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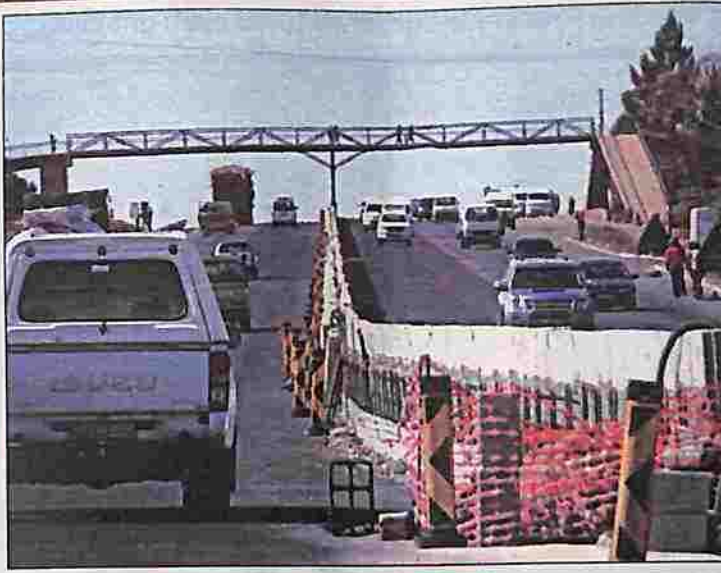
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MP Titus Thwala leads Asians probe team

By Sabatha Dlamini
Mbabane

ZOMBODZE Emuva Member of Parliament Titus Thwala has been elected Chairman of the 10-member committee set up to investigate the illegal influx of Asian nationals into the country.

The committee was set up by the House of Assembly to ensure the home affairs ministry, particularly the immigration department, was stopped from issues memos and other related documents allowing these nationals to gain access into the country before they could even get visas.

MP Thwala said the terms of reference for the committee shall be ready by today to enable them proceed with their assignment.

The election of the committee followed a concern raised by Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo through a motion that was unanimously approved by members.

Minister for Home Affairs Princess Tsandzile welcomed the motion that would see officials in the immigration department being investigated for alleged misconduct bordering on acceptance of bribes.

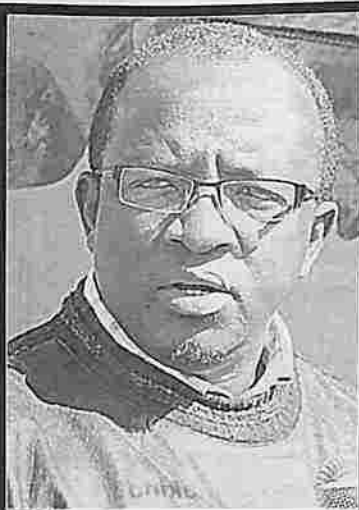
The Asian nationals allegedly flock into the country everyday through the King Mswati III International Airport. Some of them are using the country only as an entry point into more economically stable countries in the region.

They allegedly take advantage of the country's weak immigration laws

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CHAIRMAN: Zombodze Emuva Member of Parliament Titus Thwala.



CONCERNED: Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo.

and the assistance they get from corrupt civil servants who collude with them in violating the country's laws.

The concern about the influx of the Asians was first raised by Senator Princess Phumelele, who decried the way in which these foreigners had taken over all forms of businesses in the country in both urban and rural communities.

The MP Thwala-led committee would have to make recommendations on how the matter could be

resolved. The recommendations would be tabled in the House and debated, upon which a decision would be reached.

These Asian nationals are largely in the retail sector, running businesses of various sizes from small, medium and big businesses.

In some communities they are reportedly running spaza shops and selling vegetables, small businesses which have been reserved for locals only.

Case of teacher who kicked lover's private parts postponed

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

THE case of the teacher who allegedly kicked his girlfriend's private parts has been postponed to August 9.

The postponement emanated from the fact that his lawyer is currently writing his supplementary examinations at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA).

The teacher was only identified as Mzwandile. It was also difficult to establish where he teaches.

The teacher was also informed yesterday that a second charge of grievous bodily harm (GBH) was added to the one he already had after it turned out that he assaulted his lover in two separate instances.

He was all along, charged with one count of grievous bodily harm (GBH), now they are two.

The teacher allegedly committed the first offence in March and he committed the second offence in April this year. These happened on two separate occasions.



PRESIDING: Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi.

The teacher is said to have assaulted his girlfriend by beating her with fists, claps, and kicks.

He is said to have done that to an extent of kicking the girl's private parts. The girlfriend was also reportedly stabbed by the teacher using a pair of scissors.

The name of the girl will not be revealed to protect her. It is also alleged that the nature of the couple's argument led to the violence bordered

around infidelity issues in the relationship. Worth noting is that the girlfriend was also present to testify in court. It was when the teacher was called into the accused box that the court came to learn he had hired a lawyer to represent him.

When Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi asked him where his lawyer was, he said he was yet to call him to find out where he was. That was still in the morning at about 11am. The matter was then set for the afternoon on the same day.

The matter was called back in the afternoon at about 3:30pm. That was when Principal Magistrate Nhlabatsi was informed of the unavailability of the teacher's attorney.

The attorney then stated that he would be engaged in his examinations until next week.

On the week starting from August 1, 2016, he would be having matters to attend to at the High Court. He would be available on August 9. Nhlabatsi then warned the teacher to be available on that date. He was then remanded out of custody until that date.

Angry swearing members storm out of church service

Stories by Wonderboy
Dlamini
Siteki

CONGREGANTS of Entokozweni Church in Zion in Makhewu literally caused a scene on Sunday when they angrily walked out of a service.

Entokozweni Church is well known across the country as it has several branches under Arch Bishop Siphos Dlamini.

The members of the Makhewu branch were infuriated by the introduction of a new pastor from a different section known as Setsembiso Church in Zion, which is based in Manzini.

The pastor was allegedly introduced by one of the senior members of the church, following the demise of the actual leader, Pastor Peter Mathonsi in 2013.

His wife, Sibongile Mathonsi then proclaimed herself as the leader of the church.

On Sunday, the new pastor who was in the company of other congregants from Manzini arrived at the church, allegedly to make an official take over.

The name of the church was also to be changed.

However, some congregants who are against the adoption of the new name walked out of the church while a brief scuffle

ensued. An exchange of heated words between the aggrieved party and the new pastor also ensued.

The congregants swore and cursed each other as they also argued about the ownership of the church structure.

The congregants who walked out also included some senior members of the church.

According to some congregants who spoke on condition of anonymity, signs of division in the church started showing last year when the late pastor's wife appointed herself as a leader of the church without the approval

of the church's elders.

Mathonsi (self-proclaimed leader) is said to have informed the brethren that she was intending to withdraw the church from the leadership of Arch Bishop Dlamini. Mathonsi reportedly cited a number of grievances which

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she said were her reasons to withdraw the church and seek new leadership from a new formation.

When reached for comment, Chairperson of the church Nhlanhla Shoji confirmed the incident which took place on Sunday.

Shoji, however, asked not to disclose further information on the matter, saying the relevant authorities were yet to meet and discuss it and possibly look for amicable resolutions.

...They must shape up or ship out - Mathonsi

REFORMED Makhewu Entokozweni Church in Zion's leader Sibongile Mathonsi, who is otherwise known as umkhokheli, said members of the church who feel they cannot fit in the new leadership must find their way out and forget about any kind of discussions.

Mathonsi now prefers to have the church called Setsembiso Church in Zion, with its new headquarters based in Manzini.

In an interview, Mathonsi said she has made the decision to withdraw the church from the old leadership after experiencing some challenges.

She said the old leadership under Arch Bishop Siphos

Dlamini had neglected the Makhewu branch, hence her decision to look for a new formation to subscribe to.

Without denying the alleged disorder which took place at the church on Sunday, Mathonsi said any member of the church who felt ill-treated in any way was free to look for a new church.

"This is my husband's church, and I am the only one who makes decisions after I took over following his death," said Mathonsi.

She briefly explained that her decision to introduce the church to the new formation was influenced by the fact the old leadership overlooked its existence.

Princess Sikhanyiso speaks highly of Tibiyo in Durban

COVER STORY

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

HER Royal Highness Princess Sikhanyiso said in the fight against HIV/AIDS, it is imperative to keep the youth in school.

The princess was addressing young people during the end of the AIDS 2016 pre-conference which ended on Sunday in Durban, South Africa.

She said apart from the common problem of HIV/AIDS, drought and poverty, the youth of Swaziland was fortunate to receive free education through government, royal reserves and Tibiyo Taka Ngwane.

She told the gathering that as such, Swaziland boasts 88.9 to 92 percent literacy rate amongst young people.

"We exhort other countries to strive to retain learners at school, as the dropout rate directly correlates with poverty, early sexual debut, pregnancy and HIV risk," she said. The princess said though some young people had

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ROLE MODEL: HRH Princess Sikhanyiso making her remarks. (Courtesy pics)

prospered, many were lost, broken and in pain.

"Somewhere in the world, young people are victims of sodomy, incest rape, turned into sex slaves through human trafficking or by leaders of religious cults and sometimes even their relatives. Some young people are disabled and they are reject-

ed, while some have been impoverished by war, drought and the famine," she said.

She said today's youth were a chosen generation as they witnessed the transition from paper to paperless, rural to urban, racism and discrimination to social inclusion.

The princess said the progres-

sion was in line with the UN's plans for peace and sustainability for transitional leadership and continuity, hence world leaders were more determined to focus on the protection and empowerment of young people.

She delivered her speech before many dignitaries, including UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibe, her counterpart Princess Tessy of Luxembourg, NERCHA Director Khanya Mabuza, Minister of Health Sibongile Ndelela-Simelane and senator Bonsile Mngometulu.

The pre-conference was a build-up to the main International AIDS conference 2016, which began in Durban yesterday.

Amongst the dignitaries attending the conference was Bill Gates of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, UN Secretary General Ban ki Moon and Deputy President of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa.

Among those attending the meeting from the country is WHO HIV/TB Officer Dr Sithembile Dlamini-Nqeketo, SNAP Program Manager Muhle Dlamini and many other participants from the health sector.

Moves to unseat Themba Masuku

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

WHILE others have been singing praises for Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku for the development plans and progress experienced in the region, some want him out.

Plans are underway to get rid of Masuku. Part of the plan is to report him to the country's authorities.

It is believed that some of the plotters of Masuku's downfall are those involved in chieftaincy disputes, with some having already met to make a move and have their misgivings reported to elders KaNgwane.

The RA has handled several dispute cases, where in some of these instances, he met with all parties concerned. One of the cases that the office of the RA has been handling include that of Engwanyameni, where it is reported that a faction at Thunzini was claiming to have its own ruler and to not be answerable to Engwanyameni leadership, where the ruler is Chief Mbikō (Mkhonta).

A couple of weeks ago, the RA's office met with the two parties where members of the lusendvo were well represented to deliberate on the issue, and it was said in the meeting, held at the Nhlanguano Vocational Rehabilitation Centre, Engwanyameni was the only existing authority and Thunzini was never a chieftom.

Ruler

The Thunzini faction claimed that it had its own ruler, by the name of 'Chief' Mbangumunyu. However, a majority of the lusendvo denounced that the said Mbangumunyu was ever a leader.

When contacted to find out if he was aware of the move to unseat him, Masuku sounded blank.

He however said anyone who feels any issue brought to his attention for deliberations was not properly handled, was free to approach the relevant structures.

He said it was not like his office was there to entertain some and despise others, it was tasked to deal with any issue in a harmonious manner.

"They are welcome to go anywhere to report me. If it's KaNgwane, they should do that and I will be available to state my side of the story or that of my office. It's going to be a problem if they start being personally or attacking my person as Themba Masuku. What I do, I do it on behalf of those who placed me in this position. There is no favoritism whatsoever. I don't have a problem if they go to report anything they feel I handled wrong. But what they should know is that I am also going to be given a chance to state my case as well," said the RA.



WANTED OUT: Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku.

AIDS 2016 brings TB and HIV responses together

MEANWHILE, the meeting is expected to discuss efforts made in addressing tuberculosis (TB).

The meeting will also interrogate opportunities to make major inroads against the infectious disease. These would be featured at the TB2016, two-day conference.

This meeting would be dedicated exclusively to TB, immediately preceding AIDS 2016 in Durban, South Africa.

Organised by the International AIDS Society (IAS), which also leads the AIDS 2016 conference, TB2016 represents a unique partnership of HIV and TB scientists and advocates, convened to build greater urgency and innovation to combat both epidemics.

Expand

TB2016 brings political leaders, advocates, health workers, and scientists together to address the policy, scientific, and advocacy components of efforts to expand and accelerate the global TB response. This inaugural TB pre-conference at the international AIDS meeting brings together global experts to advance knowledge and innovation on TB, promote and share best practices to reinvigorate the global TB response, and galvanise political leadership and commitment to end TB by 2035.

Although it is one of the world's oldest disease, TB is not currently on the decline. In fact, a recent World Health Organisation



CHIT CHAT: UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sedibe sharing a light moment with HRH Princess Sikhanyiso, while Princess Tessy of Luxembourg and Princess Ncengcenge look on.

(WHO) report found that the global TB epidemic is even larger than previously thought, revising the estimated global burden of TB upward for the second year in a row.

Preventable

The millennia-old disease infected almost 10 million people last year and claimed 1.5 million lives, despite being preventable, treatable and curable. People living with HIV are particularly susceptible to TB infection and to TB-related illness.

"We cannot win the fight against AIDS without also tackling TB," said Linda-Gail Bekker, IAS President-Elect.

Too often, TB and HIV team up against us, but with this conference we are supporting a global movement to bring the TB and

HIV responses together to defeat both epidemics.

TB 2016 reminds us that the work before us will take place not only in laboratories, but also in the halls of government, in health facilities, and in the communities affected by these two devastating epidemics.

Urgency

Commenting on the rapidly evolving science of TB prevention and treatment, Valerie Mizrahi, Head of the University of Cape Town's Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine said, "The TB 2016 program highlights the urgency of using the treatments and public health interventions we have today, as well as the need for new tools and approaches to tackle TB, drug-resistant TB, and the complex co-

epidemic of TB and HIV. Recent scientific advances and a new global plan to end TB, point to opportunities ahead. But the challenges of a vastly under-resourced response, a lack of political urgency, and the growing threat of drug resistance must all be confronted head on if we are to reduce the global burden of TB."

"TB is preventable, treatable, and curable, yet we have allowed it to become the world's leading infectious killer, and the leading killer of people with HIV," said Joanne Carter, RESULTS.

Fight

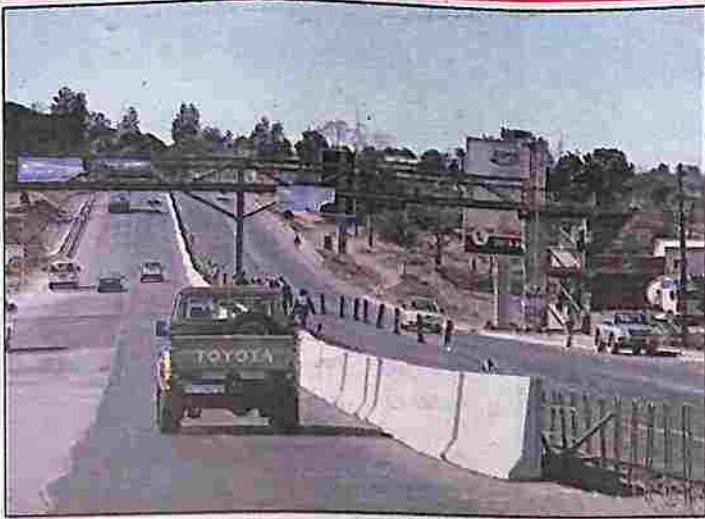
"The question is not whether we are able to do more, but rather whether we will make the fight against TB the global public health priority it must become. TB2016 is an important step forward in the effort to bring the needed scientific, financial, and political resources to bear against this global killer."

At TB2016, parliamentarians from 20 African countries will launch the African TB Parliamentarians Caucus.

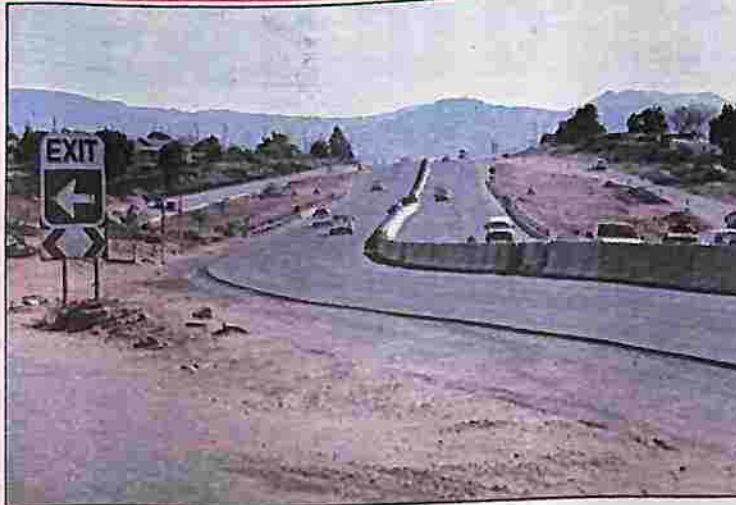
The caucus is committed to lobbying for increased domestic investment in TB care and prevention, with a particular focus on the twin epidemics of TB and HIV.

This regional group is part of the growing Global TB Caucus, a team of parliamentarians and other political leaders from more than 120 countries worldwide.

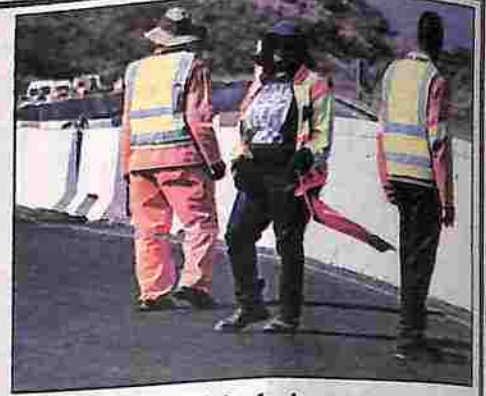
MATSAPHA-MANZINI ROAD UPGRADE



PROGRESS: The ongoing upgrade of the Matsapha-Manzini road by Kukhanya Civil Engineering Construction. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



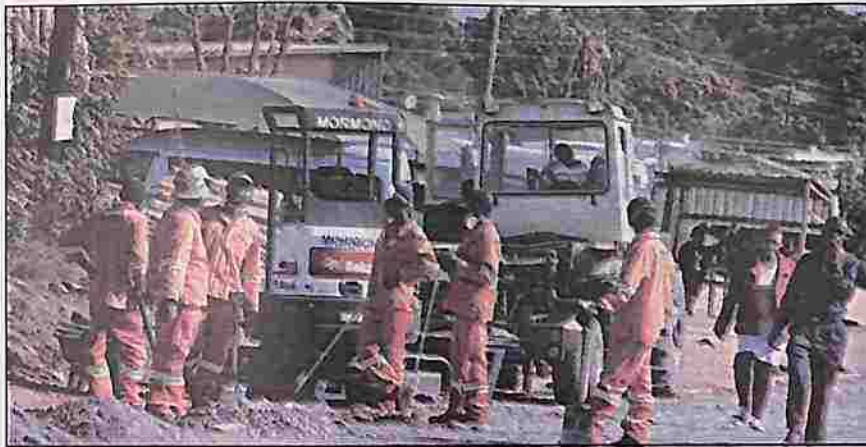
FREE WAY: The upgraded Logoba-Eteni road, where a pedestrian was knocked down by a vehicle during a road safety campaign at Matsapha Weighbridge on Saturday.



AT WORK: This lady seen controlling the traffic.



WORKING HARD: Some of the workers doing their part.



TIRED: The employees taking a break.



CLEAR: Workers clearing the pavement.



TOUCH-UP: These employees doing the final touch ups next to Kakhoza traffic lights.



FOLLOW THE SIGN: The parliament road also being rehabilitated by A.G Thomas. Government is currently upgrading some of their facilities, in readiness for the upcoming SADC heads of state summit, to be held in the country next month. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

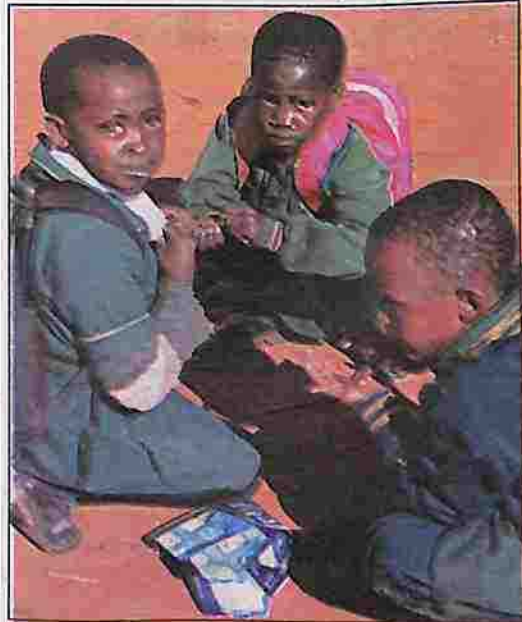
PARLIAMENT ROAD BEING REHABILITATED



SO QUICK: The road is already tarred.



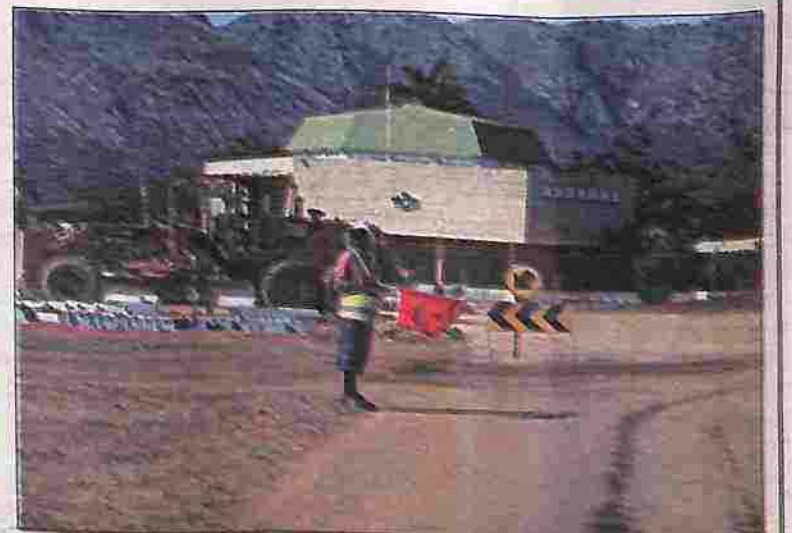
ROAD CLOSED: The ongoing rehabilitation of parliament road.



GO HOME: Pupils from Lobamba National Primary having fun before going to their respective homes.



DEEP DOWN: AG Thomas employees pitching a sewage pipe across the road to Manzana in Lobamba.



THIS WAY: An AG Thomas employee controlling the motorists next to parliament.

SIKHULU FINALLY APPEARS BEFORE THE BITING TSC

By Sabatha Dlamini
Mbabane

EMBATTLED former St. Mark's Primary School Principal Albert Sikhulu Fakudze was yesterday hauled before the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) where he is facing misconduct charges.

Fakudze appeared before his employer for the first time in a case that is expected to take three days.

It remains to be seen how the Simanga Mamba-led commission would handle the case of the suspect-

● Fakudze was transferred to New Mbuluzi Primary to continue with his duties as school administrator. That decision, however, was rejected by the parents of the pupils at the school and the community at large

ed fraudster who was accused by parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of having misappropriated and embezzled funds in the school in excess of E500 000.

Sources close to the matter revealed that at least the first witness was called to present evidence on the much-publicised case involving abuse of school funds.

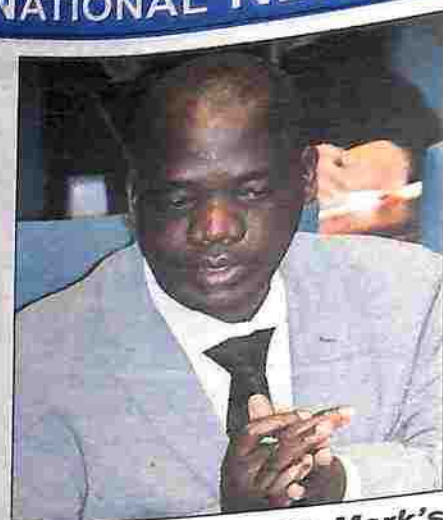
Fakudze was first suspended by the office of the schools manager after

damning allegations against him were documented by the auditor general.

A date for his appearance before the TSC to answer on the charges was set but, according to TSC Chairman Simanga Mamba, the legal office in the education ministry failed to bring witnesses to testify against Fakudze as part of their prosecution. Mamba said, after several postponements, the commission deemed it appropriate to reinstate the suspect, arguing that the

reinstatement was not likely to cause any harm on the smooth running of the case. Fakudze was transferred to New Mbuluzi Primary to continue with his duties as school administrator. That decision, however, was rejected by the parents of the pupils at the school and the community at large.

The community members feared Fakudze would continue with his alleged reign of terror on the school's



FINALLY: Former St. Mark's Primary School Principal Albert Sikhulu Fakudze.

finances. The school falls under Kukhanyeni Constituency in the Manzini region.

