize presentations which totalled E222 441 with sports development expenses standing at E133 593.

In the previous year E125 025 was channelled to the prize and presentation with E78 704 used on sports development expenses.

Explaining the income and expenditure, HRFA Chairman Comfort Shongwe said the increment in monies was mainly because of them getting more sponsors.

"We are happy to note that we had 11 entities sponsoring our league in the last financial year. This is why we have accumulated close to a million. It

is not easy to get companies to partner with football but we managed to get them on board.

"However, this comes with huge responsibilities. We exhausted most funds on prize presentations. The deficit was also as a result that we

spent most monies developing our leagues, buying equipment like goalposts, soccer nets and soccer balls just to mention a few. We must also be aware that this very AGM cost more than E30 000," Shongwe said.



HAPPY: HRFA Chairman Comfort Shongwe.

## Birds 'Gabi Gabi' trophy parade continues this weekend

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER - QUADRUPLE champions Mbabane Swallows will continue with their ongoing 'Gabi Gabi' trophy parade currently taking place in various places around the country.**

The capital city giants are currently celebrating their last season success where they won four trophies in the King's Super Cup, SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup, Castle Premier Challenge and the SwaziBank Cup.

The team's Chief Executive Officer Sibusiso Manana said the trophy parade would continue this coming weekend. He said they were yet to finalise a few logistics before announcing the places they would be



PARADE CONTINUES: Mbabane Swallows CEO Sibusiso Manana.

visiting. "We are still to identify the places that we will be visiting on

Friday and Saturday as we are still celebrating our last season's success with our supporters."

Manana said the supporters should brace themselves for yet another exciting instalment of the trophy parade.

"We expect them to come clad in the team's colours and have fun with the players.

I would like to thank our supporters from Mpaka, Siteki and Big Bend for coming out in their numbers for the recent trophy parade. It was good to see the fans interacting with the players," Manana said.

The 'Beautiful Birds' are expected to take part in the CAF Confederations Cup by virtue of being the SwaziBank Cup champions which carries a ticket to the continental showpiece.

## SOS Brothers are Knox Thumbumuzi Charity Cup champs

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER - Hhohho Under-17 league outfit SOS Brothers are the champions of the Knox Thumbumuzi Charity Cup tournament.**

The one-day tournament was held at Eveni Sports Ground on Saturday.

A total of 11 teams battled it out for the first prize money of E800 after three teams failed to show up as the proposed number of participants was 14.

Participating on the day were registered Hhohho Under-17 league teams. The semifinals saw Mbabane Citizens take on SOS Brothers and the match ended in a goalless stalemate.

SOS booked their place in the finals after a lengthy penalty shootout, triumphing 8-7.

Joining SOS in the finals was Hurricane FC after triumphing 1-0 over Mantabeni Express United. Hurricane managed a silver medal after losing 0-1 to SOS Brothers in the finals.

The prize presentation took place on

the same day. The tournament was sponsored to the tune of E5 000 by a 21-year-old student Cabu Dlamini, who is a political science student at the Johnson C. Smith University (USA).

Dlamini witnessed all the games on Saturday together with Hhohho Regional Football Association invited guests including Prince Thumbumuzi, who the tournament was named after.

**Prize breakdown:**

Champions: SOS Brothers (E800)  
Runners-up: Hurricane FC (E500)  
Semi-finalists: E600 (E300 each)

## 'Xavi' secures silver medal with AS Vita

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER - SWAZI international striker Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo has secured a silver medal with his Congolese side AS Vita.**

This comes after AS Vita finished second behind eventual champions TP Mazembe, who managed to beat AS Vita 2-1 to be crowned the champions of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

This was after winning the deciding match played about three weeks ago.

Vita had finished on top of the Northern stream but lost to the Southern stream winners Mazembe.

Both teams will represent that country in next year's CAF Champions League.