The local MP vowed to leave no stone unturned in ensuring that the criminal suspect never sets his foot on the school premises, lest he laid his dirty hands on the finances.

Emachawe Emfundvo: A cooperative of choice

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

THE school principals' credit cooperative is joined by choice as no one is being forced to do so.

The principals' cooperative is known as Emachawe Emfundvo Savings and Credit Cooperative (SACCO). The launch of the cooperative raised a question on what was supposed to happen to the principals who had been saving their money in the cooperative of the Swaziland National Association of Teachers, popularly known as the SNAT Coop.

Emachawe Emfundvo SACCO Chairperson Welcome Mhlanga, when asked yesterday, stated that theirs was a cooperative of choice. He said the existence of Emachawe Emfundvo did not force anyone to take their savings from any cooperative to save with theirs just because they were head teachers.

"They will decide. It does not mean all principals are with SNAT Coop. Those who save with other cooperatives will decide what to do. We cannot decide for them. Those who want to save with our cooperative should effect stop orders with their banks," Mhlanga said.

Mhlanga's sentiments were shared by SNAT Coop's Petros Dlamini. He said the existence of the principals' cooperative did not mean head teachers should take their savings from SNAT Coop to Emachawe Emfundvo.

"They are not forced to do that, but the Cooperatives Act does not allow membership in more than one SACCO. But that Section is due for review," Dlamini said. The Act Dlamini was talking about was that of the Cooperatives Societies Act No. 5 of 2003. Emachawe Emfundvo was launched last Friday at Sydney Williams Primary School. The SACCO was formed by school principals, through their association, the Swaziland Principals Association (SWAPA). Emachawe Emfundvo was an idea conceived in 2012. It was formed with an idea to bring leaders of government institutions together, particularly those from the ministry of education and training.

The membership in this co-operative is open to any person whose scope of work involves leading an institution from the ministry of education and training.

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CPA MEMBERS MUST PASS ELECTIONS ACT TEST, SAYS MAGUDVULELA

By Sabatha Dlamini
Mbabane

MEMBER of Parliament Prince Magudvulela says the Elections Act, 2013 must be invoked on those seeking election into the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), Swaziland Branch.

Despite the Act being solely enacted to provide for the election of persons as MPs, Indvuna yeNkhundla and Bucopho, the prince said Section 88 of the Act was perfectly applicable to the election of the CPA members.

The prince was addressing the ongoing leadership battle in the House over the management of the CPA affairs. Prince Magudvulela's argument is that the elected members, meant to replace the executive committee of the local branch of the CPA which he was part of, were not eligible for the positions.

The section of the law which the prince is citing deals with criminal proceedings against a candidate or a person who intends to be a candidate.

Section 88 (1) states that: "Where a candidate or a person who intends to be a candidate for an election has been charged with an offence mentioned under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 2006, Prevention of Organised

● The prince said, therefore, the eight members in the House of Assembly that were elected to fill up positions in the CPA executive committee should be subjected to this law. He said it would be interesting to see how many of them would pass the test

Crime Act, Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act and the fourth and fifth schedules of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act No.67 of 1938, the court shall ensure that the proceedings of that matter are expedited and dealt with as a matter of urgency."

Interesting

The prince said, therefore, the eight members in the House of Assembly that were elected to fill up positions in the CPA executive committee should be subjected to this law. He said it would be interesting to see how many of them would pass the test.

The prince was addressing the argument by some of the members that a person was innocent until proven guilty. He advanced his argument with Section 88 (2) which states that: "Where, however, the trial of a person charged in terms of this section is not com-

pleted within six months, the prosecutor shall submit to the Minister a report, signed by the Director of Public Prosecutions and countersigned by the Registrar of the High Court, explaining the reason for the delay."

The prince said, without a doubt, this particular section would catch-up with some of the elected members determined to make it into the committee of the

international body which has been dragged into controversies locally.

Subsection (3) states that: "Where the trial is still not completed after nine months and a subsequent report by the Judge presiding over the case reveals that the delay in finalising the proceedings is attributable to the accused, the accused shall at the end of 12 months, if the trial if the trial is still not completed, be disqualified from the position in which the accused was elected."

Subsection (4) further states:

"Through practice directives the Chief Justice shall develop a process to ensure compliance with this section." And Section 88 (5) says:



ARGUES: MP Prince Magudvulela says the Elections Act, 2013 must be invoked.



EX-CHAIR: Dvokodweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini.

"The provisions of this section shall also apply in the case of a person nominated, elected or appointed under this Act, Senate (Elections) Act, 2013 the provisions of sections 94 and 95 of the Constitution."

Determined

The prince is determined to see justice being done on the dismissal of the CPA local branch executive committee that was chaired by Dvokodweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini.

Prince Magudvulela, the grandson of Prince Mancibane and chief of KaNdzwandwa in the northern Hhohho region, still considers himself a member of the dismissed CPA Swaziland Branch Executive Committee.

The eight members of the House that were elected are awaiting the election of their counterparts in the upper chamber to complete the list.



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SENATOR URGES PRINCIPALS TO LEAVE CLEAN LEGACY

By Sabatha Dlamini
Mbabane

CHAIRMAN of the Portfolio Committee on education Senator Ndumiso Mdluli says school principals should strive to leave a clean legacy on their retirement.

He was speaking during a farewell function for Savinah Dlamini, a retired school principal of St. Benedict Catholic Primary at Nsangwini in the Hhohho region.

Senator Mdluli said there was nothing as degrading as the involvement of a school principal in the misappropriation of school funds.

He congratulated Dlamini for having served the public with diligence for several years and eventually retiring without any blemish.

Appreciate

"In the case of Dlamini, we were celebrating a living legacy and we highly appreciate that she left the teaching profession with dignity," said the senator.

Mdluli said the retired principal did not only receive a clean audit but also had a huge impact in the education sector during her tenure



LEAVE CLEAN LEGACY: Senator Ndumiso Mdluli says there is nothing as degrading as the involvement of a school principal in the misappropriation of school funds.

as school administrator. "She worked under unfriendly working conditions but her work ethic and commitment demonstrated that for her, teaching was nothing but a calling," Mdluli said.

Dlamini joined the teaching profession in 1979 and seven years later she was promoted into the post of deputy headteacher. She served in

that capacity for 11 years and got promoted to headteacher, a position in which she served for 19 years.

She is said to have been instrumental in the infrastructure development of the school; building classes, computer laboratories, a school hall and a school kitchen and, further introducing a feeding scheme in the school.

'NAKED' PASTOR TO BE EVICTED

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

● "All the concerned people will be given a chance to explain their case in front of the inner council. Should the pastor be found guilty he would then be ordered to leave the area for peace sake"

DVOKOLWAKO Umphakatsi has made it clear that it will be forced to evict the 'naked' pastor if found guilty of being involved in alleged an adulterous relationship.

The pastor allegedly had a long-standing affair with one member of the same church who is also married.

In a telephonic interview, Dvokolwako Royal Kraal Indvuna John Sibandze said now that the Magistrate's Court has ordered the pastor's case back to the *Umphakatsi* (Royal Kraal), the inner council (*Bandlancane*)

would have to summon the lovers together with their immediate families to the royal kraal for a hearing.

Concerned

"All the concerned people will be given a chance to explain their case in front of the inner council. Should the pastor be found guilty he would then be ordered to leave the area for peace sake," said Indvuna Sibandze.

He said it would not be good for the pastor to continue staying in Mnjoli area.

"This will be done for the sake

of peace and nothing else. If found guilty, we will have to evict the man of God, unfortunately," said Sibandze.

However, Sibandze asked the media to be patient until the matter had been dealt with at *Umphakatsi* level.

The pastor was allegedly busted with a 20-year-old married congregant by the woman's brother-in-law. The woman's husband is said to be employed at Mhlume and only comes home on weekends.

It is said upon being discovered with the married woman the pas-

tor bolted out of the house, naked. The woman's brother-in-law then alerted some of the community members who were shocked to discover that the person who had bolted out of the homestead was the man of the cloth.

On the day of the incident, the pastor had allegedly told his family he was attending revivals in Manzini and was forced to spend a night at his cousin's place. The matter was then reported to the area's authorities, who in turn notified the police.

MINOR (16) FEARS GOING INSANE IN PRISON

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak
Magistrate's Court

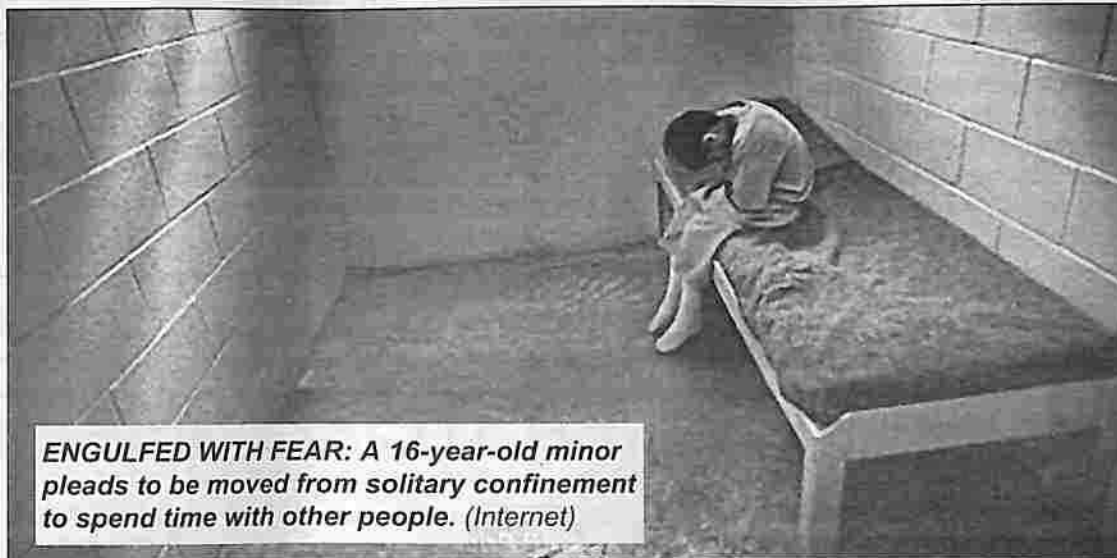
A 16-year-old minor has pleaded with Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini to be allowed to spend time in adult prison fearing he would go insane if he continued to spend time in solitary confinement.

The minor, whose name has been withheld due to ethical reasons, had appeared before the senior magistrate as part of his remand this week.

The minor, who is still awaiting trial for theft charges, is currently serving time in solitary confinement and pleaded with the senior magistrate to be transferred to an adult prison to await his trial date as his next remand was set for August 16.

The young boy, who is from Pigg's Peak, has been charged with allegedly stealing unspecified items worth E2 000 from his uncle.

The minor said: "May I please



ENGULFED WITH FEAR: A 16-year-old minor pleads to be moved from solitary confinement to spend time with other people. (Internet)

be transferred to adult prison to await my trial date as opposed to spending time in solitary confinement awaiting my trial date. I fear that I will go mad, please allow me to spend time with other human beings as every day has turned into a mental and physical struggle for me."

Senior Magistrate Dlamini acknowledged the fact that the child's basic human rights were

being violated and requested a lawyer to handle the matter of requesting a transfer and a speedy trial for the minor.

The minor was then asked by Dlamini if he had any parents and he replied to the affirmative.

The minor then informed the senior magistrate that the public phone at the Pigg's Peak Correctional facility was out of order, thus he could not keep in

constant communication with his father who was his only voice of reason.

Dlamini said: "We need to find a speedy resolution for this minor as he is serving two sentences without even being tried. First he is spending time while awaiting his trial while he is also spending time in a prison cell all by himself, which is too much punishment for the young man."

Ex-warrior loses pension battle

● Judge says he had accepted his fate by his own conduct

By Linda Jele
High Court

HIGH Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe has dismissed a former correctional nurse's application to be paid his pension benefits as a permanent employee.

Raphael Bene had filed an application before the High Court seeking an order directing the Commissioner General of His Majesty's Correctional Services Isaiah Ntshangase and government to treat him as a pensioner who was permanent.

He had said government unilaterally varied his terms and conditions of work from permanent and pensionable employee

just because he was a Mozambique national. He said the conditions were changed way after he had been confirmed into the pensionable establishment.

He said he had been employed in 1985 as a staff nurse when the service was still referred to as the Swaziland Prisons Services. After 11 years of service, his terms of employment were varied and he was moved to a temporary employee and he was told that he had been mistakenly entered into the permanent and pensionable establishment.

He said he continued to work but challenged government on the move until he reached retirement age in 1999. He said he continued to work on contractual

basis for 10 more years. Government opposed the court application on the grounds that Bene had been engaged on the change.

Government said to ameliorate the harshness of its decision to vary Bene's employment conditions; it gave him three year contracts after he had reached the retirement age.

At the end of each contract, he was given 30 percent gratuity which was more advantageous than those in the permanent establishment.

"For emphasis' sake it is common cause that after the decision varying his status from a permanent and pensionable employee to a temporary one, the applicant had accepted his fate and had acted on the decision, working on the definite short term contracts until 2010 when he retired or stopped working. This means

that the applicant had in law acquiesced to the decision. He had in fact accepted and enjoyed whatever benefit that came with the change," Judge Hlophe said.

Judge Hlophe also said Bene enjoyed working for about 10 years after he had reached the retirement age of 60 years. He said Bene's conduct brought about what in law could be referred to as pre-emption. He said he blew hot and cold at the same time.

He said the law did not allow a person to reject a position and take another but later change to accept that he had earlier rejected by his conduct some 20 years back. "If he were to be allowed to do that he would mean that he was being allowed to reprobate and approbate something the law prohibits," Hlophe said.

He dismissed his application with costs.

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PENSIONER (65) WINS ORDER FOR A SECOND DNA TEST

Stories by Linda Jele
Mbabane

A 65-year-old pensioner has won a court order directing a 39-year-old woman to avail herself for a second paternity test with her baby to determine if he is the father or not.

He has claimed that the first blood samples taken at the Lancet Laboratories situated at the Mbabane Clinic were done in a suspicious environment. Therefore, he fears they may have been doctored and his blood replaced by that of the real father of the child.

Mandla Simelane* has alleged that he was made to pay maintenance for Ncobile Matfunjwa's* daughter, now aged seven, yet he disputed that he was the biological father.

He said he had been paying monthly maintenance for Matfunjwa's daughter who had

been issued with a garnishee order against his pension.

As a result, he applied for an order to have DNA tests conducted to see if his money was not just going down the drain in supporting another man's child.

The tests were allegedly conducted at Lancet Laboratories in Mbabane and the results came back positive, confirming that the probability that he was the father were 99.999 percent.

Claimed

However, he claimed the tests were conducted in a fraudulent manner because there was another man in the testing room. He suspected that the man, unknown to him, was the real father of the child.

"It is in the circumstances that I wish the paternity test to be re-conducted at my own expense, so as to determine the paternity of the said child. I reasonably believe that the blood specimen

submitted for DNA testing had, in fact, not been mine, but of the man unknown to me who was also present in the testing room at the Mbabane Clinic," he said.

He suspected there was collusion between Matfunjwa, the man and the Lancet Laboratories nurse to exchange the blood samples taken from him with those taken from the unknown man.

He reasonably believed that the man was the real father of the child. He claimed that the man was escorted into the testing room and remained there for a long period before he was called in to have his own blood specimen extracted.

He had suspected that the man was the father of the child because when he arrived at the clinic, he saw Matfunjwa talking to him.

However, he claimed, Matfunjwa denied it when he confronted her about the presence of the said man.

"I wish to state that upon gathering of evidence it transpired that the said gentleman has a sister who is working as a nurse at Lancet Laboratories at Mbabane Clinic.

There is a reasonable suspicion that the results had been exchanged with those of the said man to reflect that I fathered the child," he said.

He also claimed that the laboratory had told him the results would be given to him sealed and there would be no interference. However, when he enquired about them later, he was given a loose paper. He also alleged that the results were further given to Matfunjwa's attorneys first. The Magistrate's Court issued an order directing Matfunjwa to avail herself and the baby so that the tests could be conducted in another clinic. Simelane was represented by Howe Masuku Nsibandwe Attorneys in the matter.

Baby mama denies DNA results doctored

THE baby mama has denied that the DNA results were doctored at the Lancet Laboratories.

She has labelled Mandla Simelane's act of demanding a second test to be conducted as abuse to the child who had to grow without a father figure for a long time. This is contained in Ncobile Matfunjwa's court papers filed by Waring Attorneys.

She submitted that the results were a true reflection of the status quo. She denied the existence of any third man at the clinic on the day the samples were taken at the Mbabane Clinic. She argued that Simelane's intention was merely to humiliate her child and subject her to degrading treatment.

"I submit that the child already has to contend with growing up without a father figure and now she has to come to terms with the humiliation that her father refuses to accept her," she said.

She argued that Simelane's right to demand re-testing was not absolute. She submitted that she had a duty to protect her child. She said there was no danger that he could be supporting a child that was not his because the first results confirmed he was the biological father.

Zim labourer steals from neighbour

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court

A 29-year-old Zimbabwean man has been arrested and charged with theft of items worth E5 500 from his neighbour Tengetile Dlamini.

Ernest Magwaza, who lives in Matsamo, appeared before Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini yesterday. He was granted bail of E2 250, which

is half the amount of the items he is accused of stealing. The court heard how the labourer who works in Mhlumeni, who is also a father of three, allegedly stole items from his neighbour while at Matsamo last Sunday.

Magwaza was arrested after police were called by Tengetile who claimed her other neighbours had seen Magwaza allegedly stealing at her home. He pleaded not guilty to the charge of theft

and asked bail from Senior Magistrate Dlamini.

Magwaza pleaded for the bail to be reduced but the senior magistrate indicated that the court was required to follow the rules set by the High Court, stating that all bail was set to be half the amount of items allegedly stolen. Magwaza was ordered by the senior magistrate to re-appear before the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court next week Friday for the setting of a trial date.

DUO BUSTED FOR STEALING PASTOR'S SMART PHONE

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

TWO men of Mzilikazi and Ka-Mdodi have been arrested for allegedly stealing an iPad belonging to Pastor Mfanisibili Sifundza worth E7 000.

The two appeared before Principal Magistrate Dumsani Magagula yesterday, where they were granted bail of E3 500 each.

Jabulani Mgabhi (21) and Sizwe Dlamini (20) appeared before the court after they were charged with theft of the smart phone valued at E7 000.

According to the charge sheet, the accused persons acted in furtherance of a common purpose allegedly wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally steal the property of Sifundza after breaking into his house.

Accused

The iPad was eventually recovered at a shop where the accused persons had taken it to have its password undone. Sifundza had also gone to the same shop to ask the owner to assist him in tracing it when he found it right on the table. He then called the police who swiftly arrived and waited for the criminals who had brought it. A couple of hours later,

the two men came to the shop to collect the iPad and they were subsequently arrested. When the charge sheet was read to them, both accused persons, however, pleaded not guilty

to the crime. The matter was then postponed to July 28, for setting of a trial date. Meanwhile, a 16-year-old teenager also appeared before the court facing a similar charge.

*Blessing was said to have grabbed a cellphone from one Zanele Lushaba after meeting her along the road-way.

Blessing reportedly first asked for time from the complainant. He grabbed the cellphone while the complainant took it out from the bag to look at the time. During his appearance before court, a social work-

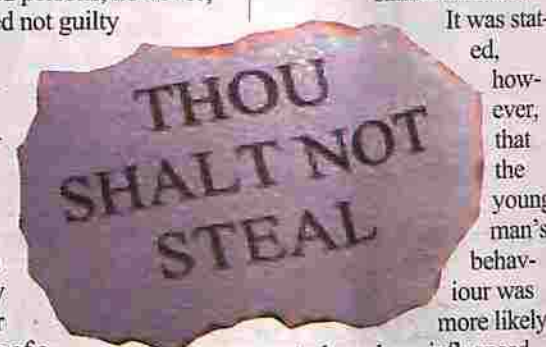
er presented a livelihood assessment report about the accused person. The report indicated that Blessing also had previous convictions on similar offences.

It was stated, however, that the young man's behaviour was more likely to have been influenced by the conditions he was living in.

It was stated that the accused was abandoned by his father while still at tender age, something which affected him psychologically. The social welfare report

therefore recommended that the accused be provided with professional counselling as it was evident that he was undergoing a mental trauma. After considering the recommendations, the court then deferred sentencing to July

15, next year. Meanwhile, Blessing was released to the custody of his mother.



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PROPOSED BAN OF PRODUCTION AND USE OF TECHNICAL ENDOSULFAN IN SWAZILAND

INTRODUCTION TO STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

Swaziland is part of the Stockholm Convention which was adopted on May 2001 and entered into force on 17th May 2004. Swaziland ratified the Convention in January 2006. The Swaziland Environment Authority (SEA) is the Designated National Authority (DNA) for the implementation of the international treaty which is aimed at promoting the Sound Management of Chemicals (SCM).

The Convention sets out measures for state parties to reduce and eliminate the production, use, importation and exportation of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). Though the Convention targets for the reduction and eventual eradication of the use of POPs, it provides for exemptions for state parties to continue using some POPs with a view of phasing them out once affordable and feasible alternatives have been realised.

WHAT ARE POPs?

POPs are chemicals that remain intact in the Environment for long periods, bio-accumulate in the living organisms and cause adverse effects on human

health and the environment. This is because they have the ability to penetrate into the human food chain.

The main POPs identification criteria are: persistence, bio-accumulation, toxicity, volatility, and transfer over long distances. The main problem with POPs is that they resist degradation and build up to higher concentration in the environment, at which levels may become toxic to plants and animals.



Farmers Spraying their Fields with Endosulfan without putting on Protective Clothing

SOURCES OF POPs

The major sources of POPs pesticides in Swaziland are in agricultural, health, building construction sectors and obsolete stocks storage sites. In Swaziland the main source of POPs are

agricultural chemicals. An example of a POPs Chemical that was once used in Swaziland was Endosulfan. Endosulfan

was widely used for managing pests found on cotton.

WHAT IS ENDOSULFAN

Endosulfan was used widely in Swaziland as an insecticide used for the control of crop pests in cotton. This is an insecticide used to control a broad range of insect and pests on a wide variety of crops in many agro-systems. It is in a class of chemicals with similar chemical structure that persist in the environment and in the bodies of humans and other animals long after their use. It is absorbed through the stomach, lungs and the skin.

FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO ENDOSULFAN

The SEA has collaborated with the Cotton Board to come up with technically and economically feasible alternatives to Endosulfan. One solution that was realised in cotton was the use of Genetically Modified Cotton. The GM Cotton has a Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) gene that causes the cotton to produce a poison that can kill the attacking pest by opening a hole in its alimentary canal.

Research on pest management shows

that there are also preventative measures that can also be followed to minimise the need to use chemicals to control pest especially in agriculture. To prevent infestation, alternative practices include the choice of varieties, crop rotation, intercropping, planting of trap plants and plants that serve as habitats for beneficial insects, companion planting to deter pests, field sanitation, and mechanical methods.

If preventive measures are not sufficient, insecticides derived from natural plant extracts, natural soaps, minerals or naturally occurring pathogens like Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) (as a spray, not as a genetically engineered part of the crop itself), plant extracts like neem, lemon grass, garlic, ginger, marigold, turmeric and many more can be applied.

Technical Endosulfan has not been sold in the country for at least five (5) years and we have been able to recommend safer alternatives that can be used for the control of pests. This has reduced our dependence on this dangerous chemical.

IMPACT ON HUMAN HEALTH

Endosulfan is a red label insecticide, extremely poisonous and has detrimental effects to human health and the environment. Continued use of this chemical by both commercial and subsistence farmers can lead to serious health issues that can cost the country Billions of Emalangeni.

Endosulfan is a known cause of acute and chronic toxicity. Studies have shown that it has potential carcinogenic effects and has been associated with:

1. physical disorders,
2. mental disabilities,
3. in-severe cases, death.

Endosulfan is also an endocrine disrupter which has known implications such as:

1. delayed sexual maturity,
2. defects in the male reproductive system
3. defects in hormone production,



Symptoms of poisoning include:

1. headache,
2. abdominal cramps,
3. nausea,
4. perspiration,
5. blurred vision,
6. convulsions,
7. tremor
8. coma.



EFFECTS OF ENDOSULFAN ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Endosulfan is likely to infiltrate surface water near area of application. It has been detected in various fruits and vegetables and it highly toxic to organisms such as birds, bees, fish, and aquatic invertebrates.

INVITATION FOR COMMENTS / OBJECTIONS

In view of the detrimental effects of Endosulfan and that it has not been used in the country for the past five (5) years the Swaziland Environment Authority recommends a total ban on production and use of Endosulfan in the country.

Swaziland is expected to communicate to the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention regarding the use of this Chemical BY 20th of July 2016.

Comments and/or objections are

invited from all stakeholders including the general public on the proposed ban of Endosulfan in Swaziland. The comments must be forwarded to the Director of Swaziland Environment Authority or email to ceosec@sea.org.sz and qedile@sea.org.sz. for Additional Information please contact Qedile Zwane at 24046960 before 20 July 2016. You are requested to reply to SEA before this date.

BY STEPHEN ZUKE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Drunk student bolts through police car window

...was also charged with two more counts including negligent driving and escaping from lawful custody

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

A student from a Nelspruit based college who was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol made a daring escape for freedom when he jumped through a police car's window.

Eric Dlamini was arrested for driving while under the influence of

alcohol and was also charged with two more counts including negligent driving and escaping from lawful custody.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charges during his appearance before Manzini Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini.

The accused told the court he was a student and as someone who was not being used to be on the wrong side of the law, he panicked when

he got arrested and tried to flee.

The accused said police found him parked in space reserved for public vehicles because he was responding to a call.

He told the court he stopped the car because he knew that driving while on the phone was wrong.

The accused told the court he was not aware that the area in which he was parked was a no parking zone, as he usually sees kombis parked

there when dropping or picking up customers.

The magistrate condemned the accused's conduct, saying it was unacceptable as it showed a lack of respect for the law.

In passing sentence, the magistrate ordered the accused to pay a fine of E3 000 or spend 18 months in prison.

The accused negotiated to pay his fine in instalments, however, his



request was not accepted as he was informed that too many people have deceived the court promising to pay in instalments but when given the chance they failed to own up to their promise.



Form 4 pupil too drunk to stand trial

A Form Four pupil in one of the schools in Manzini had to be remanded back into police custody as he was too drunk to stand trial on Sunday.

Simanga Mamba (24) was found by police staggering in the road near Sgodvweni at 3am. He was then arrested and taken into police

custody. He made his first appearance before Magistrate Lucia Lukhele on Sunday.

When his rights to legal representation were read to him, the accused elected to conduct his own defence and pleaded guilty to being found jaywalking on the road while drunk.

However, it was discovered that the accused was still drunk during his court appearance hence he was remanded back into police custody to sober up.

Appeared

Yesterday, he appeared before Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini. When asked what made him so

drunk, Simanga told the court he drank too much Castle Lager beer, adding he was in a celebratory mood as his team had won during ball games which were held on Saturday.

Dlamini warned the accused about his drinking habits, saying he was too young to be going around drinking instead should be focusing on his school work since he was still doing Form Four.

LIQUOR NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that the Liquor Licensing Board will hold its sitting to hear the following applications at the Ministry of Justice Conference Room on the 5 August 2016 starting at 09.00am.

Region Manzini

Maghawe Motsa, P.O. Box 3349 Manzini grant of a Bottle Store Liquor Licence situated at Plot 680, 7th Street Matsapha Industrial Site known as Hope Bottle Store.

Any person who wishes to lodge an objection to the above-mentioned application may do so with the Secretary of the Liquor Licensing Board in writing, sending a copy to the applicant by registered mail to reach him/her at least ten days before the sitting of the Board.

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BOARD
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MBABANE

ABSENT LAWYER ANGERS PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

LAWYER Buhle Dlamini's failure to appear in court yesterday for his client angered Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi.

He was supposed to appear for his client Vusi Dlamini. However, it had not been ascertained what Vusi had done because his charges were not read.

When his legal rights were explained, he said he had acquired the services of an attorney who was not present at that time. This was still in the morning.

Nhlabatsi wanted to know why Vusi's lawyer was not present. "I called him and he told me he was still attending to another matter in Manzini.

He told me it would be difficult for him to attend to my case because he was not given a charge sheet," Vusi said.

Nhlabatsi said such was not supposed to be the lawyer's excuse because he should have known where to find the charge sheet.

"He should have liaised with the clerks to find the charge sheet and be here in court because he knows that your case is supposed to be tried now in court," Nhlabatsi said.

She went on to tell Vusi that next time, she will not tolerate something like this. She told Vusi that she was aware

he had a right to be represented by an attorney, but his right was limited. It was not supposed to allow him to disturb the operations of the court. She advised Vusi to always push his lawyer to appear for him when he was supposed to do so.

She told Vusi that at the end of the day, he was the one who would suffer the most because the lawyer could charge him for an appearance in court. She said the lawyer could even charge him for an appearance he would have not made, like yesterday's case.

Appeared

She said the lawyer could tell him he appeared on that day even if he had not. Vusi stated that he was also pained by the fact that his lawyer did not appear on his behalf at the time.

However, lawyer Buhle eventually appeared before Nhlabatsi on behalf of Vusi. That was in the afternoon. He apologised to Nhlabatsi for the disturbance he might have caused by not pitching for his client when he was expected to do so. He said he had liaised with the clerks on Wednesday last week but he could not be given a charge sheet.

The case was then postponed to January 24, 2017.

Buhle was warned to appear without fail, or else the court would continue with the case, with or without his presence.

Separate trial for three siblings

By Linda Jele
High Court

THE office of the director of public prosecutions has asked to separate the trial of three brothers who allegedly assaulted a man who later died after one skipped to Mozambique.

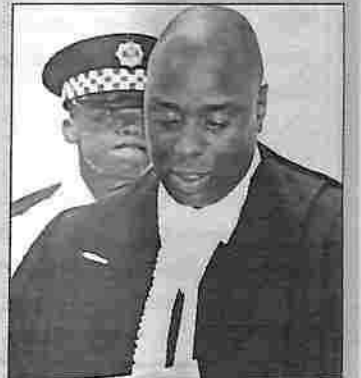
The three, Justice, Siyabonga and Mfundo Nxumalo were charged with culpable homicide in that they assaulted one Mapo Magagula in May 2008 and he died as a result. It was alleged that the incident happened after a brief scuffle between the parties.

The suspects had been out on bail and when the trial resumed yesterday before High Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe, it turned out that Mfundo was not present.

Senior Crown Counsel Elsie Matsebula informed the judge that Mfundo could not be located by the police. She said he was reported to be in Mozambique and had long stopped making appearances before the Magistrate's Court or to the police station as per his bail conditions.

It was alleged that the three suspects were still teenagers when they committed the offence and as a result, were released to the custody of their father who is a member of the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF).

Justice Hlophe was told that when the matter last appeared in court Mfundo had not shown up and at the time he was reported to have skipped the country to South Africa. The judge said the trial was very old and needed to be finalised soon. He was told that



BEFORE HIM: High Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe.

Justice and Siyabonga had indicated they would plead guilty to the offence during a pre-trial conference. They said they were not aware of their brother's whereabouts.

The suspects said they had not been able to notify their attorney that the matter was resuming yesterday because they were notified at short notice. Justice told the court he was informed yesterday that he had to attend trial at 0930 hours.

Siyabonga said he had been called yesterday because he was detained at His Majesty's Correctional Services for another offence. The judge then postponed the matter to this morning to determine whether or not the trial should be separated, in the presence of their attorney Justice Mzizi. "I have the power to terminate your bail, based on your indication that you will plead guilty, but I will extend it to tomorrow (today). This is just an unfortunate case where a life was lost by mistake. We will look at the intricacies of the case," he said. He ordered that their lawyer should be present today for the trial.

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Nkhaba MP hopeful: Let's grow lavender

By Linda Dlamini
Mbabane

NKHABA residents can take advantage of their climatic conditions and engage in the business of growing lavender.

Nkhaba MP hopeful John Weatherston, in an interview at Mnyokane Primary on Saturday, said: "The climatic conditions are ideal for growing lavender, which is a good source of income for the people of the area."

Weatherston said he had already started the project in the area and has had success and encouraged other people to do the same.

"I know the area is synonymous with the growth of marijuana, however, what people do not know is that it is more profitable to grow lavender,"

he said.

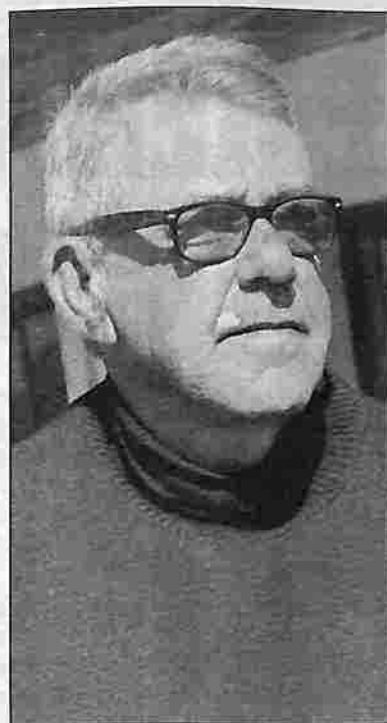
The aspiring MP said these are the kind of projects that the area should be trying to do as they increase economic development of the area.

In the build up to the nomination Weatherston has often been included as one of the top contenders for the parliamentary seat.

When quizzed about whether he wanted to go to parliament Weatherston could only smile and say, "Only God knows."

Interestingly, Weatherston was actually nominated on Saturday at Mnyokane Primary during the nomination for the vacant post of MP of Nkhaba Constituency.

Saturday was a day whereby the five different chiefdoms under the Nkhaba Constituency; namely, ELuvijelweni, eJubukweni, eMalanti, Nkhaba and eLofokati had



PROMISING: Nkhaba MP hopeful John Weatherston.

their nominations for the elections.

The by-elections are conducted to find a replacement for the late Nkhaba MP Xolani Lucky Mabuza, who died early this year.

13 poaching cases in 3 weeks

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

THERE seems to be a rise in poaching cases after 13 cases were reported to the police in the space of three weeks.

Most of the cases are from the Lubombo region as 10 of 13 are from that region, while two are from Manzini with one from Nhlanguano. The game targeted by the poachers varies from Imbabala, Livondvo, Inyala and Kudu, which are suspected to be hunted for domestic use. There have been rare cases where poachers have been found with certain suspicious game body parts. On Saturday, Sidvokodvo police arrested and charged an 18-year-old man and a 17-year-old man with contravening the Game Act. The two young men were found in possession of a bush-buck (Imbabala), a monkey and five cane red (emavondvo) car-casses while at Gebeni. Both culprits failed to produce a licence or permit for the possession of these

items when they appeared before the Manzini Magistrate's Court.

On the same note, Simunye police arrested and charged four men with contravening the Game Act. Three of the men are aged 30, 26 and 20, and come from Lomahasha while the other is a 41-year-old from Sithobela. They were found in possession of a bushbuck.

The men failed to produce a permit or a licence for their game possession. They all appeared before Simunye Magistrate's Court. Police have sent a strong warning against poaching. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba said "Anyone who is contemplating breaking the Game Act must refrain as the police are on the look out for such offender. Thirteen poaching incidents in just three weeks is such a big number." He said this showed that people were targeting game, which could only mean that as police they would have to tighten the screws.

Umcombotsi lands man in jail

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court

A 25-year-old man has been fined E1 500 for drinking two glasses of umcombotsi traditional beer.

Mxolisi Nxumalo was arrested after being found to be two times above the legal alcohol limit in a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol. Nxumalo was arrested by traffic personnel along the M1 highway,

passing Hawane whilst driving towards Pigg's Peak.

He told the magistrate's court that he was on his way home to Pigg's Peak from his parental home at Hawane. Nxumalo said: "I was coming from my parental home in Hawane where I drank only two glasses of umcombotsi I felt fine,

relaxed and then I got into my car and started to drive back to Pigg's Peak."

"I was then stopped by four traffic police who gave me a breathalyser test and told me that I had a very high alcohol reading of 0.68 of alcohol per litre of blood I was shocked I was then arrested and my car was impounded plus I spent last night in a

Pigg's Peak holding cell". Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini then informed Nxumalo that traditional beer had no alcohol percentage because it was often brewed outside a controlled or laboratory environment, thus each cup or glass had no indicator of how much alcohol the individual was consuming.



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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.
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4. There will be a site visit on the 12th July 2016 at King Mswati III International Airport car park. Tenderers are expected to convene at 10am at the car park.
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KHALANGILILE RENAMED USUTHU ALLIANCE CHURCH

Stories by Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Khalangilile

KHALANGILILE Alliance Church has officially been renamed Usuthu Alliance Church.

The church, which is situated across the Great Usuthu River near Ntandozi, has been renamed by the board of the Alliance Church in Swaziland. This transpired during the official opening ceremony of the church on Saturday.

President of the Alliance Church in Swaziland, Reverend

Johannes Mazibuko, officially opened the church whose construction began back in 2006.

Mazibuko applauded the congregants for working together over the years in ensuring that the church came to completion.

Continued

"This is now one of the over 15 Alliance churches in the country because you continued to give towards the construction of this building, without holding back. This goes to show how the Alliance church does things, we always strive to build proper houses of God," he said.

Mazibuko added that the name

change came as a result of wanting to send grace towards the church.

"It cannot be Khalangilile while we are happy in the presence of the Lord, a name should speak grace and send blessings towards its owner, hence we are officially renaming this church to be Usuthu, because of the river in the vicinity," he said.

He urged the flock to continue giving towards the spreading of the ministry, to maintain peace at the church and declared the new house of worship as a house of mercy.

"As I dedicate this church, may

everything done here be God centred, Christ focused, scripture based, spirit motivated and soul driven, whether during the day or at night, just use this building for God's purposes," he advised.

Cost

The church construction cost about E350 000, which was raised by the church members, through offerings and tithes.

OFFICIAL OPENING: President of the Alliance Church in Swaziland Dr JV Mazibuko officially opens the Usuthu Alliance Church branch in Khalangilile. This was on Saturday, where he also announced the change in name of the church from Khalangilile Alliance church to Usuthu.



GIFTS: Chief Lembelele's representative Samuel Sikhondze receives a token of appreciation on behalf of the chief.



APPLAUSE: Brethren came in their numbers to be part of the big day.



IN GOOD COMPANY: The Pastor of the church Mvangeli Simelane watches the official opening of the church with young Vuyiswa.

PRAISING: SWAG Choir entertaining the multitudes with their brilliant vocal chords.



HONoured: One of the elders of the church Gogo Gladys Fakudze (90) was honoured with a gift.



Chief Lembelele gives church his blessings

CHIEF Lembelele Dlamini of Luyengweni gave his blessings towards the construction of the newly renamed Usuthu Alliance Church.

The chief further urged the leaders of the church to feel free to visit him for a quick prayer, at his residence. This was communicated by a representative of the chief, Samuel Sikhondze, who applauded the beauty of the building.

"It is a pity that this building is a bit far from the main road, yet we are proud of what it turned out to be. Thank you to

everyone who worked tirelessly towards its construction. This church and many others in the area are free to request to pray for the chief," he said. Sikhondze further mentioned that all the right procedures were followed in the construction of the church, from obtaining the land up to its construction. "Only community development can remove you from this land, as you followed the rightful procedures," he said. The Pastor of the church is Mvangeli Simelane, who is also Hhohho Deputy Regional Educational Officer (REO).



NEW: A side view of the newly constructed church.

Mzuthini for Durban AIDS big meet

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

HIS Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) Commissioner General Isiah Ntshangase has joined other delegates for the AIDS big meeting, currently taking place in Durban, South Africa.

He is expected to join over 50 correctional leaders to discuss progress made since the signing of the African declaration for the commitment to HIV and AIDS prevention and care, treatment and support in prisons in 2009 and to reaffirm those commitments.

Ntshangase is one of the more than 18 000 delegates currently attending the International AIDS Conference held in Durban, South Africa. In a press release, the HMCS stated that Ntshangase's attendance at the conference was made possible by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), with the support of the African Correctional Services Association (ACSA). UNODC has sponsored two events for the corrections leaders at the International AIDS Conference. The first event is an extraordinary meeting of the African HIV in Prisons Partnership Network (AHPPN), while the second is a satellite symposium session on HIV Services in African prisons.

"During these consultative meetings, participants will discuss the progress made since the signing of the African declaration for the commitment to HIV and AIDS prevention and care, treatment and support in prisons in 2009 and to reaffirm those commitments," HMCS reported in a press release.

The satellite symposium, held yesterday, saw the official launch of the first guidelines and standard operating procedures for HIV services provision in prison settings. The meeting also saw the release of comprehensive strategic information on HIV and Health in prison settings, in several African countries, as well as a high-level panel discussion on the operationalisation of the United Nations standard minimum rules for the treatment of offenders.

The commissioner general was accompanied by Deputy Director of Health Care Services at the department, Assistant Commissioner Phindile Sibandze.

Meanwhile, Ntshangase in 2009 had said the African HIV in Prisons Partnership Network (AHPPN) signed the declaration for commitment to HIV and AIDS prevention care, treatment and support in prisons upon the realisation of the fact that Africa, especially Sub-Saharan Africa was most hard hit by HIV in the world.

"This situation is mostly reflective of prison settings, where it was realised that the HIV situation in prisons in Africa has been an inadequately addressed area.

As such urgent attention is needed both from the political and financial perspective of the African states," he said.

He noted that efforts that ignored HIV prevention and treatment in prison settings, were not enough because offenders, as one of the major vulnerable groups, were exposed to several HIV transmission risks whilst in custody. Offenders were susceptible to risk associated with unprotected, forced and consensual sexual practices, injecting drug use, tattooing or piercing.

SA high commissioner takes 67 minutes to Mdzangwini

AS part of the Mandela Day celebrations, South African High Commissioner in Swaziland Johannes Mahlangu headed to the dusty Mdzangwini area to give food to children.

Mahlangu was accompanied by his staff from the high commission and his wife Andrea Mahlangu.

He said the 67 minutes was more than a celebration of Madiba's life and legacy.

"It is a global movement to honour Madiba's life, work and effort to change the world for the better, just as Madiba gave 67 years fighting for humanity," he said.

Mahlangu said people around the world, particularly in South Africa, yesterday honored the 95th birthday of former South African President Nelson Mandela by undertaking 67 minutes of community work. Whilst at Mdzangwini, the high commissioner prepared

lunch for over 30 orphans including some adults, who were present during the commemoration.

Mahlangu said the day was also officially honoured by the United Nations (UN) as 'Mandela Day' which was a chance to reflect on the legacy of a man who fought against apartheid and social injustice all his life.

"I wanted to do something for my 67 minutes and I am also aiming to provide something sustainable for the children like a vegetable garden," he said.

He said the beef and chicken curry served to the children was prepared by himself.

Adding, Mahlangu said, South African Political Secretary, Thabang Malebye had noted that Mandela Day was a day for South Africans to reaffirm their mission for a reconciled South Africa.

He said the day was proclaimed



MANDELA DAY: Anell Van-zyl entertaining the children during the Mandela's 67 minutes commemoration day.

internationally through an undisputed vote of the UN assembly as the day South Africans would answer the call that Madiba made in 2008. "The world remains beset with so much human suffering, poverty and deprivation. It is in your hands to make of our world a

better one for all," he said.

He said by feeding the hungry, that was how they keep the Mandela flame burning.

"We honour his 67 years spent fighting social injustice with 67 minutes of selfless work to enrich the lives of others," he said.



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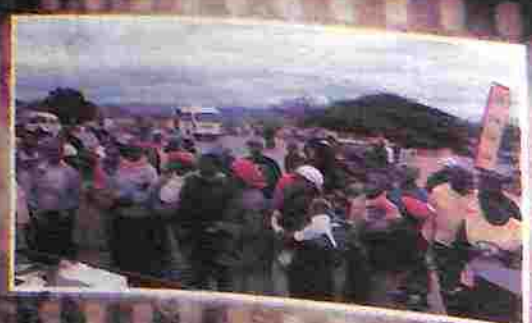
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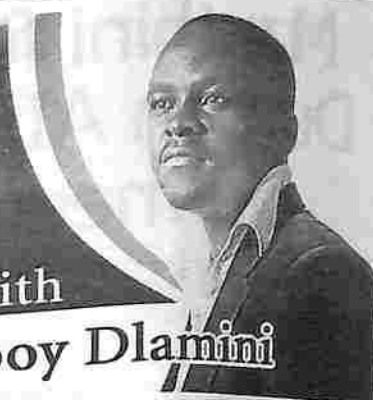


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MINISTER 'CRUISER' APPLAUDS RSSC FOR SIYAKHA INITIATIVE

MINISTER of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, David Ngcamphalala has applauded the Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC) for the Siyakha 1800 football programme, an initiative which he said will go a long way in nurturing future national team players.

The initiative which was launched early this year, is aimed at promoting sporting activities amongst the young generation as children as young as eight years old participated.

In his brief speech during the prize presentation of the RSSC Siyakha 1800 football Programme at Thembelisha Senior Hall, Simunye last Thursday, Ngcamphalala said such initiatives not only seek to improve football but also play a key role in reducing the rate of crime amongst the communities and provide health and fitness to the participants.

The minister highlighted that his presence in the sugar belt reminded him of the now defunct Mhlume United affectionately known as 'Simagamaga' which was a force to be reckoned with



THANK YOU: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, David Ngcamphalala making his remarks during the presentation of RSSC Siyakha programme.

in elite league football through support from RSSC back in years.

The minister also urged the Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA) to take care of the sponsor, RSSC and ensure that a progress report is submitted on time, so as to have a transparent relationship between the two parties.

He observed that the company also has an art for social development, which hugely benefits the

communities, something which he said deserve support from other stakeholders.

Ngcamphalala then presented a certificate of appreciation to RSSC Managing Director, Nick Jackson for his role in developing football in the northern zone, through sponsorship and other social responsibilities which the company is committed to. The event was also attended by Mhlume Member of Parliament (MP), Sifiso Magagula, RSSC

MD, Nick Jackson, Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA) Chairman, Mangaliso Langwenya, amongst the dignitaries.

The RSSC Siyakha Football Programme was sponsored to the tune of E180 000 by the giant sugar company, which was spread equally into three categories namely; Northern Zone Senior League, Under 13 League, and Grassroots Programme.

RSSC re-launch sponsorship

FOLLOWING the success of the maiden RSSC Siyakha 1800 programme in the 2015/16 season, the company has deemed it fit to commit to another year with the same sponsorship.

This was revealed by RSSC Managing Director, Nick Jackson during the prize presentation event at Thembelisha Hall last Thursday.

Before delivering the great news to the attendees, comprising of teams representatives who had filled the hall to the brim, Jackson first applauded all the relevant stakeholders for making this initiative a successful one.

Jackson pointed out that the programme had initially targeted 1 800 participants, but it ended up luring 2 471 participants, with near equal numbers of boys and girls, which is a sign of a successful initiative.

He further revealed that after realising that pumping money into RSSC United was no longer serving a good purpose, when considering the influx of foreign players in the team, the company decided to pull out and focus on a programme that would develop the standard of the local game, hence the birth of RSSC Siyakha.

Also speaking during the same event was LRFA Chairman, Mangaliso Langwenya, who said as a football fraternity they bank their hopes on the Minister to always lobby for development of sports in Parliament, so as to ensure that programmes like the grassroots are not neglected. He also thanked Jackson for his commitment and dedication towards the development of football, as demonstrated by the company's partnership with the sport, to an extent that he even christened the name of the programme 'Siyakha', which means building.



Big meeting for ex-Lubombo Central pupils at Magadzavane

FORMER pupils of Lubombo Central High School will on August 6, 2016 host an anticipated 'mother of all meetings' at Magadzavane Lodge, in preparation of the launch of Alumni.

The former pupils will include those who completed in the 1980s up to last year's school leavers.

Interim chairperson Thulani Shongwe has reported that the former pupils are currently working on forming an alumni, which is expected to be instrumental in

the development of the school.

Apparently, Shongwe reported that some of the former pupils have recently met and formulated the logistics of forming the alumni.

Contribution

He said during their previous meeting, which was attended by the class of 2002, it became evident that the contribution, of all those who have attended at the school, was needed to take the school to greater heights.

He pointed out that as former pupils; they had better knowl-

edge of the challenges faced by the school, hence their contribution would play a major role.

These include the shortage of land space for the construction of new structures and the general poverty level faced by the area, which then affects the performance of the learners.

Shongwe said the alumni would therefore work on enhancing the academic performance of the current learners amongst other challenges.

"We have come to realise that some of us are in good positions

which can be instrumental in building a better future of the current pupils by improving their learning environment," said Shongwe.

He further reported that the former pupils have also had discussions with the school principal before their first meeting who also gave a green light. Meanwhile, Shongwe said the former learners can contact him on 7605 9666 or Nhlanhla Ginindza (legal advisor) on 7603 8240 to further arrangements.

SNL brings mobile library to Nyambo, rural areas

THE Swaziland National Library (SNL) has launched a mobile library for young people around Nyambo community to encourage reading.

The SNL has embarked on an exercise to reach out to members of the community in rural areas to empower them with knowledge

...The mobile library was launched at Nyambo Primary School, where teachers from other surrounding schools also attended

through reading. The mobile library was launched at Nyambo Primary School, where teachers from other surrounding schools

also attended. The teachers were trained by SNL officials on how the mobile library will work. Speaking during the launch,

Extension Manager Charles Shongwe said the organisation realised the need to reach out to children in the rural areas after noting that there was an evident gap between children attending school in urban areas and those in the rural areas. He pointed out that children in urban schools had easy access to information as there are libraries around their schools while

those in the rural areas struggled to get same. The pupils will now be able to collect books from the mobile library (which comes in a truck), which will be making routine visits in the area. The pupils, and the general public can therefore exchange books for new one after reading them. The SNL also donated books to the school to help in establishing a library.

TRADITIONAL LEADERS TO BE INFORMED ON KA-GWEGWE ARSON

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

THE country's traditional leaders at Ludzidzini have not been formally made aware of the arson attack at Ka-Gwegwe Royal Residence.

Ludzidzini Governor Timothy Velabo Mtetwa said nothing has been communicated to them regarding the matter, therefore he could not comment.