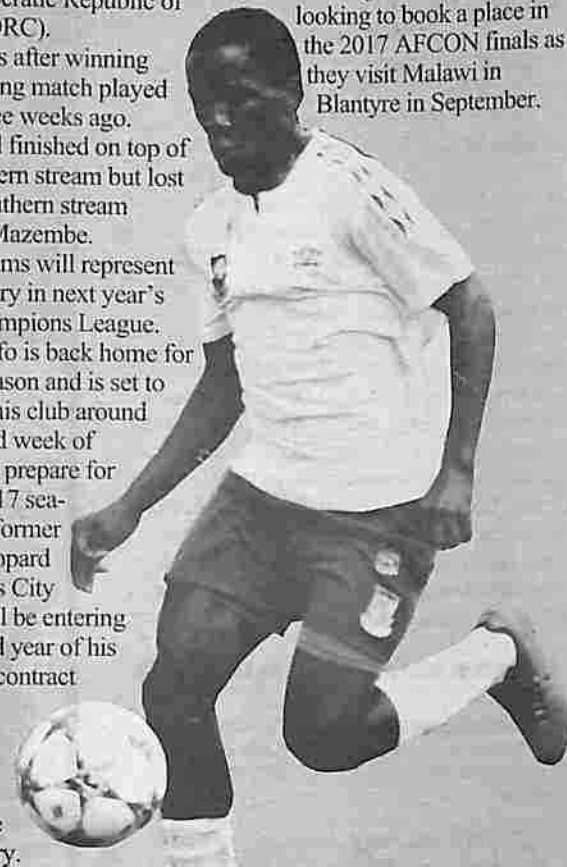
Mkhontfo is back home for the off season and is set to return to his club around the second week of August to prepare for the 2016/17 season. The former Royal Leopard and Midas City player will be entering his second year of his two-year contract which he signed with the Kinshasa based side in February.

The Florent Ibenge-led side was withdrawn from the

ongoing CAF Champions League after they were found guilty of using a non-eligible player Idrissa Traore, giving South Africa's Mamelodi Sundowns a slot in the knock-out stage of the tournament.

The verdict denied 'Xavi' his dream of becoming the first Swazi player to play in the last eight of the continent's premier club competition.

Mkhontfo will form part of the Sihlangu team that will be looking to book a place in the 2017 AFCON finals as they visit Malawi in Blantyre in September.



SILVER MEDAL: Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo.

## MSIMISI RETURNS FROM THE WILDERNESS

By Sibusiso Masilela

**SOCCER - FORMER Mbabane Highlanders and Umbelebele Jomo Cosmos striker Msimisi Ncanywa has dusted his boots and returned to action, ending his three-year absence in football.**

The bulky player is hoping to get a contract with Mbabane Highlanders where he spent the whole of last week training with the team.

He even appeared for the black and white outfit's friendly match against Mbabane Citizens at Mhlambanyatsi Sports Ground yesterday.

Ncanywa is hoping to impress Highlanders' Technical Director Ronnie Ginindza, who is currently drilling the team.

Former Highlanders player Thembenzi 'Djemba' Mayisela and other unnamed international players are also training with the team.

Sought for comment, the team's Managing Director Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane confirmed that Ncanywa was training with the team.

"We have several players, who are trying their luck with the team and Msimisi is one of them."

He said they would be signing a few players ahead of the new season.

"We will be announcing the final 20 players, who will be travelling with the team to South Africa next week for our pre-season training," he said.

Following the acquisition of the VW microbus, Simelane further said other companies were allowed to sponsor the team.

"We are looking for the best three clients to brand the mini bus. To us, this is space for companies to advertise with us," he said. Ncanywa was placed on transfer by Mbabane Highlanders in the 2013/14 season when they were still campaigning in the MTN National First Division.



## CELTICS FANS WANT 'BIRDS' DUO IN THE TEAM

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER -** DESPITE the Premier Soccer League (PSL) outfit Bloemfontein Celtic saying they need more time to assess Mbabane Swallows duo of Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst and Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa, the team's supporters want them on board.

The duo has been given two weeks to impress the team's coach Letsoaka and his technical staff, according to information sourced from South African publication Kick-off.

The fans sound convinced that the pair would be a good investment to the team hence they are calling out for their recruitment.

The two players left the country a week ago for Bloemfontein where they are currently engaged in trials, hoping to impress and make a move to the PSL.