He said he only learnt about the issue in the newspapers. The Ka-Gwegwe Royal Kraal was on Saturday in the early hours torched. No arrest so far has been made.

Ka-Gwegwe is the stronghold of acting Chief, Gelane Simelane.

Mtetwa said so far, the Ka-Gwegwe leadership has not communicated anything about the incident.

"We have not heard anything except from what we have read from the newspapers. It can therefore not be a good thing to comment without knowing what those in the leadership of that area are thinking.

Hopefully, they are still to alert us officially. Right now, we have not been informed of anything and it's not right to rely on what you read in the newspapers as I don't think newspapers are the leadership's spokesperson. We have to wait for them to come forward and tell us what happened, then I can comment," said



ANGATI LUTFO: Ludzidzini Governor Timothy Velabo Mtetwa.

Mtetwa, popularly known as TV.

Otherwise, Mtetwa did state that what happened at Ka-Gwegwe was shocking and must be condemned.

Justification

"Kodwa ke ndvodzana asimele labo labafanele basibikele kucala bese ke kungabangulapho sibona kutsi singekhuta sitsini," said Mtetwa.

Meanwhile, Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku said he was taken aback when he read about the arson at Ka-Gwegwe Royal Kraal on Sunday morning.

He said he would not want to believe that the incident could be part of the volatile situation in the area.

"We know the situation at KoNtshingila is volatile, however, there is no justification for the arson.

Those that are responsible for such an incident must fry. Such attacks on important institutions cannot be tolerated. Without even jumping into conclusions, let's leave everything to the police as they are busy with their investigations," said Masuku.

The RA who is a subject of Ka-Gwegwe as his home area is at Ka-Lawuba, said he was optimistic that even the community members would assist the police with all the necessary information that could lead to the arrest of the arsonist/s.

"Anyone with information can also convey it to me and I know how best to handle an information which is crucial in dealing with a criminal matter such as this one," said Masuku.

Illegal occupants of Magindaneni farm selling their property

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

SOME occupants of Magindaneni Farm have decided to sell their properties.

This follows that the office of the Shiselweni Regional Administrator (RA) requested them to produce documents on how they came to occupy the farm.

It is alleged some of the people after realising that they were in danger of losing when they were challenged to produce proof, resorted to selling their structures within the farm.

Farm 1151 at Magindaneni is state owned and is reserved for development with the purpose of creating jobs in the region.

RA Themba Masuku had requested all the farm occupants to come forward and explain how they ended up in the farm.

Evictions

It has been gathered that some of the farm occupants are now selling their structures or buildings with the aim of recovering part of what they spent when putting up such structures.

Some are said to have reached the decision to sell after realising they could end up being evicted as they did not have the necessary papers to be in the farm.

This newspaper understands that others sold their structures to people who were not aware that there were measures in place to evict illegal occupants.

"There are those that invested about E100 000 building their structures but are now selling for a meagre E20 000. These are people who know that they

did not follow the right procedures when they were allocated land in the farm. They are now taking chances by selling as they do not want to end up losing everything in the event a decision of evicting them is reached," said one of the residents.

The RA confirmed he was aware that some of the dwellers were selling what they built on the farm. The RA warned all potential buyers they would be 'inheriting' crime.

"It's not the case of willing seller and willing buyer here. All those who are sold those properties should be aware of the consequences. It's going to be double trouble for them as there will be no leniency should it be decided that all

those who were illegally allocated land in the farm be evicted," said Masuku.

He also disclosed that his office together with officials from the surveyor general's



PLEASE: Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku.

office visited the farm with the purpose of locating the boundaries. "Indeed, we have been able to find discrepancies as some of the structures such as the one roomed buildings known as 'titimela' have been built from one end to the other end of the farm. This is something we are going to tackle and soon we will take the necessary next steps in addressing the issue of Magindaneni," said Masuku. A couple of weeks ago, the RA met with 207 residents and urged them to bring proof that they were all legally allowed to remain in the farm.

Teacher nabbed for DD, fined E1 500

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court

A 51-year-old teacher, who is a father of eight from Pigg's Peak, has been fined E1 500 for drink-driving.

The Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court heard how Elijah Dlamini, a school teacher, was arrested after he was caught driving under the influence of alcohol.

The incident happened on Sunday evening in Pigg's Peak. He was arrested after police stopped his car, a

Nissan, and found him to be at least two times above the legal alcohol limit of 0.37 mg.

After a breathalyser was conducted on him, it read 0.78. Dlamini was then arrested and subsequently appeared before Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini where he pleaded guilty to drink driving.

In mitigation, Dlamini claimed that he was forced to drive his child to the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital after the minor had severe diarrhoea.

"It was not my intention to drink and drive, unfortunately on that fateful day my child needed to be rushed

to hospital. As I am the only person who can drive, I decided to take my child to the hospital where she was immediately admitted," he said.

Elijah further informed the court that he was on his way home when he was arrested by the police.

Magistrate Dlamini informed the accused that as a senior citizen and as a teacher it was irresponsible and embarrassing of him to be caught in such a manner and further warned him against such actions.

He was then sentenced to five months in a correctional facility if he failed to pay the E1 500 fine.



YOUR WORSHIP: Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini.

Man fined E2 000 for assaulting brother

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court

A 29-year-old man has been arrested for assaulting his brother with a shovel for buying alcohol with money that was intended for purchasing maize meal.

Simanga Motsa pleaded guilty to assaulting his younger brother Siboniso on the back with a shovel, as well as biting him on the stomach.

The incident happened at the Motsa homestead last Tuesday morning.

Simanga told the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court that he had sent his brother to town to buy maize meal and other monthly groceries for their homestead.

"I had sent Siboniso to town to buy maize meal and soap as well as other groceries for our homestead. He lives with me, my two wives, five children and our mother at our homestead," the accused said in court.

Simanga continued; "the reason I sent Siboniso to town was because I was busy putting up floor tiles inside the kitchen so I could not go. I was shocked when Siboniso came back from town drunk. When I asked him where the money was, he informed me he had used it to buy alcohol".

He told the court he was angered by Siboniso's irresponsible act.

He had given him E600 and he came back with only E300 and

was drunk.

"A fight ensued and I ended up hitting Siboniso twice on the back with the shovel and also biting his stomach," he said.

Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini then informed Simanga that violence was not the right way to resolve conflict no matter how dire the situation.

Dlamini then sentenced Simanga to two years in a correctional facility if he failed to pay the E2 000 fine.

PILOT: COMESA SG, Sindiso Ngwenya and Minister of Agriculture, Moses Vilakati, during the hand-over ceremony of the COMESA upscaling climate smart agriculture technologies project at Mphatheni



King, Queen Mother hailed for developmental role

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta
Mphatheni

HIS Majesty King Mswati III and Her Majesty the Queen Mother have been applauded for their contribution to improving the lives of Swazis.

KoNtshingila Senior Headman Mageza Mazibuko said Their Majesties were working relentlessly to improve the lives of Swazis.

"We are a blessed nation as our leaders are caring and we are fortunate enough as a country because our leaders want a better life for the people. This climate smart project is part of their efforts, the people are reaping the benefits of that today and we

all should feel proud as a nation to have caring leaders," said Mazibuko, during the handover ceremony at Mphatheni of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) upscaling climate smart technologies project.

Commended

Mazibuko also commended the good work by the Sibusiso Dlamini led government, saying development was indeed taking place even in rural communities.

"We really appreciate government's continued efforts to develop this country. This is greatly appreciated and we are aware more is still to be done in improving the lives of all Swazis including those in the rural areas," said Mazibuko.

Mazibuko assured the project's partners and stakeholders that, as elders they would make sure that it (the project) served its purpose and achieves its desired results.

"On behalf of the community leaders, I assure you here now that the project has our support.

Considered

Its location is just right and we are proud to be the first ones to be considered for such a project," said Mazibuko.

Other speakers during the event included Sithembiso Gina, who is UNDP Programme specialist who represented the UNDP Resident Representative Israel Dessalegne as well as NAMBoard CEO Siphephiso Dlamini.

MP proud to have project initiated during his tenure

MTSAMBAMA Member of Parliament (MP) Mphaya Simelane thanked COMESA, government and the other partners for the climate smart project, which was piloted at Mphatheni.

Speaking when addressing a gathering during the project's hand-over at Mphatheni last Thursday, the MP said such was an achievement on its own to him.

"I will cherish this project forever, as a reigning MP of the area, I am truly humbled," said Simelane.

The MP said he was confident that farmers from Mphatheni would take care of the project and that it would improve their livelihoods as a community.

He said as most of the farmers who were part of the project were women, he had no doubt that it would succeed.

"The project is in safe hands, especially considering there are more women participating in it. If you give women any work, they do not disappoint and they always excel at any task," said Simelane.

The MP said now that there

was a dam for irrigating, there would be no excuse on why the farmers do not record a good harvest.

"For many years now, our constituency has been faced with water scarcity and such a challenge hindered the progress of many things," said MP Simelane.

On the other hand, Sibongile Mamba, who represented Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku, said the Mphatheni community

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should consider itself lucky as it was chosen to pilot a project of such magnitude.

She said the Mphatheni area boasts good and reputable history, when it comes to farming, adding that now with the introduction of the drip irrigation method,

more farmers would be encouraged to continue with the practice.

"This is will be a goldmine for you as a community, just make use of this opportunity and be your own bosses. Problems of hunger and poverty should be a thing of the past. You are also advised to take extra care of the project and should not let it crumble," said Mamba.

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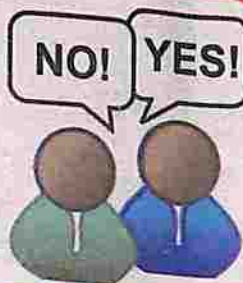
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SHAPING AN ORGANISATIONAL CULTURE

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Guest Writer

AN organisation's founder or founders begin to shape a culture when choosing the first people they hire to work for the organisation.

Culture really begins to take on meaning as those hired in the infant years of the organisation begin to encounter problems, solve them and receive feedback from the founders and the environment. Out of the responses to crises comes growth, and depending on the lessons learned, certain values and core assumptions take on meaning while others are rejected or become irrelevant.

Once established, an organisational culture takes on a life of its own, resisting pressures to change – even if feedback confirms that the firm's relationship to its environment has deteriorated. Yet, over time – cultural modifications often becomes necessary.

Culture can also be shaped by a new leader coming on board to lead the organisation. When a new leader takes over power to lead the organization, often there is uncertainty because the people are not sure of what to expect from the new leader.

There's often uncertainty because the people get concerned that they may be on the road to learn new values that may shape a new culture in the organisation. The old folks in the organisation pray and hope that things will remain the same. Which makes it necessary that if anything is changed by the new leader, it gets changed before people get to their comfort zones.



The first generation develops a culture

During the formative period when the organisation is still under the control of the initial founder(s), culture emerges from two sources. One is the founder's belief about how to succeed in business. Usually the assumption about products, markets, and technology that underlie the business mission are confirmed or denied rather quickly in the market place. Either the business takes hold or it fails.

Other assumptions, such as styles of decision making and how to compete, take longer to test. Employers who are committed to the founder's concept of doing business seem to tolerate organisational or managerial imperfections as the cost of getting business established. Founders/new leaders manifest three important behaviours:

1. The behavior they deliberately use to role model, teach and coach
2. What they pay attention to in the organisation or its environment
3. How they react to critical events and organizational crises, or their demonstrated methods of coping.

A second early source of culture is active experimentation (trial and error), where group members learn what really works and what fails. Whether passed along by the founder or learned through experimentation, only attempted solutions that seem to work are repeated and taught new comers. These lessons range from how to treat people, to how to develop creative ideas, to how to secure a foot hold in a market environment. As members learn patterns of problem solving, assumptions become confirmed.

The second generation adapts a culture

Culture typically comes under threat once the founding leader begins to hire into key positions people who are not part of the first generation. While welcomed for their technical or managerial skills, newcomers are viewed by old-timers as less loyal and thus not fully trustworthy. The first genera-

tion of employees tends to operate more on the basis of personal relationships than the formal systems more characteristics of the second generation. The real test of the effectiveness of a corporate culture comes when the organisation's environment changes. Sometimes a strong culture can be like a millstone around the neck of the organisation that is trying to respond to environmental changes.

Unless the culture emphasises innovation, a strong culture makes the introduction of change more difficult.

The alternative to a strong culture is to have no consistency of beliefs and values: a weak culture. In weak cultures, people are not sure what is expected of them, much less how the organisation believes it will succeed. Purposeful change may be even more difficult in weak-culture-organisations, but for different reasons.

Without the security and sense of purpose provided by a relatively strong culture, organisational members may feel impotent and unable to act decisively. These are not

qualities that foster change.

Revolutionary shifts in culture

Most every period of evolutionary growth in an organisation's history is followed by a revolutionary upheaval as systems, people and structure shift towards a mode that allows another period of growth. To change the culture is to initiate revolution. Out-of-date culture assumptions usually are at fault whenever organisational members behave unethically, seem unconcerned about quality, intentionally distort the truth and manipulate each other for personal gains.

Cultural changes may be necessary whenever organisations need to:

- Break away from a rigid bureaucratic culture and become more responsive to change
- Diminish the belief that power or politics gets things done and shift more towards satisfying customers and the market place
- Create an identity and set of values for mediocre, culturally weak organisation

Rather than expect current leadership to change culture incrementally, a revolutionary shift is typically assumed to require a change in leadership, with a new management team, new assumptions and practices are introduced.

The old ways and beliefs are challenged, and employees question the culture underpinnings of their organisation. Often there is a period of skepticism, resistance and complaining about "losing our values" the condition that enabled growth in the first place.

Developing a strong positive culture assist organisations implement successful strategies and programs that are aimed at improving the organisation. A weak culture, on the other suffocates all strategic initiatives including innovation that is very essential for any keeping the organisation a going concern. Building a positive productive culture is the responsibility of all heads of organisations.

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...JULY 19

1848 - The Women's Rights Convention took place in Seneca Fall, NY. Bloomers were introduced at the convention.

1870 - France declared war on Prussia.

1909 - The first unassisted triple play in major-league baseball was made by Cleveland Indians shortstop Neal Ball in a game against Boston.

1939 - Dr. Roy P. Scholz became the first surgeon to use fiberglass sutures.

1942 - German U-boats were withdrawn from positions off the US Atlantic coast due to effective American anti-submarine counter measures.

1943 - During World War II, more than 150 B-17 and 112 B-24 bombers attacked Rome for the first time.

1946 - Marilyn Monroe acted in her first screen test.

1960 - Juan Marichal (San Francisco Giants) became the first pitcher to get a one-hitter in his major league debut.

1964 - In Illinois, Cahokia Mounds was designated as a US National Landmark.

1971 - In New York, the topping out ceremony for Two World Trade Centre (South Tower) took place. The ceremony for One World Trade Centre had taken place on December 23, 1970.

1974 - The House Judiciary Committee recommended that US President Richard Nixon should stand trial in the Senate for any of the five impeachment charges against him.

1975 - The Apollo and Soyuz spacecrafts separated after being linked in orbit for two days.

1979 - In Nicaragua, the dictatorship of the Somozas was overthrown by the Sandinista National Liberation Front (Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional or FSLN).

1982 - The US Census Bureau reported that 14% of the population had an income below the official poverty level in 1981.

1984 - Geraldine Ferraro was nominated by the Democratic Party to become the first woman from a major political party to run for the office of US Vice-President.

1985 - George Bell won first place in a biggest feet contest with a shoe size of 28-1/2. Bell, at age 26, stood seven feet 10 inches tall.

1985 - Christa McAuliffe of New Hampshire was chosen to be the first schoolteacher to ride aboard the space shuttle. She died with six others when the Challenger exploded the following year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Jared Padalecki(tv actor)- JULY 19 1982 - 33 YEARS OLD



Rosie Jones(Model)- JULY 19 1991 - 25 years old



BISHOP KEITH HARRINGTON'S CORNER

IT is true that when God changes rules, regulations and laws just for you, it can be regarded as a peculiar grace.

It is a time when God remembers a person and blesses the individual regardless of what they may have done or omitted. It's a time when God's face is turned towards us in favour even when we don't deserve what we are being rewarded with.

I'm reminded about the story of Noah as this is the first scripture that I gave reference to at the beginning of this series. Many people regard Noah as a failure because in his preaching for 120 years, according to their standards, he failed to save the world.

Obedient

However, I see Noah as someone who was very obedient to the call of God, who even after preaching for so long and not seeing anyone heed to the altar call, remained faithful until the end. There is a great and wonderful truth hidden in this part of scripture, because though he failed to save the whole world, Noah managed to save his entire family. Sadly that is the opposite in many people's lives, because in our attempts to save the world, we lose our loved ones in the process.

I will always refer to a truth of why my previous marriages failed. In an attempt of preaching the gospel to a lost and dying world, I found myself neglecting

WHEN GRACE CHANGES THE RULES - PART 9

my immediate family and spending weeks or even months on the road, forgetting that I have a wife and children at home who are not impressed by staying in a house with a prodigal husband and father. To God be the glory for I have learned some lessons the hard way and today I am a living testimony of God's special grace.

The entire population on earth today are the descendants of Noah and his children. Had Noah not remained faithful to his calling and did what others regard to be crazy, you would not be reading this inspirational message right now because you wouldn't be existent. That is why the Apostle Paul advised that if man cannot rule over his own house, how can he take care of the church of God? (1 Timothy 3 verse 5)

Crazy

I've learned that doing crazy things produces crazy results. For example, when Peter saw Jesus Christ walking on the water, he made a crazy demand that if it was Jesus, that He should call him to come to him. This type of crazy faith resulted in Peter being the only disciple who experienced what it is like to walk on water. The woman with the issue of blood for 12 years did something unusual and she received unusual results.

An uncommon grace has been triggered or provoked by our actions. This became a reality in the life of my wife and I as we attended the Restoration '16 special services at Omega Fire Ministries in Johannesburg on the

May 24, 2016. This was our first time attending a conference where our father in the Lord Apostle Johnson Suleman was preaching. Though thousands were gathered we went there with a determination that God would visit us in a special way.

As the man of God was about to round up his message for the night, I saw an opportunity arising under strange circumstances.

During the service many had run to the front to drop special offerings in a basket that was put near the pulpit.

Interrupt

However, every one of them were quickly removed from the altar by ushers, so they don't interrupt the Oracle as he was preaching.

I made up my mind that my wife and I need this anointed man to bless us, so I took out all the money that we had at the time, put it in an envelope and walked out of my seat towards the pulpit and knelt down with my eyes closed as I was praying.

After continuing to minister for another 15 or more minutes, Apostle Suleman prayed for groups of people who were sacrificing to the Lord by giving special offerings. The ushers were advising me to put my offering in the basket and go back to my seat. I refused to give in as I was determined to have the man of God lay his hands on us. Just when I thought that all hope is gone, the apostle looked up and called me and my wife to the front and he prayed for us. God also revealed my names to His

servant, which was a sign that surely God had a special appointment with us as a couple.

I'd like to express our thanksgiving to the Lord, as we will be celebrating our first year wedding anniversary next week on July 25, 2016. It's only God's grace that has brought us this far and we just want to say "Take Your Glory Lord."

In the story of Noah, I am especially touched by the fact that judgement couldn't come until all the animals had entered into the ark.

This included even the snails which are known to be the slowest to move from one point to another. Yet God waited for even the snails to enter the ark before he closed the door.

Quickly

This teaches me not to be affected by the speed of others and how quickly they are able to get their blessings, because the door of God's grace remains open until everyone gets what is due to them.

It doesn't matter who got their blessing before you, God is going to bless you also even if it seems you have been delayed. With God being delayed doesn't mean that you have been denied. We bring this series to a close in part nine as the number nine in a human pregnancy is a sign that the baby is fully matured and ready to come out of the womb to face reality. There are nine fruit of the Spirit and nine gifts of the Spirit, which is a sign that we have reached the fullness of this subject. To God be the glory.

'It's just as natural as a hug'

ADELE and Matt Allen believe in an all-natural approach to bringing up their children - so much so they refuse modern medicine, traditional schooling and encourage full-term breastfeeding.

Adele, 32, and Matt, 33, from Brighton, call their parenting style 'Off-Grid Parenting' and their children Ulysses, five and Ostara, one, are therefore both still breastfed, have never visited a doctor and will not attend a mainstream school.

When Adele, a writer, fell pregnant with her son, the couple's controversial methods felt completely natural to them.

She said: "Off-grid is moving towards self sustainability and being a bit more free range and less institutionalised."

Matt said: "We did collect a lot of information but essentially it was just this feeling."

Adele gave birth to both her children completely unassisted and with no medical intervention with only her husband Matt by her side.

She said: "The thought of giving birth in a hospital just didn't appeal to me because of many reasons - mostly the observer effect."

Nudged

"Also, the interventions I think can be gently nudged on you when you are in a very vulnerable state."

Adele and Matt also decided to have 'lotus births' meaning the placenta and umbilical cords were not surgically removed at birth. Instead, Adele carried the attached placenta in a cool bag - scattered with salt and rose petals to disguise the smell - around with her until it fell off naturally.

She said: "With both my births it took six days for the umbilical chord to fall away naturally."

"You wrap it up and keep it clean and it falls away and forms a perfect belly button."

"In my knowledge, it's perfectly safe and it worked beautifully for us. I don't know of any known cases where it's gone wrong."

"I very much honour the post-

... The mother who thinks it is fine to breastfeed her FIVE-YEAR-OLD son, uses her milk as medicine and shuns schooling to bring up their children 'off-grid'



BIZARRE: Adele, 32, and Matt, 33, from Brighton, call their parenting style 'Off-Grid Parenting' and their children Ulysses, five and Ostara, one, are therefore both still breastfed, have never visited a doctor and will not attend a mainstream school.

partum-period and I didn't go out at all during that first week. So it was just a matter of transporting it to the toilet or to the kitchen."

Adele feels very strongly about full-term breastfeeding and her five-year-old still regularly feeds from her bosom for comfort.

She said: "Ulysses does still nurse from time to time. Since the baby came along it has decreased rapidly and we had to come to a mutual understanding that it needed to graduate down a bit, but then I wasn't willing to say 'no you need to stop now'."

Decide

"I think it's up to him to decide when he wants to move on from it."

"It's something that's just as natural as a hug is, it's a connection."

Aside from a hospital trip with Ulysses following an asthma attack, the Allen children have never seen a doctor or received vaccinations.

Adele said: "I don't really see there's any need other than using breastfeeding to supplement them."

"I don't see any need to inject any foreign substance directly into the blood stream. That's not

how children will come into the contact with a germ naturally anyway, be it in the mouth or another way."

Distrusting of modern medicine, Adele prefers to treat her youngsters' ailments naturally, squirting breast milk in their eyes to cure eye infections and serving them lemon juice when they have a cold.

She said: "If you use plants and herbs you target the bad without attacking the good bacteria as well."

Faith

"If I had something serious like cancer, I would definitely take the natural path. I wholeheartedly have faith in it now and I've experienced enough of it to know that is the way forward."

"The kids' health is just as important as mine if not more so, and so again I would go with what I trust and for me, that is the natural path."

Adele and Matt also believe in attachment parenting methods, such as co-sleeping and the family of four all sleep in the same room. Adele said: "It works quite nice for us. Normally we put the baby down to sleep first. Uly pretty much picks up his own bed time, but as we don't have a school routine in morning he is then able to wake up when it suits him."

Ostara and Ulysses do not attend mainstream school and instead spend their days outside among nature, learning about plants. The mother-of-two said: "We basically spend lots of time in nature. It's more important to us for them to interact with animals and plants and learn about the environment than it is for them to have big sets of plastic toys."

"Ostara really likes to play with woodlice and in the mud. In the park, there's a big herb patch and she likes to pick and eat the mint leaves. Already at this young age she is thinking about what she



NATURAL: Adele feels very strongly about full-term breastfeeding and her five-year-old still regularly feeds from her bosom for comfort.

can pick from nature and eat."

The parents accept that reading and writing are imperative life skills but do not want learning to be forced upon their children and five-year-old Ulysses can only recognise basic letters and numbers. Adele said: "I don't have an issue with that. There is no need for him to be able to read and write at this age anyway."

Instead, Adele and Matt believe that Ulysses and Ostara are becoming curious about letters and numbers from seeing them out and about.

Consequence

She added: "They see letters on drain covers and numbers on signs and then learning happens as a consequence of just being out in the world, rather than it being forced upon them in a classroom that is not particularly inspiring."

And the parents don't worry that their untraditional schooling will affect the children's future.

Adele said: "I think home school kids are very successful entrepreneurs normally because they have been educated in that way that, they do want to build their own business and not to be a slave to someone else."

Despite spending most of their time outdoors, Adele and Matt have decided not to smother their children in sunscreen the way parents are usually inclined to do.

"We don't use sun cream," the mother continued. "Not at all on the kids. We don't believe it protects you from cancer."

Adele writes a successful blog on natural parenting and she and Matt are adamant, despite some negative comments, they would not raise their children any other way.

Matt said: "The whole process of doing it in a completely different way has been an amazing journey and a learning curve for all parties involved."

Daily Mail



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- Life may have no meaning. Or even worse, it may have a meaning of which I disapprove.
- God Bless America, where laws are passed to protect people from the legal system.
- "To argue with a person who has renounced the use of reason is like administering medicine to the dead."
- Thomas Paine
- The intelligence of a group is inversely proportionate to its size
- Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.
- Warning: Dates in Calendar are closer than they appear.
- Under capitalism, man exploits man. Under communism, it's just the opposite.
- I judge a religion as being good or bad based on whether its adherents become better people as a result of practicing it.
- There's an old proverb that says just about whatever you want it to.
- If advertisers spent the same amount of money on improving their products as they do on advertising then they wouldn't have to advertise them.
- Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.
- I would never die for my beliefs because I might be wrong.
- Plagiarism is copying from one source; research is copying from many.
- Only adults have difficulty with childproof caps.
- Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?
- Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped.
- Life isn't weird; it's the people in it.
- I AM, therefore I THINK!
- There are many humorous things in the world: among them the white man's notion that he is less savage than the other savages
- No one is perfect, but some of us are closer than others.
- If it jams, force it. If it breaks, it needed replacing anyway.
- It's not what you say in your argument, it's how loud you say it.
- Anytime things appear to be going better, you have overlooked something.
- If you are good, you will be assigned all the work. If you are really good, you will get out of it.



MOTHERLY: Distrusting of modern medicine, Adele prefers to treat her youngsters' ailments naturally, squirting breast milk in their eyes to cure eye infections and serving them lemon juice when they have a cold.

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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 18 July 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.2800	14.3300
British Pound/SZL	18.9231	18.9894
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.3671	7.3908
Swiss France/SZL	14.5210	14.5674
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3266	1.3399
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.8542	10.8994
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.0407	11.0750
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	4.5518	4.6267
Euro/SZL	15.7787	15.8339
Gold	1,328.1899	
Oil	45.8400	

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NAMBOARD CHANGES TO ASYCUDA WORLD

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE National Agricultural Marketing Board will be changing to ASYCUDA World as the country moves towards coordinated border management to curb slow clearance times, delays, and increased non-compliance.

Swaziland Revenue Authority Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA) World went live on February 1, 2016. The system aims to facilitate trade and improve customer service. It also enables traders to declare their goods online, 24 hours, eliminating tedious paper work.

After the launch of the system, SRA Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela said the next step would be extending it to other government agencies that required the controlling of goods through, for example, issuance and electronic marking off of permits.

For this reason, NAMBoard Chief Inspector Sipho Nxumalo said in the new arrangement, NAMBoard would be issuing permits via the ASYCUDA World system, which means that the approach and manner of issuing and control of permits would now be electronic.

"We would work with SRA on a risk management and coordinated border management system which includes the use of ASYCUDA World for the issuance and control of all import and export permits for agricultural products."

As a statutory body, NAMBoard regulates imports and exports of all scheduled agricultural products.

"Before people would come to us to get the permits, but now the permits can be uploaded to the system and this means that they can be accessed anywhere," he said when called yesterday.

Nxumalo said the change which would be effective from September 1, 2016 was aimed to improve efficiency at the borders.



NAMBoard has already issued out a notice to inform users of their permits system about the new developments.

"In preparation for the go live milestone, we have arranged sessions as detailed below to educate our stakeholders of these changes and receive their concerns and challenges."

The Chief Inspector urged stakeholders to ensure that they attend these sessions to prepare themselves for the transition.

This change follows a presentation, by World Customs Organisation expert Mika Poutiainen, of recommendations for the findings of the coordinated border management study, an initiative supported by the Finnish government through the World Customs Organisation for border control interventions in Swaziland.

Poutiainen made the presentation in the country in February 15, 2016.

Amongst some of the recommendations that the expert made was the implementation of coordinated border management to reduce costs to trade.

"The benefits would be enhanced risk management, resource efficiencies, internal and external policy cohesion and increased accountability and transparency," he said.

He said there was a need to reduce the number of different government agencies involved in developing and enforcing policy controls at the country's borders, as well as integrate them using a whole government approach.

"Lack of co-ordination between government agencies involved in controlling cross-border transactions encumbers trade. Trading parties often must adapt not only to different types of information being requested but, more critically, to the same information being requested in different formats or at

different times."

"This fragmentation of requirements increases not only the risk of mistakes but also the cost of transactions and affects efficiency," he added.

Poutiainen said the interagency co-operation between different border agencies was the core element of coordinated border management, and further stressed that dialogue on border-related issues should not only include relevant authorities and agencies but also partnership with trade.

"A forum where trade representatives can freely voice their concerns and opinions concerning border management processes can provide border agencies with valuable feedback about their performance," he said.

He recommended that a thorough approach with regards to coordinated border management be established in Swaziland, noting that otherwise a one stop border post with streamlined authority in the neighbouring country (SA) could be impossible or at least the benefits would not be that easily taken into use locally.

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CONSUMER CREDIT APPETITE BEAT INTEREST RATE HIKE

By Linda Dlamini

DESPITE the increase in interest rates of late, consumers and businesses continue to tap into the credit market.

According to the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) recent economic development report May/June, 2016, credit to the private sector reflected a growth of 2.5 per cent month-on-month and 10 per cent year-on-year at the end of May 2016. The month-on-month improvement in credit to the private sector was observed in all its components.

"Credit extended to businesses amounted to E5.1 billion, slightly higher than the E5 billion recorded in the previous month. The increase in credit to businesses was predominantly absorbed in the community, social and personal services which increased by 7.1 per cent, mining and quarrying also recorded growth of about 6.1 per cent, and the manufacturing sector recorded 3.4 per cent as well as the Transport & Communications 2.8 percent sectors," reads the report in part.

The report noted that credit extended to households and non profit institutions serving house-

holds (NPISH) grew by 3.9 per cent to reach E5.7 billion at the end of May 2016.

"The rise in credit to households and NPISH was primarily driven by other (unsecured) loans which increased by 14.1 per cent to E1.5 billion. Housing finance, which reflected the second highest monthly growth, increased by 1.7 per cent to E2.9 billion. Motor vehicle finance on the other hand fell by 1 per cent to E1.3 billion," CBS observed.

Credit extended to other sectors depicted a 0.3 per cent growth to settle at E1.3 billion at the end of May 2016. The growth was main-

ly discernible in credit extended to local government and other financial corporations.

Net government balances with the banking system contracted by 27.4 per cent to E2 billion over the month ended May 2016.

The fall was mainly attributed to a drawdown in government deposits within the banking industry which culminated in a drop of 4.1 percent. "Claims of the banking sector on government on the other hand increased by 35.1 per cent over the month. When compared on an annual basis, net government balances fell by 43.7 per cent," the report concluded.

INFLATION DROP TO SLASH TAX REVENUE

Stories by Linda Dlamini

THE recent decrease of the country's inflation rate could affect tax revenue for government, according to University of Swaziland (UNISWA) lecturer and economist Sibusiso Khumalo.

Khumalo said inflation was positively related to taxation.

"There exists a correlation between the two, in that when inflation decreases the amount of tax revenue collected drops," he said.

"When the price of an item is E100 the amount collected for Value Added Tax is around E14.00, assuming VAT is 14 percent. However, when the price of that item comes down as, to maybe E96.00 the 14 percent collected will now be less, it will actually be around E13.44 thus less tax is collected," he said.

He said in as much as the downward trend of inflation was good for the consumer, government revenue could be affected which in the long run might consequently affect consumers.

"The main driver of inflation right now is a result of the drought which has pushed up prices culminating in inflationary pressure. Another issue that has resulted in higher inflation is the general increase in wages that have been demanded by workers of late," he said.

Inflation in the Swazi economy has followed a downward trend in the last couple of months.

Currently inflation has come down from a high of 8.5 percent to the current level of 7.5 percent.

At these levels inflation is still above the mandated band of three to six percent of the inflation targeting current monetary policy.



The central bank of Swaziland noted in its recent economic development report that the country's annual inflation slowed to 7.5 per cent in June 2016 from 8.0 per cent recorded in May 2016.

"Contributing to this rate of change were slower increases in the price indices for 'food and non-alcoholic beverages' and 'transport'. After a continual increase in food prices in recent months, owing to the severe impact of drought, food price increases moderated to 13.9 per cent in June 2016 from 15.1 per cent recorded in the previous month," the bank said.

The slowdown was mainly due to slower increases in the price of 'bread and other bakery products', and 'meat products'. Transport inflation declined to 10.1 per cent in June 2016

from 11.4 per cent in May 2016, largely due to base effects as petrol prices remained relatively lower than those of the same time the previous year.

Further decreases came from a slowdown in the price indices for 'clothing and footwear' and 'furnishing and household equipment'.

"On month-on-month basis, consumer inflation was unchanged between May and June 2016. Core inflation (which is inflation excluding food, non-alcoholic beverages fuel and energy) slowed to 4.9 per cent in June 2016 from 5.1 per cent recorded in May 2016. On a month-on-month basis, core inflation grew by 0.1 per cent in June 2016, same as it was the previous month 2016," reads the report as part.

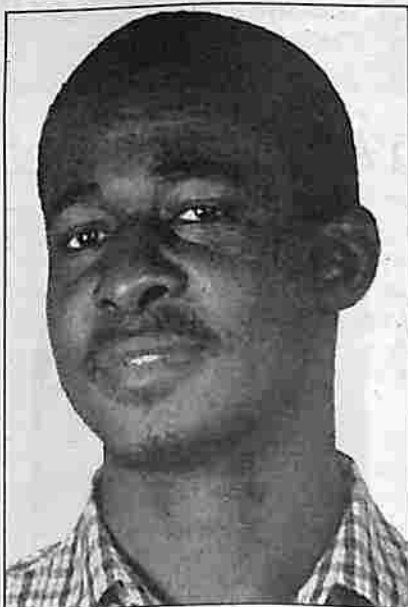
Soft skills critical in efficient office management

RESEARCH suggests that soft skills are very important for the efficient management of a business.

This includes the ability to make a persuasive presentation; which is a skill not taught at university is very important for businesses. Also the skill to deal with difficult clients or supplies are other examples of a soft skill. According to a study prepared by Child Trends through the FHI 360 Managed Connections Project, Soft skills are centrally important for human capital development and workforce success.

"Soft skills are aligned with EQ or emotional intelligence which is said to be important for management to increase operational efficiency."

According to Investopedia, soft skills are character traits and interpersonal skills that characterise a person's relationships with other people. In the workplace, soft skills are considered a complement to hard skills, which refer to a person's



SOFT SKILLS: Strengths Inc Swaziland Senior Partner Tinashe Chitambira.

knowledge and occupational skills. Sociologists may use the term soft skills to describe a person's 'EQ' or

'Emotional Intelligence Quotient,' as opposed to 'IQ' or 'Intelligence Quotient.'

Strengths Inc Swaziland Senior Partner Tinashe Chitambira said he agreed with these findings.

"To put this issue into perspective, research has confirmed that most managers and executives who fail in their roles have poor skills on how to deal with people," he said.

The Senior Partner said some managers are technically competent but have no clue on how to work with people.

"This speaks to the value of intentionally developing soft skills in an organisation," he added.

Chitambira explained that the type of soft skills needed by managers in this day of age covered a wide spectrum as human organisational development is uniquely complex on its own.

"Thus it is incumbent that managers engage services to enhance their soft skills," he concluded.

FSE&CC invites members to comment on Alcohol, Tobacco levy

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE Federation of Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce have invited its members to forward their comments on the Alcohol and Tobacco Levy Bill and the Swaziland Revenue Authority Amendment Bill.

"This would enable us to prepare the necessary documents for lobbying purposes," said FSE&CC.

According to SRA Amendment Bill, 2016, the purpose of the Bill is to provide the distinction between the laws administered by SRA from the laws under which revenue is collected; or the strengthening of revenue collection by transferring other government departments and sections responsible for revenue collection to SRA.



On the other hand, the Alcohol and Tobacco Levy Bill, 2016 aims to provide for the imposition and collection of a levy on alcoholic drinks and tobacco products.

According to the Bill, alcoholic beverages, and manufactured tobacco imported in the country would be charged a 10 percent rate of tax, while the supply of the same goods, other than for export, manufactured in Swaziland would be charged a five percent rate of tax.

"Members are requested to forward comments on the Bills to the Secretariat on or before July 29, 2016," said FSE&CC.



SSX TO INTRODUCE MARKET MAKING

By Linda Dlamini

THE Swaziland Stock Exchange plans to introduce the concept of market-making to the exchange.

Manager Joyce Dlamini said a market maker is a broker-dealer firm that assumes the risk of holding a certain number of shares of a particular security in order to facilitate the trading of that security.

She said a market maker competes for customer order flow by displaying buy and sell quotations for a guaranteed number of shares, and once an order is received from a buyer, the market maker immediately sells from its own inventory or seeks an offsetting order.

"This is known as the bid-ask spread and is extremely common in financial transactions," she said.

She said there were plans to introduce new products to increase activity on the SSX.

"For instance securities lending, buying on margin and short selling," she said.

Information sourced from

Investopedia said, short selling refers to the sale of a security that is not owned by the seller, or that the seller has borrowed. Short selling is motivated by the belief that a security's price will decline, enabling it to be bought back at a lower price to make a profit.

When you invest on margin, you borrow either cash or securities from a brokerage firm to complete investment transactions.

You're usually required to come up with just a percentage of the amount needed for a securities purchase or short sale, while paying interest to finance the rest based on an approved line of credit.

In securities lending transactions, mutual funds make short-term loans of stocks or bonds to seek to incrementally increase returns for fund shareholders.

Dlamini said with regards to these plans the rules pertaining to these trading mechanisms must be drafted, thereafter would await regulatory approval by the Financial Services Regulatory Authority and Ministry of Finance.

N. AMERICAN OIL DEALS TRICKLE BACK AFTER BREXIT SHOCK

UNITED STATES - Dealmakers have recovered from the shock of Britain's "Brexit" vote last month to leave the European Union and have resumed buying oil and gas fields in choice locations in Canada and the United States, restocking their inventories on a bet that a two-year slump in the price of oil has abated.

"Buyers are increasingly confident in a stable to slowly increasing oil price - as are their funding sources, whether private equity funds or public market investors," said Bobby Tudor, chief executive of Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co, an oil and gas investment bank.

Oil prices CLC1 have held steady at or above \$45 a barrel for a majority of the last two months and touched a 2016 high above \$51, ahead of the British referendum.

Tudor said buyers were banking on it eventually settling at around



\$60 a barrel, giving them confidence about buying drilling acreage in some of the nation's shale heartlands.

Results

U.S. oil and gas producer Diamondback Energy Inc (FANG.O) last week said it would spend \$560 million buying leases on oil-rich land in the Southern Delaware Basin, within the Permian Basin, the top U.S. oil-

field, where initial production results have been strong and costs are coming down.

A day later, U.S. energy company Laredo Petroleum Inc (LPLN) said it would spend \$125 million buying acreage in the Midland Basin, also part of the Permian.

These deals mark a resumption in buying after Brexit caused a temporary lull in acquisitions.

Reuters

SA COUGHS UP OVER R470M FOR AU IN 2015/16

KIGALI - South Africa is set to contribute even more to the African Union (AU) under a new self-funding model adopted at the continental body's summit in Kigali, Rwanda this weekend.

From 2017 all countries will be required to impose a levy of 0.2% on all their "eligible imports" to contribute to the AU, which meant the body's income will be boosted to \$1.2bn (R17.16bn) from its current \$447m (R6.4bn) budget.

The eligible imports excluded products such as medicines, fertilisers and baby food.

Donors

Member states currently contribute only 24% of the body's budget, with foreign donors, including the World Bank, the European Commission and developed countries contributing the rest.

South Africa's contribution in 2015/16 was one of the biggest from a single country at just over \$33m (R472.45m), but it is

unclear what its portion would be according to this formula. A well-informed source said South Africa would be able to pay this through the Southern African Customs Union, just like countries in other regions would pay their contributions through their customs unions, but the new formula meant a rise in South Africa's contribution.

Determined

Rwanda's finance minister Claver Gatete told journalists at the summit on Sunday that "there have been a number of models that were discussed in the past, but this time the heads of state were determined to adopt a model so that there are no more discussions".

The matter has been dragging on for a number of years, with countries failing to agree on adopting a \$2 per stay hotel levy and a \$10 per flight air ticket levy, as well as SMS levies, as suggested in a report by former Nigerian president Olesgun Obasanjo. *News24*

NUMSA to picket at Eskom offices for 'better living wage'

JOHANNESBURG - Members of the National Union of Metal Workers of South Africa (Numsa) at Eskom plan to picket outside the power utility's head office at Megawatt Park in Sandton to demand a better living wage and living conditions.

NUMSA is demanding a "substantial salary increase" and a hike in the housing allowance, among other things. It is also looking to establish a one-year agreement which will be adjusted for inflation each year, said Patrick Craven, acting spokesperson for Numsa.

"Workers have a right to picket and hand over a memorandum of their demands. We will respect it and respond to it accordingly," said Eskom spokesperson Khulu Phasiwe. The power utility is in wage negotiations with unions and believes an agreement that covers their demands will be reached.

Phasiwe said Eskom's position has moved from an initial increase offering to 5% to 7% for middle management and 9% for the lowest paid workers. However, Craven said Eskom has not moved at all. "We want to highlight that fact that Eskom is refusing to make any concessions at all."

Responding to whether service delivery may be impacted, Phasiwe said: "We hope people won't down tools; the law does not allow it." He explained that like the police and army, workers at Eskom are essential service providers and are not allowed to go on strike, by law.

Eskom's argument that workers



provide an essential service and are not allowed to strike shows that the company is not prepared to negotiate seriously, said Craven. "Workers managed to avoid load shedding in the past months and at the very least deserve a living wage increase and not a wage cut, which Eskom is suggesting with increases below inflation."

Project

"We will do our best to meet employees half way," added Phasiwe. He also said workers should remember that Eskom has undertaken a R280bn capital expenditure project which includes the completion of Medupi and Kusile power stations.

The power utility has borrowed funds from international institutions and any profit generated, including the recently reported R4bn, will be reinvested as capital and used to pay back loans. "That has been the premise of discussions with unions," he added. *Fin 24*

U.S, labour groups collaborated before China Wal-Mart strikes

CHICAGO - OUR Walmart, the American worker group, has taken the unusual step of collaborating with a group of Chinese Wal-Mart workers trying to fight work schedule changes and low wages.

OUR Walmart and the Wal-Mart Chinese Workers Association (WCWA) discussed strategy for recent strikes in China on a Skype call last month using a translator, both groups told Reuters.

"They asked for our support," said Cantare Davunt, OUR Wal-Mart's leader from Minnesota, who participated in the Skype call.

The U.S. organization is keen to maintain the relationship with the WCWA and believes such partnerships can boost the clout of the retailer's global workforce.

"We can use this to collectively press Wal-Mart on issues," said



Dan Schlademan, co-director of OUR Walmart.

Wal-Mart declined to comment on the collaboration among worker groups in both countries, though the company did address the scheduling dispute in China.

Strategic

OUR Wal-Mart - which last year split from the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW) over strategic

direction - says it has the support of more than 100,000 Wal-Mart workers. The retailer employs 1.5 million workers in the U.S. and 2.3 million worldwide.

Challenges

The U.S. and China groups are discussing joint strategies to address challenges that workers in both countries face, including work schedule changes, Schlademan said. *Reuters*

Oil prices climb in Asia on hopes of increased demand

SINGAPORE - Oil prices extended their rise in Asia yesterday as robust economic data from the United States and China fuelled hopes of a pick-up in demand from the world's top two economies.

While a sense of calm has returned to Turkey following a failed coup attempt at the weekend, analysts said the situation remains volatile as authorities press on with a ruthless crackdown against the plotters, detaining 6,000 people.

At about 0735 GMT, US benchmark West Texas Intermediate (WTI) was up three cents, or 0.07 percent, at \$45.98 while Brent rose 14 cents, or 0.29 percent, to \$47.75. Both contracts closed slightly higher last Friday.

A set of strong economic numbers



from the world's top economies last Friday cheered global markets.

The US Commerce Department said retail sales in June rose more than expected, which is good news for an economy driven largely by consumer spending.

Earlier in the day China released forecast-beating second-quarter growth figures, providing some relief as the Asian economic giant suffers a long-running slowdown.

Prices

Alex Furber, senior client services executive at CMC Markets in Singapore, said prices were higher "on (an) improved demand outlook". Sanjeev Gupta, an oil and gas analyst with EY, said that while the coup in Turkey has been quashed, it will still "increase near-term volatility of crude oil prices" as the government crackdown continues.

"While Turkey is not a major oil and gas producer, it is home to the key route through which crude oil supplies transit," he said. *AFP*

HYPERLOOP FOUNDER ACCUSED OF NEPOTISM

SAN FRANCISCO - Accused by one of its founders of nepotism and greed, Hyperloop Technologies, a startup dedicated to fulfilling Elon Musk's dream of high-speed transportation, is taking steps to rein in the power of its major stakeholders.

At a series of all-hands meetings in recent weeks, according to two people familiar with the situation, the company told employees it's changing the rules so that co-founder Shervin Pishevar and board member Joe Lonsdale each will control 20 percent of voting shares, down from a combined 78 percent. The two men decided to pare down their voting control to show goodwill toward employees, one of the people said.

The company, known as Hyperloop One, became the latest symbol of tech startup dysfunction last Wednesday when co-founder Brogan BamBrogan filed a lawsuit accusing Pishevar and others of mismanaging the company and lining their relatives' pockets. BamBrogan, who was the chief of technology before being fired, claims his

attempts to expose and correct the mismanagement led to a backlash when Pishevar's brother, Hyperloop One's general counsel, left a hangman's noose on his chair last month. A lawyer for Hyperloop One called the lawsuit "unfortunate and delusional."

Tensions had been mounting behind the scenes for weeks. In late May, several employees, including BamBrogan, wrote to Lonsdale, Pishevar and Chief Executive Officer Robert Lloyd to complain about voting control and other issues. "The disproportionate influence that the current ownership structure provides to them, especially in light of how they have used that influence, represents a threat to the success of this great company," the letter said.

The employees said Pishevar's and Lonsdale's behavior included holding too many distracting parties at Hyperloop One's downtown Los Angeles headquarters. Of particular concern was what they deemed nepotism. Pishevar named his brother general counsel. He also began



ACCUSED: Elon Musk.

dating Hyperloop One's outside public-relations representative, whose fee then jumped from \$15 000 a month to \$40 000, more than any other Hyperloop One employees, according to the lawsuit. Meanwhile, under pressure from Lonsdale, the company hired his younger brother's nascent advisory firm, Fideras, to provide banking services.

Bloomberg

Chinese consortium buys Opera browser for \$600m

OSLO - A Chinese consortium has bought the Opera internet browser for \$600-million, its Norwegian developer said yesterday, after a public share offer for the company failed.

The consortium led by Golden Brick Silk Road will purchase the mobile and desktop versions of the internet browser, plus performance and privacy apps and a stake in a Chinese joint venture, but not the television, media and games units, said Opera Software in a statement to the Oslo stock exchange.

The transaction was announced simultaneously with the failure of the \$1.2-billion public offer to take over the entire company.

It gave no reason for the failure, but in a statement to the Oslo stock exchange last week Opera Software said the outcome of the offer was uncertain

as it hadn't yet received regulatory approvals by the deadline of July 15.

Golden Brick Silk Road fund is a Chinese consortium which includes Beijing Kunlun Tech which is specialised in mobile games and cybersecurity specialist Qihoo 360.

Takeover

Opera's management had backed the proposed takeover as it would give the browsers access to the extensive internet user bases of Kunlun and Qihoo in China.

Opera says its light, quick browser is used by more than 350 million consumers worldwide.

Last month it ranked fourth for mobile devices behind Google Chrome, Apple's Safari and Android Browser, according to data by NetMarketShare, and sixth on desktop computers.

AFP



SoftBank to buy UK chip designer ARM in \$32 billion cash deal

LONDON - SoftBank Group Corp (9984.T) has agreed to buy UK chip designer ARM Holdings PLC (ARML) in a 24.3 billion pound (\$32.2 billion) cash deal, the two sides said yesterday, a bold bet on internet-connected machines that will transform the Japanese group.

ARM, the largest London-listed tech company by market value, is a major presence in mobile processing, with its processor and graphics technology used by Samsung (005830.KS), Huawei [HWT.UL] and Apple (AAPL.O) in their in-house microchips.

Components based on technology licensed by ARM are found in the vast majority of the world's smartphones, and the Cambridge-based group has branched into other connected devices as smartphone growth slows. ARM stands to be central to the tech industry's shift to the 'internet of things' - a network of devices, vehicles and building sensors that collect and exchange data - a stated focus for SoftBank founder

Masayoshi

Son. Monday's deal, Softbank's largest to date, marks a departure for the Japanese group, whose tech and telecom portfolio ranges from U.S. carrier Sprint (S.N) to a stake in Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba (BABA.N) and humanoid robot 'Pepper' - but does not yet include a major presence in the semiconductor industry.

Under the offer backed by ARM's board, Softbank will pay 17 pounds for every ARM share - a premium of more than 40 percent to last Friday's close.

Reuters

Ericsson defends practices as report questions revenue accounting

SWEDEN - Swedish telecom equipment maker Ericsson (ERICB.ST) defended its accounting practices after a newspaper questioned the way it booked future sales which had yet to be invoiced.

The company denied any wrongdoing and said in an emailed statement that "the claim that Ericsson in an inaccurate way has reported revenues in the income statement is not true".