### Top Scorer

Felix, who is no stranger to the PSL having played for Jomo Cosmos in 2008, made a name for himself in the COSAFA cup held in Namibia, driving Sihlangu to their fourth semi-finals of the tournament and finishing on top of the scorer's chart with five goals.

His sterling performance in the tournament attracted big SA clubs including Kaizer Chiefs and Chippa United, who wanted the services of the attacking midfielder. Meanwhile, Amakhosi have been linked with the Mbabane Swallows attacking midfielder for more than a year now. Last month, KickOff.com reported that Free State Stars were also interested in the 27-year-old but a source at *Ea Lla Koto* says the club has lost the battle to sign the player to Chiefs. Badenhorst had a stellar COSAFA Cup, propelling the Swazi national team to a third-place finish. He also had a one-week trial at Mamelodi Sundowns in December last year which was unsuccessful.

### These are some of the fans comments

● **Ishmael Gunman Sethunya:** This Felix guy is a performer and a prolific goal poacher, was a top goal scorer at the recent COSAFA cup. Good investment indeed.

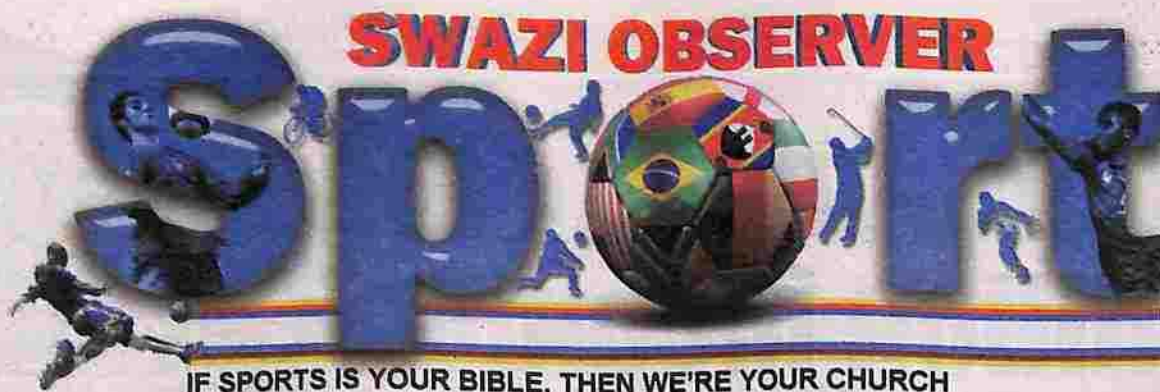
● **Zebi Mokoena:** Felix is a must sign great number 10. Sabelo a prolific goal scorer won't mind signing both but if I have to choose, I will sign Felix immediately.

● **Papie Qhina:** Let them come just like others; they mustn't come with the same idea of that pathetic player called Mhango to come knock at the doors of Absa premier league through our beloved Celtic. *Reyale amohela ho Sivelele lona ba babedi.*

● **Totodi Moiloa:** Felix was the leading goal scorer in the COSAFA Cup tournament in Namibia last month if not mistaken. This guy is a good player.

● **Linda Humphrey Ncaphayi:** Sign them or else will lose them to other teams.

● **Trinity Monosi:** Please sign Felix.



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## SRFA SAGA

# FA APPOINTS INTERIM COMMITTEE FOR SRFA

- Interim appointed yesterday by FA delegation
- Mlimi Mamba replaces Mashumi as Chairman
- Mashumi mum on new developments



**SUSPENDED: Chairman Mashumi Shongwe.**

By Sabelo Majola

**SOCCER -** THE National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) has appointed an interim executive committee for the Shiselweni Regional Football Association (SRFA).

This follows the suspension of the recently elected executive committee led by Chairman Mashumi Shongwe last week Thursday where the elections were declared null and void after Shongwe is said to have breached Article 34:10 of the (NFAS) constitution which states that no member shall be allowed to hold two positions as he is also the second vice President of the national mother body (FA).

A delegation led by FA Vice President Nichodemus 'Ace' Mashwama, comprising of CEO Frederick Mngomezulu and executive member Johannes 'Ace' Sibozza appointed a five-men interim

committee during the regional association's meeting held at the King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium hall yesterday.