Ericsson referred to the annual report, which states that one of



the conditions for reporting sales is when "collection is reasonably assured".

Svenska Dagbladet, citing unnamed sources, reported that

the way accounting has been used to report future sales could hit future earnings reports.

"When we have dug so deep into the future to be able to

uphold 'reported' sales today, there is a big risk there will be a couple of totally 'empty' quarters ahead," an Ericsson source told Svenska Dagbladet.

The newspaper cited the sources as saying that most of the company's long-term contracts had already been reported as sales.

Ericsson is expected to report a 15 percent drop in second-quarter operating profit today.

Shares in the company fell 4.3 percent to 63.70 Swedish crowns (\$7.44). *Reuters*

ZIMBABWE'S TIPPING POINT - HERE'S WHY IT CAN TURN AROUND QUICKLY

HARARE - 'Change seldom occurs until the pain of staying the same exceeds the pain of change.'

There is a point where this statement proves to be true especially when a nation drops from being the 'breadbasket to the begging bowl of Africa' within a single generation.

It's that point when enough people no longer have anything to lose and hence push forward into a space they have never been before despite the risk. It's the space where it takes only 3% to 15% of the population moving in the same direction in new levels of unity that results in a tipping point that accelerates the transformational wave to a point of no return.

For the sake of clarity, it's worthwhile to define the word

transformation - 'It is a process of profound and radical change that orients an individual, organisation, community, city or nation in a new direction and takes them/it to an entirely different level of effectiveness.'

Now that Zimbabwe seems to be drawing closer towards this transformational tipping point, it is a good time to look at some of the elements why this has the potential of being a model case for African national recovery and restoration.

The momentum for transformation is being stoked by a population drawn into unity around a common vision that is not 'owned' by anyone. It's not owned by a political party, or a particular religion or church denomination or racial group.

BizNews

Cape Town clamps down on Uber, impounds 300 cars

CAPE TOWN - Traffic police in Cape Town continue to impound cars connected to internet ride sharing service Uber at record rates, despite attempts to legalise the service in the city.

Data provided to Fin24 by the City of Cape Town reveals that 302 Uber cars were impounded between January and June 2016 because drivers did not have metered taxi permits. Fin24 further understands that at least another 13 Uber cars have been impounded this month, according to City of Cape Town traffic inspector data. These figures for 2016 have already overtaken the 255 Uber cars impounded by Cape Town traffic police for the period January to November

2015. Amid a flurry of car impounds last year, Uber, the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape provincial government moved to get over 200 Uber partner drivers registered with permits.

"Uber has secured a number of operating licences but there has also been an increase in the number of Uber vehicles on the road operating without operating licences," Maxine Jordaan, inspector for traffic services at the City of Cape Town, told Fin24. Uber spokesperson Samantha Allenberg told Fin24 on Friday that all Cape Town driver partners are prompted to apply for metered taxi permits from the Western Cape government. *BizNews*

Focus on SA scene

SA RALLY CHAMPION GUGU ZULU DIES IN KILIMANJARO

CAPE TOWN - South African rally champion Gugu Zulu died while climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, reports said yesterday.

The Nelson Mandela Foundation confirmed that Zulu had died while attempting to climb Mount Kilimanjaro for Mandela Day in Tanzania.

"It is with a heavy heart that we announce that one of the climbers on the Trek4Mandela, Gugu Zulu lost his life while summiting Kilimanjaro early this morning before summiting," a statement read.

"On behalf of the Board and staff of the Nelson Mandela Foundation we extend our sincere condolences to his wife Letshego, their daughter Lelethu and the Zulu family on this



REST IN PEACE: SA rally champion Gugu Zulu died on Kilimanjaro in Mandela tribute climb (I).

tragic loss."

The foundation said that details around Zulu's death were sketchy, but gathered he had suffered

breathing problems.

"The medical team supporting the trek put him on a drip and they descended the mountain with him. We are informed that the medical teams tried everything possible to save his life."

Gugu was climbing Kilimanjaro with his wife Letshego and project leader Richard Mabaso. The team was led by experienced mountaineer, Sibusiso Vilane.

"I am devastated," Sello Hatang, CEO of the Nelson Mandela Foundation said.

"I knew him well. I recruited him to climb Kilimanjaro. The last thing he said to me at the airport before he left last week was that he wanted to speak about doing other Mandela Day projects. I feel a huge sense of loss." *News24*

Nkosi Johnson's legacy lives on

JOHANNESBURG - Sixteen years ago, Nkosi Johnson addressed the 2000 International AIDS Conference in Durban.

He died almost a year later. But he had a massive and lasting impact, not only on everyone who attended that conference, but people around the world who heard him speak.

He'll always be remembered as the courageous little boy who started a movement for change in South Africa's approach to AIDS.

Johnson's address motivated the world to ramp up efforts to fight HIV and AIDS and the stigma attached.

Change

But his call for an immediate change in government policy fell on deaf ears.

To this day, Johnson remains a symbol of the struggle for life.

A courageous young activist, who gave a human face to the fight against the stigma surrounding HIV and AIDS.

Though he may be gone, his



LEGACY: AIDS activist and sufferer Nkosi Johnson, speaks during the official opening of the 13th International Aids Conference in Durban, South Africa, July 9, 2000.

bravery and compassion live on at Nkosi's Haven.

The centre is home to 120 children and 26 mothers affected by HIV and AIDS. It is run by Nkosi's adoptive mother, Gail Johnson. *eNCA*

SA family happy to be home after attacks in Nice, Istanbul

JOHANNESBURG - A South African family who unwittingly experienced the attacks in Nice as well as the attempted military coup in Istanbul the following day, say they have not been put off travelling to either of the two countries.

Sjoerd Douwenga, who stays in Vereeniging, Gauteng with his family, said they enjoyed every bit of their holiday but they are also glad to be home safe.

"It is much easier to manage people in your own environment than in a foreign environment," Douwenga said.

Douwenga said despite everything that happened in Turkey, he has no fear of returning there again. "The company I work for allows me to travel to Turkey and Istanbul a lot. I enjoy the people and environment there,"

he said. Sjoerd, his wife Lorenza, and their two boys Willrich and Leander Douwenga, left the Promenade des Anglais in Nice, 30 minutes before a truck barrelled through and killed at least 84 people.

Fireworks

"We had a flight back to Istanbul the following morning, so we wanted to show our two boys the fireworks before we went to bed," Douwenga said.

Douwenga said they were fortunate that they were in their hotel room by the time the Promenade attacked happened.

A truck had reportedly ploughed into the crowd of fireworks spectators during Bastille Day celebrations, with President Francois Hollande describing it as a terrorist attack.

News24

Zuma, Oscar would be cellmates under EFF - Malema

JOHANNESBURG - Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) leader Julius Malema has vowed - should his party ever be voted into power - to have President Jacob Zuma arrested for corruption and locked up in Kgosi Mampuru Prison in Pretoria.

Malema, on the campaign trail ahead of the local government elections, told students at the University of Venda in Limpopo that Zuma's agreement to pay for upgrades unrelated to security at Nkandla amounted to an admission of guilt.

Education

"After he pays, we will then take him to Kgosi Mampuru Prison in Pretoria. He will stay with Oscar Pistorius and after that we will convert Nkandla into a college education so that our children can receive education from there because it was



I SWEAR: EFF leader Julius Malema.

built out of our money, so we can do anything we want with it," the South

African Broadcasting Corporation quoted him as saying. *News24*

Madiba wouldn't be a critic of the ANC today - Ramaphosa



TRUTH: Cyril Ramaphosa

JOHANNESBURG - "Were Nelson Mandela here today," wrote Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, "I am sure he most certainly would say: 'They have not let the revolution down.'"

He said: "Nelson Mandela... has become a focal point with which we don't just remember the life of an extraordinary man who led his nation, and the world, to new heights - but also a time when all South Africans are called upon to do good works for the people of the country." "The 18th of July is a special day to us in the African National Congress (ANC), the organisation from which he came, and the organisation to

which he dedicated his life," Ramaphosa wrote in an article headlined: 'Drawing on the Mandela legacy to realise our people's aspirations'.

"...Nelson Mandela was no ordinary leader. He was the one person who truly lived the values upon which the ANC was founded, and articulated the aspirations contained in the Freedom Charter."

Ramaphosa took aim at critics of the ruling party, saying "it is only those who are hugely dishonest who will today say the ANC has not changed South Africa," but acknowledged: "Yes, we may not be where we want to be, but we certainly have not been resting on our laurels".

TMG Digital

SIBLINGS TO APPEAR IN COURT ON TERROR CHARGES

JOHANNESBURG - Terror suspects Fatima and Ibrahim Patel were expected to appear in the Kagiso Magistrate's Court in Krugersdorp yesterday.

Hawks spokesperson Hangwani Mulaudzi said the siblings were to appear in court on charges of illegal possession of ammunition and violating the explosives act.

They were arrested last weekend along with twins Brandon-Lee and Tony-Lee Thulsie.

Authorities say the 23-year-old twins planned to carry out attacks on US and Jewish institutions in South Africa.

Suspected

All four are suspected of having links with Islamic State militants after trying to travel to Syria last year. *eNCA*



CRUMBLING: Balloons had just been released at the Queen's Hotel in Dundee (above) and seconds later tiles came crashing down.

DUNDEE - Two brides had their wedding day ruined when the ceiling at the hotel they hired collapsed just as they were cutting the cake - leaving one best man requiring hospital treatment. Newly-married Gary and Emily Parkin were just about to slice the cake when tiles and plaster debris plummeted from the building's ceiling.

Balloons had just been released at the Queen's Hotel in Dundee and seconds later tiles came crashing down - forcing the two wedding parties to evacuate the building.

The Parkins and a second pair of newlyweds were then left to make other arrangements after firefighters ruled the building unsafe.

Parkin's father, Bill, admitted the newlyweds have been left devastated following the incident on Saturday night.

The 55-year-old revealed his younger son, Neil - who was the best-man - was struck by a tile, leaving him requiring hospital treatment.

Ceremony

He said that Gary and Emily, from Dundee, who have been together since 2013, are unlikely to organise an alternative ceremony.

Parkin said: "The band were just warming up and we had a net which opened balloons and confetti while Gary and Emily were cutting the cake.

"There was a small bang when this happened, but then there was another bang and it was like: 'What was that?'"

"I was at the bar, but heard Neil had been hurt. I came in and saw him sitting as white as a ghost.

"We'd only been in the place 40 minutes - the place was only just beginning to fill up.

"All Emily wants to do is go down to Queen's and draw a line under it.

"They're both understandably gutted. The day was ruined by half past eight."



WHAT HAPPENED?: Comments on social media suggested there had been issues with the ceiling on June 24, but a spokeswoman for the hotel denied the claims saying just a few tiles were changed following a minor leak.



DEVASTATED: The two wedding parties were then left to make other arrangements after firefighters ruled the building unsafe.

NEWLY-WEDS RECEPTION SPOILT AS CEILING COLLAPSES ON THEM

● "I was at the bar, but heard Neil had been hurt. I came in and saw him sitting as white as a ghost. We'd only been in the place 40 minutes - the place was only just beginning to fill up"

Best man Neil, 27, said: "I've still got a sore head and am a bit dizzy. I got plastered, but not the way I wanted.

"I was outside taking a family portrait when I heard they were cutting the cake. I came back in and they had only just cut the cake when I got a smack on the back of the head.

"The night was just starting."

The second couple, Keith, 50, and Sharon Clark, 46, had booked their wedding reception on the second floor of the hotel when the ceiling fell down.

They were evacuated along with everyone else in the venue and went to a nearby restaurant before re-entering the Queen's Hotel.

Balloons had just been released at the Queen's Hotel in Dundee (pictured) and seconds later tiles came crashing down

Smoking

Speaking the day after the wedding, Clark told the Courier: "I gave up smoking back in October, but I had to go outside and have a couple of cigarettes last night.

"I'm calm now, but I was raging last night.

"The fire alarms ended up going off and we were told we had to get out of the building.

"The atmosphere was definitely on a downer after it happened, but you have to perk up and get on with it.

"This is the first time I've been married and I think it will be the

last."

His stunned wife Sharon added: "The staff was excellent, but it's the last thing you expect to happen. I felt so sorry for the bride down the stairs. "Both of our days have been ruined." Comments on social media suggested there had been issues with the ceiling on June 24, but a spokeswoman for the hotel denied the claims saying just a few tiles were changed following a minor leak.

She added: "At 8.30pm there was an incident at The Queen's Hotel during which it appears that small portion of a plaster from the original lathe and plaster ceiling came loose, falling through the false ceiling below.

Debris

"This resulted in a few tiles and some plaster debris falling into the room.

"Emergency services were immediately called as a precaution, which resulted in one of the guests being taken to hospital with a minor complaint."

According to the hotel, the wedding parties were allowed to re-enter 90 minutes later.

Hotel proprietor Gordon Sneddon added: "I am obviously deeply upset for our bride and groom and their guests and expect to be in further discussions with them.

"This is an extremely unfortunate incident that in no way could have been foreseen and our guests can

rest assured that there will be a full inspection of the Queen's Hotel."

The Best Western hotel is

housed in an iconic brick building which dates back to 1878 on Nethergate in the city centre.

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BRIEFS

Court rejects 'obscenity' appeal

CAIRO - An Egyptian court has rejected an appeal by an Egyptian author against a two-year prison sentence he was given on obscenity charges. Documents obtained on Sunday show a decision the previous day by the court in Cairo's Abassia neighbourhood rejected Ahmed Naji's request to rescind the sentence he has been serving since February for the sexual content in his novel *The Use of Life*.

AP

Al-Qaeda commander killed

ABIDJAN - A group that monitors online extremist activity says al-Qaeda's North Africa branch has reported the death of a commander in Mali. The SITE Intelligence Group on Sunday quoted a statement from al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb saying Abu Bakr al-Shinqiti was killed during a raid on a Malian army barracks near the border with Burkina Faso. SITE said he was Tunisian. The statement did not specify the date or location of the raid, nor did it report any Malian casualties.

AP

Mass looting of aid in Sudan

JUBA - It was looting on an epic scale; a month's worth of food aid for over 220 000 South Sudanese, all stolen in just two days along with the giant warehouses that stored it. As fighting raged between rival forces in the capital Juba last week, the UN's World Food Programme's main logistics hub was picked clean. WFP says it is "outraged" by the theft of more than 4 500 tons of food "intended for the poorest and most vulnerable people" in a country trying to stave off famine.

News24

Hostages freed from captivity

YAOUNDE - Eleven hostages from Cameroon were freed on Sunday following 16 months of captivity, after having been abducted by a militia group from the Central African Republic, a statement from the Cameroonian presidency said. The hostages included a local mayor, Mama Abakai, and 12 others, but two died in captivity, said President Paul Biya in the statement, adding that the crime would not go unpunished. It was not clear which militia abducted them or how they were freed. They were kidnapped in March 2015 by heavily armed men while returning from a funeral in Cameroon's northern Gbadio district, and taken over the nearby border to the Central African Republic.

Reuters

Zim Minister in near-fatal crash

HARARE - A Zimbabwean government minister survived a near-fatal crash when one of the wheels of his car came off, causing the vehicle to roll on Sunday. Midlands provincial affairs minister Jason Machaya had to be rushed to a Harare private clinic after he sustained a deep cut on his head. The African News Agency understands the accident occurred just after Chegutu, a town 110km south-west of Harare, as he was driving to his farm in Kwekwe, 210km away. It was said he was driving a Land Rover Discovery 4 when the accident occurred.

Africa News Agency



LIBYA PM ENCOURAGES UNITY FOR WRACKED COUNTRY

TUNISIA - The head of Libya's unity government on Sunday urged his countrymen to close ranks to overcome political divisions in a country wracked by the threat of jihadists.

Prime minister-designate Fayeze al-Sarraj spoke to reporters after a day of UN-hosted talks focused on creating a "unified" army in the oil-rich North African country.

The United Nations brokered late last year a power-sharing deal to form a Government of National Accord (GNA) but the Sarraj government is still struggling to assert its authority.

"We call again on all the children of the country who have not yet joined us to place the nation's



UNITY: Libya's Prime minister-designate Fayeze al-Sarraj (L) in a interview. (AFP)

interests before any other consideration," Sarraj said in Tunis.

On Saturday, the head of the UN's support mission in Libya, Martin Kobler, said that "all

Libya's problems today are tied up to the security issue".

Talks

Speaking after the talks in the Tunisian capital, Kobler said the

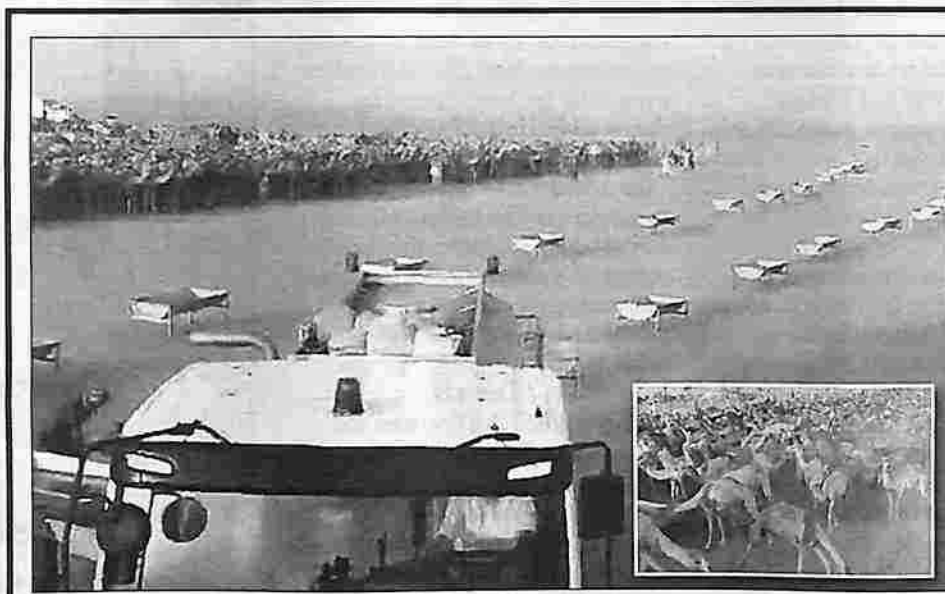
goal of the meeting was to create "a unified Libyan army under the command of the presidential council".

"Libya cannot be united as long as it has several armies," he said, according to an Arabic translation of his remarks.

The meeting also touched on humanitarian issues.

The GNA faces a fearsome set of military, economic and political challenges in a country where rival militias have vied for power since the overthrow of veteran dictator Moamer Kadhafi in 2011.

Forces loyal to the unity government are fighting to drive the Islamic State group out of the jihadists' coastal stronghold of Sirte. **AFP**



WOW: Every day in the desert in Saudi Arabia, hundreds of camels run towards water troughs as part of a daily drinking routine. The animals are held back by keepers (main) before being released in groups. (bottom right) When the beasts surge forward towards the troughs, they kick up a cloud of dust in their wake. Although camels can walk 100 miles without a drink, they will usually take on water every day if it is available. (Dailymail)

SOUTH SUDAN LEADERS AGREE TO DISCUSS TRUCE

ADDIS ABABA - South Sudan President Salva Kiir and Vice-President Riek Machar have agreed to meet and deliberate on the way to restore peace following the armed conflict that broke out recently, an official said.

According to Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC) chairman Festus Mogae, who met Kiir and spoke to Machar over the phone, the two have agreed to talks to prevent a new bout of bloodletting that would shatter South Sudan.

"The president gave us his version of what led to this regrettable confrontation while the vice president on his part also expressed a willingness to meet with the president, provided his security was assured," Mogae said. The two South Sudan leaders had to ensure strict adherence by their respective forces to the cessation of hostilities and ceasefire and start full implementation of the agreement and transitional security arrangement provisions, he said.

Africa News Agency

Morocco wants to rejoin African Union

MOROCCO - Morocco wants to rejoin the African Union, 32 years after quitting the bloc in protest at its decision to accept Western Sahara as a member, King Mohammed VI said Sunday.

Morocco maintains that Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony, is an integral part of the kingdom even though local Sahrawi people led by the Polisario Front have long campaigned for the right to self-determina-

tion.

"For a long time our friends have been asking us to return to them, so that Morocco can take up its natural place within its institutional family.

Moment

The moment has now come," the monarch said in a message sent to an AU summit taking place in Kigali, the MAP Moroccan news agency reported.

Morocco has occupied the sparsely populated Western Sahara area since 1975 in a

move that was not recognised by the international community.

Morocco quit the AU in protest in 1984 when the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) was admitted as a member.

But although Morocco left the club, "it never quit Africa", King Mohammed said in his message to AU leaders as they began a two-day meeting in the Rwandan capital.

AFP

AFRICAN PASSPORT 'LAUNCHED' AT AU SUMMIT

RWANDA - Outgoing African Union Commission chairperson Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma has managed to tick at least two big items off the to-do list she had in her term at the helm of the continental body.

In her last opening speech at the AU's heads of state on Sunday, she said the one item the AU managed to tick off its "email list" was the issue of the body funding itself.

The other was the free movement of people and trade on the continent, which came a step closer to being realised with the launching of the concept of the African passport at the summit. **News24**

World News

BRITAIN NOT ABANDONING 'LEADING ROLE' IN EUROPE

BRUSSELS - New British foreign minister and top Brexit backer Boris Johnson pledged yesterday Britain would continue to play a leading role in Europe as he met his European Union peers for the first time.

"We have to give effect to the will of the people and leave the European Union but... we are not going in any way to abandon our leading role in European participation," Johnson said.

He said he had had a "very good conversation" on the subject with EU foreign affairs head Federica Mogherini late Sunday — although his dinner with her was called off after his plane had to make an emergency landing.

"I am very much looking forward to meeting my colleagues," he added.

Johnson was a key player in the June 23 Brexit referendum and his appointment last week stunned many in Europe, with



NOT ABANDONING: British foreign minister and top Brexit backer Boris Johnson.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault saying he had lied to voters during the campaign.

Infuriated

He also infuriated many by comparing the EU's ambitions for closer integration to Adolf

Hitler's.

Mogherini, arriving just after Johnson at a regular EU foreign ministers meeting in Brussels, said the two had had "a good exchange on the main issues on the agenda today." **AFP**

Three foreigners arrested in \$2.5m cyberheist

TAIWAN - Taiwan has arrested three foreign suspects over a \$2.5 million cyberheist which used malware to hack into a major local bank's ATM network and steal bags of cash, police said yesterday.

The attack, the first of its kind in Taiwan, targeted the First Commercial Bank's ATM network last week, using malware to withdraw more than Tw\$81 million (\$2.5 million) from dozens of machines in three cities.

Spotted

A Latvian suspect, identified as Andrejs Peregudovs, was arrested by police in the north-eastern county of Yilan after being spotted by an off duty police officer from Taipei who was on holiday in the area.

Two other suspects from Romania and Moldova were arrested Sunday at a hotel in Taipei, police said, adding they believed the heist was carried out by a 16-member international crime ring. **Timeslive**

BRIEFS

Gunman kill two policemen

ALMATY - Gunmen killed two policemen in Kazakhstan's financial capital, Almaty, yesterday, security sources and the Interior Ministry told Reuters. The authorities said they had launched an anti-terrorist operation. The Interfax news agency, quoting a police source, said "a religious radical and probably a follower of non-traditional Islam", was on the rampage in central Almaty, opening fire from time to time. Two witnesses told Reuters they had heard shots in several areas in the centre of Almaty, the mainly Muslim country's biggest city. "We saw a man with a rifle, he passed by," one shop worker said by phone.

Reuters

At least nine killed in avalanche

BEIJING - Authorities in Tibet say nine people were killed in an avalanche in the Himalayan region's far west on Sunday. Those killed were all residents of the village of Dungru in Ngari prefecture, more than 1,000 kilometres from the regional capital of Lhasa. China's official Xinhua News Agency says Sunday's tragedy sent snow 8 metres deep crashing down onto the nine people, and also buried 110 yaks and more than 350 sheep. Xinhua says fissures have been seen in glaciers surrounding the region, sparking fears of further avalanches.

AP

US student among 84 killed

BERKELEY - An American student from the University of California, Berkeley was identified on Sunday as one of the 84 killed in Thursday's Bastille Day truck attack on the French city of Nice, according to statement from his school. The university said the FBI informed school officials that the body of 20-year-old Nicolas Leslie, from Del Mar in the San Diego area, had been identified. Leslie was a junior at Berkeley's College of Natural Resources. "This is tragic, devastating news," UC Berkeley Chancellor Nicholas Dirks said in a statement.

AP

Officer's message before death

BATON ROUGE - Just days before he was shot and killed on Sunday morning, a Baton Rouge police officer posted an emotional Facebook message saying he was "physically and emotionally" tired and expressing how difficult it was to be both a police officer and a black man, a friend said on Sunday. "I swear to God I love this city but I wonder if this city loves me," Montrell Jackson wrote. Friends and family of Jackson, 32, were mourning the 10-year-veteran of the police force that relatives described as a "gentle giant" and a "protector" after he and another two law enforcement officers were shot and killed on Sunday morning by a gunman.

News24

British PM's first test

LONDON - Prime Minister Theresa May faced her first parliamentary test yesterday when lawmakers voted on replacing the ageing submarines that carry Britain's nuclear weapons. Five days after taking office in the wake of the referendum vote to leave the European Union, May used her first speech to the House of Commons as premier to defend the nuclear deterrent as the "ultimate insurance". MPs are almost certain to approve the construction of four new submarines to carry the existing Trident missile system and their nuclear warheads, at a cost of £41 billion (49 billion euros, \$54 billion).

eNCA



DANGEROUS GAME: These Chinese tourists sparked a safety alert after standing on a rusty metal raft feeding meat to CROCODILES. The young holidaymakers clambered aboard a make-shift cage kept afloat with plastic barrels just inches from the 10ft long killer reptiles. (Dailymail)

Indian rape survivor gang-raped again by same men

INDIA - An Indian student was recovering in hospital after being gang-raped by a group of men including some charged with sexually assaulting her three years earlier, an officer said yesterday.

Police in Haryana state were hunting for the five, accused of abducting the 21-year-old student of the lowest Dalit social caste from outside her college before drugging and raping her in a car.

The student was found unconscious in bushes on the side of a highway last Wednesday night in Haryana which borders New Delhi, in the country's latest shocking sexual attack.

Haryana deputy superintendent of police Pushpa Khatri said the student, who is still in hospital, has

identified all five men — two of whom are currently on bail awaiting trial for raping her in 2013.

"She has identified the five accused and two of them were involved in the gang-rape of the student in Bhiwandi district in 2013," Khatri told AFP.

Arrest

"We have formed several teams to arrest the accused." The woman's family has accused the five of threatening them in the lead-up to last Wednesday's attack, demanding that they withdraw the rape case lodged after the 2013 assault. "The accused were constantly threatening us to compromise outside the court. They even offered us a hefty amount for settlement".

Times Live

Ex-Australia PM wants UN secretary general job

SYDNEY - Former Australian prime minister Kevin Rudd revealed yesterday he wants to succeed Ban Ki-moon as the next UN secretary general, asking Canberra to endorse his nomination.

A growing list of candidates have declared their interest in becoming the world's top diplomat, including UNESCO chief Irina Bokova of Bulgaria and former New Zealand prime minister and head of the UN Development Programme Helen Clark.

The Mandarin-speaking Rudd, who is based in New York as head of the Asia Society Policy

Institute, served as Labor prime minister from 2007 to 2010 and again in 2013. Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said yesterday he had officially asked for government backing, with the cabinet to consider the request.

Occasions

"Kevin Rudd has requested that the Australian government nominate him and, as the prime minister has indicated on a number of occasions, that'll be a matter for cabinet," she told Sky News. "I'll certainly put the matter forward."

Candidates must be nominated by their governments, with Ban due to stand aside on January 1.

For decades, the choice of the UN chief has been in the hands of the Security Council and its five permanent members — Britain, France, China, Russia and the United States — in a process largely kept behind closed doors.

But the General Assembly last year voted to shake up the process, asking candidates to send a formal application letter, present their résumés and appear at hearings. The final decision still rests with the Security Council, but the new openness could put some pressure on big powers to pick a nominee with broader appeal.

Rudd was elected Australian



WANTS IT: Former Australian prime minister Kevin Rudd.

prime minister in the 2007 general election in a landslide defeat of John Howard, but in his first term was dumped by colleagues fed up with his style of management.

AFP



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JOYOUS 21 RECORDING TO BE IN DALLAS, TEXAS

By Nomfundo Sifundza

LOCAL fans of South African gospel music outfit, Joyous Celebration, will be thrilled to know that the group will record their album Number 21 in Dallas, Texas.

This was announced by Bishop TD Jakes as he informed his congregants at Potters House that the group will feature The Potters House church choir.

The bishop revealed these news on Sunday morning during their service as he invited Joyous Celebration Principal and Conductor Lindelani Mkhize on stage.

As soon as Mkhize stood next to the bishop, TD Jakes informed his congregants who and what Joyous Celebration was as he explained; "This is a popular gospel music group in South Africa, their music moves over there as much as Beyonce's, much to the jubilation of Mkhize who beamed with a smile as he stood next to the bishop.

Mkhize then expressed his excitement as he assured the congregants; "It is time, Joyous Celebration is bringing the



JOYFUL: Joyous Celebration will be recording their next project in Texas, USA.

Motherland to Potters House, the whole Motherland will be right here."

Mkhize went on to confirm "mark this date, December 30, 2016 we are doing the live recording right here."

Local songstress 'Nomzamo 'Zaza' Dlamini, who is a member of Joyous Celebration, expressed excitement over the recording in the United States of America as she said "I feel great about it, it is an opportunity for us all. So much to see and so many networking channels to explore".

'Zaza' as she is affectionately known, did her best in her performance with Joyous Celebration in their recent show held at Mavuso Trade Centre.

Statements

Zaza mounted the stage clad in Swazi traditional regalia, *emahiya* and belted out two Swazi hymns in worship. Her local fans at the show remarked that, she is a force to be reckoned with as they were heard uttering statements such as "cha uyahlabela Zaza shem" loosely translated 'Zaza sings so well'.

Joyous Celebrations Public

Relations Officer in Swaziland, Pamela Zwane said she was excited that the group was taking such a gigantic step in its history.

She went on to add that it was even great that Joyous Celebration did not leave out their Swazi fans in their plans for travelling to Dallas, adding; "The Joyous principals assured me that there are packages for fans who want to travel with the group to their recording in December."

The group is said to be already rehearsing for the Joyous 21 album.

MY VOICE IS NATURALLY VERSATILE - SYMPHONY

By Nomfundo Sifundza

FORMER T55 finalist Zanele Cele affectionately known as 'Symphony' has clarified that she is a versatile singer.

This explains why she sang RnB music at the T55 national talent search competition yet she is a fulltime gospel singer, as she is part of the praise team at her church, Sword and Spirit Ministries.

The young vocalist is currently preparing for her upcoming gospel performance this weekend at the Mbabane Theatre Club on Saturday.

Performing

She will be performing alongside various artists from newly formed gospel group, Voils of Praise.

The singer said she would love her fans to know that she did not just suddenly switch genres after she did not win the T55 talent search but, she is a worshipper, always been and always will be.

'Symphony' added;

"During the T55 talent search I felt I had to do a genre that would increase my chances of winning the competition that does not necessarily mean that I'm an RnB singer. But yes, I can sing RnB".

On the upcoming concert, 'Symphony' requested gospel music lovers to attend in their numbers as she promised a beautiful worship experience.

"I would urge gospel lovers to expect more of God on the night, worship is my thing and I encourage everyone to come and enjoy God," she said.

Experienced

The young artist's worship was experienced at national level during the Joyous Celebration show which was held at the Mavuso Trade Centre a week ago where she sang Tasha Cobbs song: 'For your Glory'.

On this performance she said "Joyous was a very big stage for me and I am humbled to have been part of it. I can only assure my fans that this is only the beginning of greater things to come."

Cele said she was currently in the process of recording an EP which would be composed of three songs. The EP will drop in September as she plans on launching herself as a brand in a show where she will sing most of her own compositions.



Ex-Generations actress Priska, DJ Zinhle coming to SD

By Phumelele Mkhonta

SOUTH Africa's DJ Zinhle and former Generations actress Zikhona Sodlaka, known as Priska, would be here next month

This would be during the first annual Power Clique Women's Conference, which will be on August 20, at Woodlands in Ezulwini.

The event, hosted by RISE Leadership Partners in partnership with Farai Foundation, aims to provide a platform where women will share their stories without fear of being victimised, whilst empowering each other.

The two South African celebrities



TO TACKLE WOMAN ISSUES: Ex-Generations actress Zikhona Sodlaka, also known as Priska.

will share their own stories and encourage women to stand up and improve their lives.

Other keynote speakers for the conference are founder and Director of Women for Women Development Consultancy Doo Aphané and Managing Director of Siyewatini Trans Magnific, Miliswa Mamba.

Discriminate

Aphané has been internationally recognized for her work as a life-long advocate and activist for women's rights. She led Swazi women in challenging laws and practices that discriminate against them.

Mamba, on the other hand, is an entrepreneur who owns a successful shuttle service business, which was

the first of its kind in the country. Last year she was part of the young leaders in the country who formed part of the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders where she also participated in the presidential summit, a forum where young leaders interact with President Barack Obama.

Purpose

Founder of Rise Leadership Partners, Lindelo Dlamini said the main purpose of the conference was to provide a platform for women to share their stories and be empowered in the process.

"This project seeks to engage young women in Swaziland in an inspirational and motivational seminar. The aim is to empower and encourage women to champion their success within their respective fields hence we have brought together powerful

women in the field of entertainment, in human rights, entrepreneurs, and we are still looking at adding more speakers," she said.

She encouraged women to attend the event in their numbers as it would be suitable for women from all walks of life, from high school pupils to those in the corporate world.

Tickets to the event will be available from next week in outlets yet to be announced.



WOMEN POWER CLIQUE: South Africa's DJ Zinhle.

THREE MISS SD FINALISTS ARE PRE-SCHOOL TEACHERS

By Phumelele Mkhonta

THREE of Miss Swaziland's finalists expressed their love for children and how they enjoy every minute of being pre-school teachers.

The finalists who are kindergarten teachers are; Quality Dlamini from Mahlabatsini, Kirsten Du Pont from Madonsa in Manzini and Anna Dacuna from Mbabane.

The three beauties revealed their occupations at Happy Valley Hotel in Ezulwini during their first formal photo shoot and video profiling, where they were with the other seven finalists whom most of them are students.

Quality Dlamini is an assistant Pre-School teacher at Ludzeludze, while Anna Dacuna is a full-time teacher at the pre-school at the Swaziland Theatre Club.

Expressed

Kirsten Du Pont on the other hand is an assistant at Little Einstein while she is awaiting her Tertiary enrolment next year.

Dlamini expressed her love for children and how she enjoys every minute spent with the little ones.

"As I am trying to figure out my future I saw it noble



Quality Dlamini.



Anna Dacuna.

to help out in a pre-school at Ludzeludze. Children can be chaotic and tiring but assisting them is fulfilling at the end of the day. I just love children," jovially commented Dlamini.

However, Du Pont elicited more on the fact that she would do anything to empower herself and other young ladies.

On the other hand Kirsten Du Pont said "I will be enrolling in a Bachelor of Education next year. I joined the pageant just to change the perception of beauty;



Kirsten Du Pont.

that women are more than good looks. We also have the brainy side of us that we should advocate and put to use. I represent brains and integrity and my mission to empower other young women with that mindset."



PARTY STARTER: Mbongeni 'DJ MBO' Sthungo.

KHOLE, DJ MBO FOR THE SOIL SHOW

By Phumelele Mkhonta

AFRO-JAZZ vocalist Mpho 'Khole' Tshabalala and party starter DJ Mbo have been added as the supporting acts for The Soil for the Total Gold Series event.

The Total Gold Series is House on Fire's new

event showcase, where a series of great artists will be hosted; the first series features South Africa's acapella group, The Soil. The launch of the Total Gold series is scheduled for Friday July, 29, where fun lovers will see the internationally acclaimed South African acapella Afro-soul sensation, The Soil perform on Swazi soil again. Khole, one of the country's afro-pop and soul artist

expressed her excitement on raising the curtain for The Soil.

"I am very excited to be the opening act for The Soil. It is my first time to raise the curtain for an international act in my music career. I also love the fact that

this series will be hosted in a classy, intimate yet mature setting; it is my ideal kind of setting and I

promise to give the audience my best. "I invite all my people to pitch up as this will be the place to be. I am planning a brief yet intimate set and I hope my fans will love it," commented Khole.

There are limited tickets for the first Total Gold series event and early bird tickets are on sale at Mandela's.

Early bird tickets and VIP tickets are available at Mandela's internet café only.

TICKET BREAKDOWN

Early bird tickets	E250	July 15-20
Intermediate Tickets	E300	July 21-28
At the door Tickets	E350	July 29
VIP	E500	

E120 000 for Mdura's live DVD recording

By Majaha Nkonyane

IN an attempt to reach and appeal to the world's stage, local comedian Mdura has roped in a professional crew for the shooting of his live DVD.

Savusa Pictures has partnered with Mdura for his live DVD recording on the production (recording, editing, graphics and final production, Post and Pre Production) services worth over E120, 000.00.

The DVD recording will be done using High

Definition (HD) equipment to deliver world class image quality.

VIDEO AND SOUND

The production team shall consist of Savusa Pictures for visuals and Hybrid for audio. The two teams are experts in the field of sound, television and film production.

These companies shall be bringing a crew of 20 people who will be working on the production. "As Tall Tree we will not compromise or have any excuses in terms of the quality of

the DVD. We have gone all out to make sure that the final product has impeccable value for the viewer.

We strive to produce a world class final product and that means all the focus and energy had to be on the production". Tall Tree Talent management and Booking Agency director Larry Mhlanga said.

SAVUSA PICTURES

The company is one of the leading television and film production companies in Swaziland, and has been

in the industry for 10 years. Having worked on many film and television productions, they have been broadcasting both locally and internationally in the process winning a number of film awards.

PRE-PRODUCTION

The show began shooting two months ago, with lots of shooting and preparation so that we get a proper show on the day.

Part of the production was witnessed during the launch which was held last month.



IN SUPPORT: AFRO-JAZZ vocalist Mpho 'Khole' Tshabalala performs with Itallo.

Quad Element partners with Durban Lodge

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

LOCAL Afro Soul band, Quad Element, has clinched a deal with a lodge based in Durban, where they have been frequently performing over the last two months.

The deal ensures that the local band hosts all their shows in the lodge free of venue charges. This coming long weekend the band will

be doing a tour dubbed 'The Ultimate July Experience'.

"We are taking advantage of the long weekend by providing couples with the opportunity to enjoy a weekend getaway in Durban. It will be a weekend filled with romantic music and, of course, sunset beach walks, as well as adventure and sightseeing," Enkosi Mdluli, a founding member and bassist of the band elaborated.

Couples or partners that are inter-

ested in accompanying the band to Durban are expected to pay a sum of E2 680 for a package that includes transport to and from the venue as well as accommodation for two nights.

They can also expect to take part in adventure activities, such as cycling, swimming, hiking and kayaking, among others.

Quad Element's relationship with Ezweni Lodge dates back to 2015. The band has had the pleasure of

To relaunch Encrypto Arts Lounge

QUAD Element, on the other hand, is working towards relaunching its arts centre, Encrypto Arts Lounge, an initiative that is aimed at providing a platform for up and coming Swazi artistes to showcase their talents.

Encrypto Arts Lounge has been in operation since 2014, since then Quad Element hosted the inaugu-

performing at the Wushwini International Community Arts Festival courtesy of Ezweni Lodge.

al Community Showdown, which featured a number of up and coming musicians from Ngwenya, Nkhamba, Mnyokane, Motshane and surrounding areas.

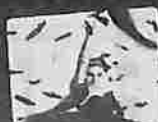
According to Encrypto Director Enkosi Mdluli, the lounge will be fully operational once again, following a year without operating due to developmental reasons.

They have also been interviewed live on Inanda FM and Vibe FM also courtesy of Ezweni.



Feel every moment






HIGHLIGHTS



THE GREAT INDIAN KITCHEN TODAY 17:30 | ZEE WORLD (166)

Chef Ranveer Brar travels to Ahmedabad and learns to make Gujarati food and sweets. *The Great Indian Kitchen* is an epic culinary journey across the seven Indian states. On this journey we will meet a variety of traditional chefs and

enjoy recipes that have been carried across generations. The show highlights many hidden facets of Indian cuisine we are yet to discover. It's time to hit the road and unravel the secrets hidden in traditional Indian kitchens.



CATCH ME IF YOU CAN THURSDAY 12:05 | SONY (127)

Based on the autobiography of Frank Abagnale, Jr., a true-life story of the most successful bank robber and con artist in US history. Successfully eluding the FBI for years, Abagnale (Leonardo DiCaprio) is a master of deception: posing as a commercial airline pilot, pediatrician, assistant attorney gen-

eral and history professor - and a brilliant forger passing millions in bad cheques both in the US and Internationally. FBI agent Carl Hanratty (Tom Hanks) has made it his prime mission to bring Abagnale to justice and pursues him relentlessly, eventually capturing him in Paris.



MEGA SHIPPERS THURSDAY 19:05 | DISCOVER CHANNEL (121)

Across the globe there is a hidden army of workers keeping the world's cargo moving 365 days a year. Whether it's high-value or high-volume, they'll do whatever it takes to ensure their cargo gets delivered on time and in tip-top condition. This exclusive access-led series goes

behind the scenes to find out what it takes to keep the UK's largest freight operator moving. With a modern fleet of over 75 locomotives, 300 road vehicles and 1 800 specialised wagons, the scale of Freightliner's operation is extraordinary.



CAR HUNTERS THURSDAY 20:05 | HISTORY (186)

In a new channel premiere for HISTORY®, *Car Hunters* follows individuals as they search to buy their dream car. In each episode we follow a new buyer, aided by a friend or family member, as they check out

three unique vehicles and hit the open road for a test drive. We share in the exhilaration and deliberation as they try to decide which ride they will cruise home in.

PATRICIA HEATON PARTIES THURSDAY 21:00 | FOOD NETWORK (175)

Halloween is a big deal to Patricia. She prepares tombstone and coffin grilled cheeses, zombie-punch with

eyeball ice cubes, spooky salad with blood dressing and candied pretzel parts.

NOMINATIONS for the 68th Emmy Awards were announced on Sunday night by the Television Academy in a ceremony hosted by Television Academy Chairman and CEO Bruce Rosenblum along with Anthony Anderson from the ABC series *black-ish* and Lauren Graham from *Parenthood* and the upcoming Netflix revival, *Gilmore Girls*.

"Television dominates the entertainment conversation and is enjoying the most spectacular run in its history with breakthrough creativity, emerging platforms and dynamic new opportunities for our industry's storytellers," said Rosenblum.

"From favorites like *Game of Thrones* Season 6 available on DStv Catch Up, *Veep*, and *House of Cards* (Season 4 binge started on July 16, at 22:27 on M-Net Edge) to nominations newcomers like *black-ish*, *Master of None*, *The Americans* and *Mr. Robot*, television has never been more impactful in its storytelling, sheer breadth of series and quality of performances by an incredibly diverse array of talented."

"The Television Academy is thrilled to once again honor the very best that television has to offer."

This year's Drama and Comedy Series nominees include first-timers as well as returning programs to the Emmy competition: *black-ish* and *Master of None* are new in the Outstanding Comedy Series category, and *Mr. Robot* (Fridays at 3:00, Express from the US on M-Net Edge (102), also on DStv Catch Up) and *The Americans* (Season 3 starts tomorrow at 22:00 on M-Net City) in the Outstanding Drama Series competition. Additionally, both *Veep* and *Game of Thrones* return to vie for their second Emmy in Outstanding Comedy Series and Outstanding Drama Series respectively.

While *Game of Thrones* again tallied the most nominations (23), limited series *The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story*

EMMY NOMINEES ANNOUNCED



and *Fargo* received 22 nominations and 18 nominations, respectively. Some key nominees in the six lead performer categories are either first-time nominees, or familiar names with multiple nominations. For Outstanding Lead Performer for a Drama Series category (actor and actress), newcomers include Rami Malek in *Mr. Robot* and both Keri Russell and Matthew Rhys in *The Americans*.

Performer

Similarly, in the Outstanding Lead Performer for a Comedy Series category (actor and actress), names new to the nominations emerged this year such as: Aziz Ansari in *Master of None*, Thomas Middleditch in *Silicon Valley*, Ellie Kemper in *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*, and Tracee Ellis Ross in *black-ish*. In addition, previous three-time Emmy winner Laurie Metcalf (for her supporting role on *Roseanne*) emerged a multiple-nominee: in the lead comedy category for *Getting On*, as well as for her comedic guest work in *The Big Bang Theory* and her dramatic

guest work in *Horace and Pete*.

Contenders for Outstanding Lead Performer in a Limited Series or Movie category (actor and actress), include twice-nominated Sarah Paulson in *The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story* (as well as in *American Horror Story: Hotel*), and first-time nominees Tom Hiddleston in *The Night Manager*, Courtney B. Vance and Cuba Gooding, Jr. in *The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story*, and Kirsten Dunst in *Fargo*.

After fully transitioning to an online voting system last year, the Academy saw a 22 percent increase in participation for this year's nomination round. Final-round online voting begins August 15. *The 68th Emmy® Awards*, including the star-studded Red Carpet preshow, will telecast from The Microsoft Theatre in Los Angeles, September 18 on ABC. Emmy Award-winning live television and event producer Don Mischer will executive produce the broadcast hosted by Jimmy Kimmel.

M-Net Channels' shows shine at the 68th Emmy Nominations

FOR the past 30 years (and counting) M-Net has been bringing only the best television entertainment to viewers in Africa and beyond.

With the 68th Emmy® Awards Nomination announcement, there can be no doubt that there's a touch of magic when it comes to the pristine selection of series across the M-Net Channels.

The 68th Emmy® Awards ceremony will be televised live on the morning of September 19, on M-



Net channel 101 at 02:00 CAT, and during prime time, the awards show will be broadcast at 19:30 CAT.

Nominations for the awards were announced on Sunday night

and, as expected, most of the acclaimed mentions were shows straight off the M-Net Channels' catalogue, meaning these shows are leaders of the pack yet again this year.

The nomination ceremony was hosted by Television Academy Chairman and CEO Bruce Rosenblum, with Emmy nominee Anthony Anderson from the hit comedy *Black-ish* and Golden Globe nominee Lauren Graham of *Gilmore Girls*.

International
Celebrity News

KANYE WEST IS JUST LIKE DONALD TRUMP - 50 CENT

NEW YORK - 50 Cent has compared Kanye West to Donald Trump.

"The Life of Pablo" rapper confirmed last year (15) he is planning to run for US President in 2020, to the amusement of many. One person who isn't convinced by Kanye's political aspirations is 50 Cent, real name Curtis Jackson.

As he appeared on chat show Conan last Wednesday night, host Conan

O'Brien asked Jackson what he thought about Kanye's presidential bid. "I like the idea of him running," Jackson replied, before pausing for several seconds - causing hilarity from the audience. "That's a lot of responsibility... you know what I'm saying? It's the same thing with Trump - their

SHOTS FIRED: 50 Cent.

non-traditional styles." **DRUM**

KATIE SALMON LASHES OUT AT TOM POWELL

LOS ANGELES - She was left bitterly hurt after a convoluted love triangle unfurled.

Yet Love Island's Katie Salmon came back fighting as she came face to face with her fling Sophie Graddon's boyfriend Tom Powell on Sunday night's reunion show. The 20-year-old Liverpool model unleashed an explosive attack on the former

beauty queen, 30, and the hunky fitness instructor as she hit out at his behaviour as a man. Sophie was initially coupled up with Tom, who was voted off the show after audiences watched their tempestuous relationship play out. Following his departure, the brunette beauty set her sights on new girl Katie before the pair soon locked lips - much to Tom's



LASHING OUT: Katie Salmon.

chagrin. **DailyMail**

WASHINGTON REUNITES WITH HER SCANDAL DAD

LOS ANGELES - Kerry Washington and Joe Morton's characters on Scandal might share a father-daughter relationship that can be described as dysfunctional at best, but off screen this duo is anything but.

The actress was on hand to support her TV dad as he headlines the Broadway play Tum Me Loose over the weekend, sending diehards of the Shondaland political drama into frenzy upon their reunion.



FOR SHOW: Kerry Washington and Joe Morton.

Washington shared a selfie of the pair in a cheerful embrace on Instagram, which she captioned, "Last night I experienced a transformative night of theatre. Went to see the extraordinary Joe Morton (AKA my Papa Pope) on stage as Dick Gregory in #TumMeLoose & I was blown away by his performance and

by the crazy resonance and timeliness of the material. **eonline**

MADONNA, SON ROCCO AT WAR AGAIN

LOS ANGELES - That was fast!

Madonna and son Rocco finally made peace last month after nearly half a year of feuding over where the 15-year-old would live. But RadarOnline.com has learned that it's all exploded yet again!

According to an insider, after a photo surfaced this week of Rocco boozing it up with friends in London, "Madonna is livid!" "Madonna freaked out when she saw

the photo of Rocco holding a bottle of booze over the weekend," a source close to the 57-year-old 'Material Girl' said.



AT WAR: Madonna and her son Rocco.

As previously reported, Madge and her ex-husband - Rocco's 47-year-old father, Guy Ritchie - were stuck in a nasty custody dispute for the past several months.

Radaronline

SA Celebrity News

'BEING A TRADITIONAL HEALER HAS NOT CHANGED ME'

JOHANNESBURG - Boity Thulo says her graduation as a traditional healer has not changed her.

She is still a committed Christian going to the Anglican Church. "I do go to church and pray to God. My traditional healing is personal to me and it's between me and my family," she said.

Thulo's sangoma name is Kgosisadi Dabulamanzi. "I consider myself to be a queen, hence kgosisadi



SAME OL': Boity Thulo.

and Dabulamanzi is my traditional name as a healer." Thulo announced her graduation and said the training took five months at the village of Berseba in North West. Her gobela (mentor) sent her to the village. "I was ready. I knew there would be three reactions, they would be very happy for me or be confused and

disappointed. **Sowetan**

BUNA BOY EXPLAINS HOW HE MET 'BESTIE' AKA

JOHANNESBURG - It's one of the continent's biggest romances, but how exactly did rappers AKA and Buna Boy meet?