Heading the new look committee is Nkwene Sundowns Director and Amalanda FC Chairman Mlimi Mamba, who was appointed as the Chairman.

Jabulani Dlamini was appointed as the Secretary while Aaron Mhlanga assumed the treasurer position.

### Committee

Jeffrey Dlamini and Lucky Dlamini formed part of the committee as members.

Efforts to get National Football Association CEO Frederick Mngomezulu were futile as his cellphone rang unanswered for the better part of last night.

When contacted last night, the suspended Chairman Mashumi Shongwe politely declined to comment on the matter.

"I cannot say anything on the matter you are talking about

because I did not attend the meeting yesterday. I am blank with whatever happened in the said meeting and therefore, I cannot commit myself on the matter," he said.

Shongwe was reelected the SRFA chairman during the elections held two weeks ago after accumulating 134 votes together with the likes of Rudolph Saulos, who was elected as the vice Chairman.

### Suspended

The FA then suspended Mashumi Shongwe from the position with immediate effect.

Shongwe, a Vice-president in the NFAS executive committee was suspended together with the Shiselweni Regional Football Association (SRFA) executive committee.

The developments were communicated by NFAS President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa during a press briefing at Sigwaca House on Thursday.

This follows what was said to be defiance from both Shongwe and the then SRFA

### THE NEW LOOK SFCA INTERIM COMMITTEE

Chairman - Mlimi Mamba  
Secretary - Jabulani Dlamini  
Treasurer - Aaron Mhlanga  
Members - Jeffrey Nhlengethwa and Lucky Dube

### THE DISSOLVED EXECUTIVE

Chairman - Mashumi Shongwe  
Vice Chairman - Rudolph Saulos  
Secretary - Zanele Dlamini  
Vice Secretary - Nkhosinathi Kunene  
Treasurer - Sifiso Skhosana  
Members - Elliot Nkhambule and Mandla Shongwe

executive committee led by Enos Vilane on the issue regarding the association's elections.

## TEAMS WANT OUT OF HRFA

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER -** TEMPERS flared during the Hhohho Regional Football Association (HRFA) AGM held at Mhlatane High School yesterday after teams threatened to pull out of the association.

A representative from Timphisini Regional League submitted during the question and answer session that he was sent by Timphisini teams to pull out of HRFA, citing unworkable conditions.

"I have been sent here by

Timphisini teams and they are requesting to kindly pull out of HRFA because of many reasons and one of them being the mismanagement of funds," he said.

Responding to the submission, HRFA Chairman Comfort Shongwe said they knew he was not sent by the teams but had a hidden motive against the HRFA.

"For teams to pull out of HRFA, they must come to our offices and state their reasons for wanting to deregister from this association. However, I do not want to believe you have been sent by the teams," he said.

Another representative from Pigg's Peak Stan Nkambule said HRFA should consider opening a new office in the Northern Hhohho to eliminate transport expenses.

### Encouraging

"Government is encouraging decentralisation but the HRFA wants to do the opposite. We want to have new offices in Pigg's Peak where cases and registration will take place. This is unfair to Northern Hhohho based teams because they have to travel long distances. What is disturbing me is that the HRFA executive is defensive instead of accepting constructive criticism," he stated.

Responding to this, the chairman

said it was impossible to do such because it could encourage embezzlement of funds.

"This is not to say we are against that, but this a ploy by individuals to embezzle funds and that will cripple our football development. Even international organisations like FIFA, teams have to affiliate under a certain association," he said.

### Criticism

Mbabane Regional League Chairman Elliot Mkhathwa said HRFA executive committee was prone to constructive criticism.

"The HRFA executive needs to be put to order here. We can't work like this. This AGM is where we

try to mould each other for our football to develop but seemingly the HRFA is defensive. We want answers as to how the deficit was accumulated?" he asked.

### Statement

The chairman said everything was in the financial statement for everyone to see.

"The annual financial statements are clear on how we spent the E60 000 and why. As I have said earlier on that with the association growing bigger, there are a lot of responsibilities and challenges that we face. To cut a long story short, a large sum was spent on prize presentation and buying equipment for all the leagues," he said.