Buna Boy explains. Despite being on nearly opposite ends of the continent, the pair have forged a strong bond that has seen them go beyond the studio to having boxing lessons and even ice-cream dates together. It's a friendship that is the envy of



BESTIES: Buna Boy and AKA.

many in the industry and, according to Buna Boy, it all started when AKA's camp hit up Buna Boy's to ask for collaboration. "I didn't even know AKA personally at the time (of All Eyes on Me) but we knew of each other and we liked each other's music but we had never really met. **Sowetan**

M-NET POKES FUN AT GARETH CLIFF

JOHANNESBURG - As Idols season 12 drew closer, everybody wanted to know just how M-Net would handle the Gareth Cliff race saga that dominated the show in the lead-up to the filming of auditions.

Deciding not to ignore the elephant in the room, the broadcaster started off the show by addressing the issue as the first episode of the new season aired on Sunday night. Clips of various media reporting on the incident were aired alongside people audition-



POKED: Gareth Cliff.

ing for the show shouting 'We love Gareth' and holding posters in support of the judge. "He's back," said host ProVerb before Gareth is seen strolling up to fellow judges Randall Abrahams, Unathi Msengani and Somizi Mhlongo.

"Hi guys," he says awkwardly before getting the side-eye from his fellow judges. He continues to take a selfie before saying he's going to put the image on Twitter. The other judges lunge at him, all saying "noooooo..." **Sowetan**

GUGU ZULU'S WIFE 'AT HIS SIDE FOR HIS FINAL MOMENTS'

JOHANNESBURG - The founder of the Imbumba Foundation has described the final moments of Gugu Zulu's life, saying his wife Letshego 'did everything for him' in his final moments.

"She was constantly checking on him and making sure he was okay. When his breathing became very heavy, she alerted the medical teams." Speaking to TMG Entertainment



REST IN PEACE: Gugu Zulu and wife Letshego.

from Tanzania, Richard Mabaso said the team has been left devastated by the death of Zulu, describing his last moments. In a tender recollection of Zulu's final moments with his wife, Mabaso said she kept a constant eye on him. "She was with him all the time. She also put a pillow under his head to make sure he was more comfortable. It's been devastating." **Times Live**

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY



ASSAULT: Ntandane.

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

Isidingo

TODAY



WISHFUL: Nikiwe.

Nikiwe wishes her father dead, saying all her problems will disappear with him dead. Morongwa gets up close to Gabriel and tells him to give her what she wants. Lerato says she wants a white wedding and Sechaba says he doesn't know who she has become.

Muvhango

TODAY



BOMBSHELL: Azwindini.

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

Rhythm City

TODAY



IMPATIENT: Dolly.

Dolly is growing impatient with the slow progress of David's plan. Nomalanga is gathering evidence of Zolani's affair. Jafta uses ingenuity to solve his dilemma of the two names. Niki deflects Suffo's plan to have Themba move in with her.



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.



Aquarius
January 20 – February 18

You busy yourself before work this morning with lots of conversations only to have to stop and meet up again later so as to discover more about the many subjects you have in common. The interesting part about your job is that when you work for a particular company that requires people with talent in certain areas, the people working together will have similar interests.



Pisces
February 19 – March 20

You could find yourself being misled or getting too carried away with some plan or idea today—take your time and think things over. You have a fantastic appetite for the fine details that must be included in some legal work or colour display. You are responsible and always ready to unravel. You could find that you are appreciated by many.



Aries
March 21 – April 19

You have an almost reckless faith in the life process. You sense a change and you are a natural supporter of change. Enthusiastic feelings for others and deep running emotions are present in all of your relationships. You have great personal intensity, even power. There is a love of animals, children and change.



Taurus
April 20 – May 20

You are full of significant insight today with regard to solving any problems. This could be a time for real breakthroughs in the idea department. You are in top form when it comes to mental activity. You are a good worker, always thinking and caring for people and things.



Gemini
May 21 – June 21

A drive to probe and penetrate may find you examining and working through some strong internal changes. Push too hard and you could lose your momentum. It is important to know when to be dominating and when to let another take the lead. There are calls today requesting you to take the lead in some sort of planning committee.



Cancer
June 22 – July 22

You enjoy working with your mind and your sharp perceptions make finding new solutions easy. You will bring an unexpected twist or insight on a particular project today. You are able to teach or help others to be more original when it comes to the words or thoughts they use.



Leo
July 23 – August 22

You are in a good position to make life more pleasant for others. A volunteer group looks forward to your visit this afternoon and your friends at work just might join you in this volunteer endeavour. You may have several items that you have collected over the last few weeks that this group really needs.



Virgo
August 23 – September 22

Others may resist your ideas and thoughts. Outwardly, you are intense and passionate. This quality is so essential to your character that all else revolves around it. However, your current situation may demand some reevaluation or otherwise challenge your ideas. Your ability to cut through the superficial and get to the real heart of things comes through loud and clear.



Libra
September 23 – October 23

This day moves along at an easy pace and you should find everything running in a smooth manner. Ideas and interaction with authority figures or older people may, however, be in the forecast. Working with the energies today should be easy to accomplish—everyone seems to be going in the same direction.



Scorpio
October 24 – November 21

Anyone who tries to get you to play with words today is in for a big surprise. Your mind will quickly cut right through all the window dressing and get right down to the quick. Before anyone knows it, you have the heart of a matter out front for everyone to see. In case you were wondering, yes... You could apply for detective or research work.



Sagittarius
November 22 – December 21

Sharp and penetrating insight into your own inner workings may surface now. Others praise your determination. The word for today is accomplishment. If there is a job, you can do it. As a conscientious worker, you pour yourself into any task with absolute determination. You are responsible to the extreme and take on obligations as though you just cannot get enough.



BABY BLUES



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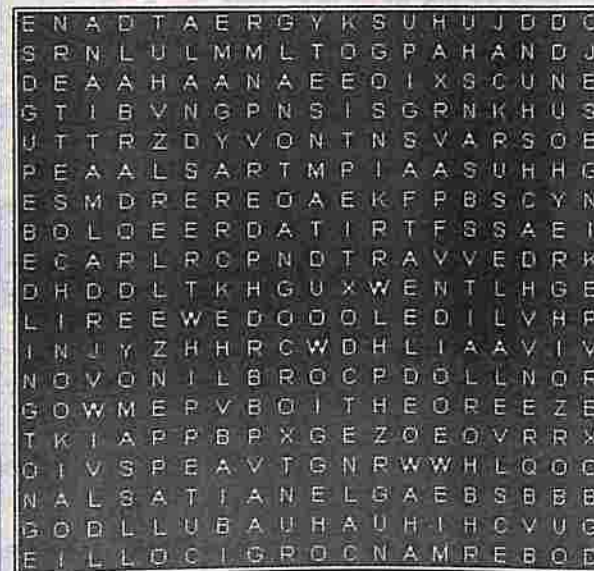


HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MINI CROSSWORD

A DOG'S LIFE



CAN YOU FIND THE DOGS HIDDEN IN THE BOX? THEY MAY BE HORIZONTAL, VERTICAL OR DIAGONAL, FORWARDS OR BACKWARDS.

AIREDALE, ALSATIAN, APPENZELLER, BASSET, BEAGLE, BEDLINGTON, BLOODHOUND, BORZOI, BOXER, BULLDOG, CHIHUAHUA, CHINOOK, CHOW CHOW, COLLIE, CORGI, DACHSHUND, DALMATIAN, DOBERMAN, GREAT DANE, GREYHOUND,

HUSKY, JACK RUSSELL, LABRADOR, LANDSEER, MAGYAR, MASTIFF, PEKINGESE, POINTER, POMERANIAN, POODLE, PUG, ROTTWEILER, SAMOYED, SANSHU, SETTER, SHEEPDOG, SPANIEL, TERRIER, WHIPPET.

LOL
Laughing Out Loud

A LAWYER AND AN ENGINEER

A lawyer and an engineer were fishing in the Caribbean. The lawyer said, "I'm here because my house burned down, and everything I owned was destroyed by the fire. The insurance company paid for everything." "That's quite a

coincidence," said the engineer. "I'm here because my house and all my belongings were destroyed by a flood, and my insurance company also paid for everything." The lawyer, puzzled, asked, "How do you start a flood?"

USELESS FACTS

1. It has NEVER rained in Calama, a town in the Atacama Desert of Chile.
2. It costs more to buy a new car today in the United States than it cost Christopher Columbus to equip and undertake three voyages to and from the New World.
3. The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets.
4. An eighteenth-century German named Matthew Bircher, known

as "the little man of Nuremberg," played four musical instruments including the bagpipes, was an expert calligrapher, and was the most famous stage magician of his day. He performed tricks with the cup and balls that have never been explained. Yet Bircher had no hands, legs, or thighs, and was less than 29 inches tall.

5. Daylight Saving Time is not observed in most of the state of Arizona and parts of Indiana.

BRAinteasers
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERSYESTERDAY'S
BRAIN TEASERS

1. I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
ANSWER: A candle.
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RONALDO, BALE ON UEFA BEST PLAYER

MADRID - Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo and Real Madrid teammate Gareth Bale headlined a 10-man shortlist announced yesterday for the UEFA Best Player in Europe Award.

Ronaldo struck the winning spot-kick as Real claimed an 11th Champions League title, beating city rivals Atletico Madrid on penalties in May, before leading his country to Euro 2016 glory.

Fellow Portugal and Real teammate Pepe also features on the shortlist along with Wales star Bale, who steered his country to the semi-finals of the European Championship in their first appearance at a major finals since 1958.

Ronaldo is favourite to win the



award for a second time, after scooping the honours in 2013-14, which would see him draw level with Barcelona's Lionel Messi.

Atletico striker Antoine Griezmann was also nominated after his six goals at Euro 2016 earned

him the player of the tournament and the Golden Boot, only for France to fall short against Portugal in the final.

Messi was one of two Barcelona players to make the list along with Luis Suarez, while Bayern Munich duo Manuel Neuer and Thomas Mueller, Juventus goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon and Real midfielder Toni Kroos were also included.

The players were selected by journalists from each of UEFA's 55 members associations who will vote for a second time on August 5 to determine the three finalists.

The winner of the award will be announced in Monaco on August 25 when the draw for the Champions League group stage is made. **AFP**

'Ba's horror leg-break could end his career'

SHANGHAI - Former Chelsea striker Demba Ba's career could be over after the 31-year-old suffered a horrific broken leg in the Shanghai derby at the weekend.

The Senegalese marksman tangled with SIPG defender and captain Sun Xiang in the 63rd minute of his side's 2-1 Chinese Super League victory.

As the pair fell, Ba's left leg was caught between the turf and his opponent's boot, bending at a sickening angle and then appearing to snap gruesomely below the knee.

Shenhua's medical team raced on to the pitch without waiting for the referee's signal and the match was stopped for eight minutes while the Chinese Super League's top scorer, with 14 goals, was treated on the pitch before being taken to hospital.

Speaking after the match, a visibly shaken Shenhua coach

Gregorio Manzano said the incident was potentially career-ending.

"In my 33 years as a coach I have won, drawn and lost games, but today is the most bitter victory because what happened to Demba Ba is what no one ever wants to see," Manzano said.

Shenhua, who won the match 2-1, described the injury as a broken leg and said the incident - for which Sun was not booked - was 'unfortunate'.

Manzano told local media that Ba, who also played for Newcastle and West Ham in England, would be out for at least seven months.

"If I can choose, I'd rather lose the match than Demba Ba," Manzano told the Shanghai Daily newspaper. SIPG's coach, the former England boss Sven-Goran Eriksson, expressed sympathy, saying: "It was a bad injury. I'm very sorry for Ba." **AFP**



CAREER COULD BE OVER: Shenhua striker Demba Ba cries in agony after being injured.

Calls for entire Russian Olympic team to be axed from Rio

MOSCOW - Russia will face calls for their entire team to be banned from next month's Rio Olympics over allegations of state-sponsored doping.

An independent commission set up by the World Anti-Doping Agency has been investigating the doping claims at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics and was to publish its findings yesterday.

Should the commission, headed by Canadian lawyer Richard McLaren, confirm the allegations, anti-doping

officials from at least 10 countries, including the USA, Canada, Germany, Spain, Japan and Switzerland, are expected to put pressure on the International Olympic Committee to ban Russian athletes in every sport.

Canada's anti-doping chief Paul Melia told the New York Times: "If McLaren produces clear, convincing, irrefutable evidence that there has been systemic state-sponsored doping in Russian sport the appropriate sanction would be for the IOC to ban the

Russian Olympic Committee from taking a team to Rio."

Currently, only Russian track and field athletes are barred from competing in Rio after the IAAF, athletics' governing body, voted last month to maintain a global competition ban on the All-Russia Athletic Federation.

A small number of Russian athletes who can prove they are clean, such as long-jumper Darya Klishina, will be allowed to compete under a neutral flag. **Daily Mail**

Pakistan's Yasir shoots to the top of test rankings

LONDON - Wrist spinner Yasir Shah has become the number-one ranked bowler in the world after he bowled Pakistan to a 75-run victory over England in the first Test at Lord's on Sunday.

Yasir is the first Pakistan bowler to top the ICC rankings since Mushtaq Ahmed achieved the distinction in December 1996, while Shane Warne was the last wrist spinner to surge to the number-one position in December 2005.

Yasir, who returned figures of six for 72 and four for 69, leapfrogged India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin and England's fast bowling pair of James Anderson (who missed the Test due to an injury) and Stuart Broad into the top spot after his achievement earned him 32 points.

Yasir won the player of the match award in his first Test outside Asia and leads Ashwin by seven points and Anderson by 10 points. The 30-year-old looks strong to gain further points and create more daylight between him and rest of the field as he is still in the qualification period. A bowler qualifies for a full rating after he has taken 100 wickets, while Yasir has so far claimed 86 wickets in 13 Tests.

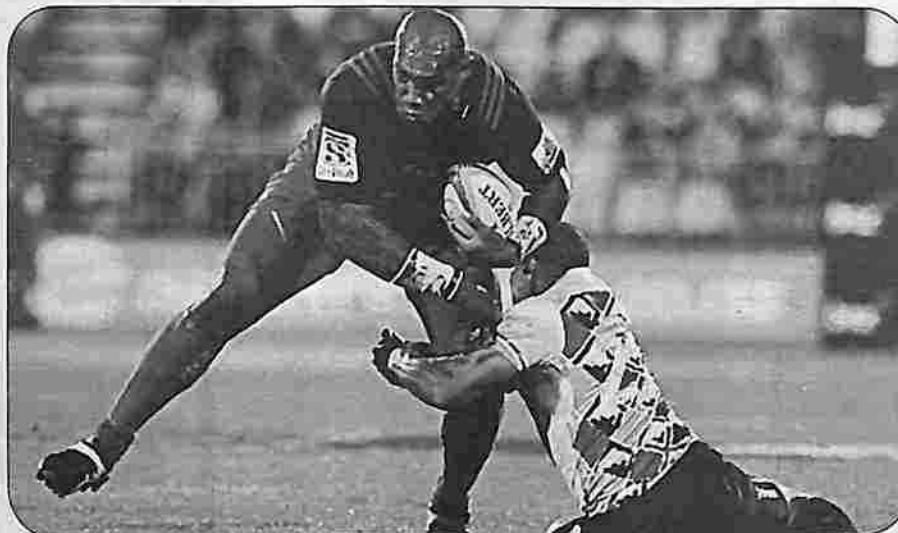
England's Chris Woakes also made an impressive gain in the latest rankings. Woakes recorded match figures of 11 for 102 for which he earned a jump of 28 places that put him in a career-high 36th position. **Sport24**

Hamstring injury rules Crusaders winger out of Lions clash

WELLINGTON - Canterbury Crusaders winger Nemani Nadolo has been officially ruled out of his side's Super Rugby quarter-final against the Lions in Johannesburg due to a hamstring injury.

Nadolo, who is leaving the Crusaders for Montpellier at the end of the season, was not included in Todd Blackadder's squad named yesterday for the trip to South Africa.

Nadolo sustained the injury in the Crusaders' 35-15 loss to the Wellington Hurricanes on Saturday. Scrumhalf Andy Ellis, who was also an



injury doubt, has been included in the travelling squad though third-string scrumhalf Leon Fukafuka will travel with the team in

case the veteran does not recover from his calf injury.

Ellis was a late withdrawal from Saturday's match after he injured himself while warming up just before kickoff.

Lock Sam Whitelock, who withdrew from the match against the Hurricanes because of illness, will also travel with the team.

The Crusaders were unable to travel to South Africa yesterday because of a lack of flights and will instead have to leave today for the game at Ellis Park on Saturday. **Reuters**

China sending 416 athletes to Rio

BEIJING - China is sending 416 athletes in total to the Rio de Janeiro Games, including 35 former Olympic champions. China's team includes 160 men and 256 women, who will compete in 210 events across 26 sports.

Cai Zhenhua, Deputy Director of the General Administration of Sport, was quoted by state media as saying yesterday that

China's entire delegation - including coaches and other staff - will be its largest ever at 711. Among them will be 29 coaches hired from overseas.

China's youngest competitor is 14-year-old swimmer Ai Yanhan. Beijing 2008 Olympics shooting champion Chen Ying, 39, is the oldest and will be appearing at her fourth Olympics. **Sport24**

Bookies can't see past all-NZ semis

CAPE TOWN - New Zealand's four sides will dominate this weekend's Super Rugby quarter-finals, say bookmakers.

The Hurricanes have been installed as 5/2 favourites for their first ever title, while last year's champions, the Highlanders, are next best at 21/5.

The Chiefs, aiming for their third title in five years, are on

offer at 9/2.

The seven-time champion Crusaders and Lions are joint-fourth favourites at 5/1.

The Brumbies (11/1), Stormers (14/1) and Sharks (40/1) are considered outsiders.

Australian Conference winners, the Brumbies, host the Highlanders in Friday's first quarter-final in Canberra (10:00 SA time). **Sport24**



ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP



MAN UTD EYE MOVE FOR LIVERPOOL'S ALLEN

MANCHESTER - Joe Allen has only 12 months remaining on his contract at Anfield, with Jurgen Klopp said to be willing to listen to offers for the 26-year-old.



Swansea were said to be in pole position to take Allen back to South Wales having already had an £8million bid rejected earlier in the summer but the Wales star's

form at Euro 2016 has attracted more interest and raised Liverpool's asking price. The South Wales Evening Post reports that Jose Mourinho is interested in bringing Allen to Old Trafford as he sets about the task of reshaping his midfield. United, who are reshaping their midfield under Mourinho — the

futures of Bastian Schweinsteiger, Ander Herrera, Juan Mata and Marouane Fellaini are all unclear — could offer Allen European football if their bid is firmed up.

Even if Mourinho decides to make Liverpool an offer, the Reds are likely to be extremely reluctant to sell to one of their biggest rivals.

Stoke and West Ham are also said to be interested in Allen, who was also being watched by Sevilla.

teamtalk

More signings to come - Klopp

CAPE TOWN - Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp has already added four new players to his squad, but has said the club still have plans to sign "one or two more players".

The Reds have already acquired the services of Loris Karius, Marko Grujic, Sadio Mane and Joel Matip, and more new arrivals are set to be on their way. While the German gave no clues as to who could be heading to Anfield, he conceded that some fringe players would be leaving the club. However, he asserted that none of Liverpool's young talents will be loaned out. "A few things will happen I am pretty sure," Klopp told reporters after his side's 2-0 pre-season friendly win over Wigan Athletic on Sunday.

"I don't know exactly what but on both sides, it makes no sense to stay in the squad when you don't have a real opportunity to play. When there's no chance to play, it makes absolutely no sense. The players are young. We will not give on loan our very young players, absolutely no chance."

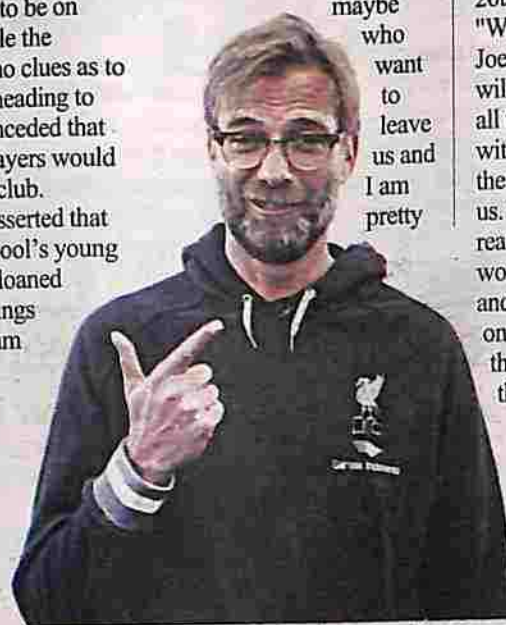
"We have a few players, maybe who want to leave us and I am pretty

sure it will happen - and one or two more players will join us from other clubs. It's a long time until August 31, and we have to work a little bit."

Klopp added that Liverpool will have their entire squad back by July 26 as players who featured at Euro 2016 are still on holiday. "We'll have the big group together from the 26th," Klopp continued. "When the last two players Joe Allen and Emre Can will join us. From the 21st, all the English players are with us. From the 22nd, all the Belgian players are with us. Then we will have a real group together and the work starts again with them and hopefully we can build on the base we've done in the first three weeks with the other players."

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JUST WAIT AND SEE: Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp.



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Ranieri targeting more trophies at Leicester City

LEICESTER - Claudio Ranieri says the chances of them retaining the title are very slim as every single side will want to beat them this year - added to the strengthening of rival squads and the Foxes' participation in the UEFA Champions League.

However, the former Monaco head coach wants his side to target at least one trophy from the five competitions they will partake in this campaign.

"Our basic concept is that of starting anew from zero," Ranieri told La Gazzetta

dello Sport. "We won the title, it was beautiful and fantastic, we achieved a feat that is perhaps unrepeatable. But now it's time to turn the page. At the beginning of the last season the bookmakers rated our victory at 5 000 to 1, but now it's 6 000 to 1. Our starting objective is the 40 point threshold that will keep us from demotion. Once we've got that, we can raise the bar: ending among the first 10, qualifying for the Europa League, a place in the Champions League."

"And maybe even winning a trophy among the five

we're playing for: the Supercup, the championship, the FA Cup, the EFL Cup, and the Champions League. This is our plan, step by step. "The Champions League will be a fascinating adventure, but it burns capitals of energy, especially from a mental point of view."

"We'll have to learn to balance out this dispersion of strength and prove that we can recover quickly. We may lose a few more games [than we did last season] and that's where our ability will be measured."

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Size not big issue for Leicester's Musa

LEICESTER - Leicester's record signing Ahmed Musa admits the best decision he ever made was giving up goalkeeping to become a striker so feared that he is looking to make an immediate impact on the Premier League.

The 23-year-old Nigeria international moved to the King Power Stadium for £16.5 million (19.7 million euros) from CSKA Moscow earlier this month and, having given up his goalkeeping ambitions as a schoolboy because of his diminutive stature, the 5ft 7in tall forward has no worries about



POSITIVE: Ahmed Musa.

coping with the physical challenge of the English top flight. Musa became a striker while still at school when he

decided to hang up his goalkeeping gloves.

He believes it was a decision that made his career, which has now taken him to England as a short-term understudy and potential longer-term replacement for England striker Jamie Vardy, who is six years his senior.

But Musa believes the pair could also operate in tandem. "I was a goalie between 10 and 12," he revealed.

"But changing was the best decision of my life because I would never have been good enough to become a professional goalkeeper."

Teamtalk

South African SOCCER

Mobara wants to achieve more

CAPE TOWN - The 22-year-old has had a good couple of weeks, firstly joining the Buccaneers from Ajax Cape Town and then being included in Owen Da Gama's Olympic squad.

Mobara, however, doesn't feel he has "made it" and says he is not feeling any particular excitement yet.

"I'm trying to achieve bigger things in life," Mobara says from the Under-23 training base at Milpark.

"I'm not saying Pirates is not a big team, it's quite an enormous team, with a good history, but I don't think really it's a big step in my life.

"Maybe Rio ... I'm not really excited. I don't know maybe when the excitement will come in, probably when I'm on my way to Rio," he adds.

Mobara played the full 90 minutes as the Under-23s battled to a 1-1 draw against Bidvest Wits in a practice match earlier today.

Williams vows to honour contract

CAPE TOWN - SuperSport United goalkeeper Ronwen Williams has committed his future to the club after reports linked him with an exit.

The 24-year-old, who has two years remaining on his contract with Matsatsantsa was reportedly on Orlando Pirates' wishlist.

However, under coach Stuart Baxter, Williams believes SuperSport can challenge for the Premiership title in the upcoming season.

Matsatsantsa also made quality signings in Thabo Mnyamane, Reneilwe Letsholonyane, Cole Alexander and

Reyaad Pieterse.

"I've got two years left on my contract and I intend to honour it," Williams told KickOff.

"The club has invested and shown a lot of faith in and it's

time to repay them by showing my commitment. I'm still very happy here and see no reason to leave.

"If you look at the calibre of players coach (Stuart) Baxter signed then it tells you how serious we are about success.

"We have a very good blend of experienced players and some exciting youngsters. SuperSport haven't won the league for some time now but with the squad we have we can definitely bring back the glory days."

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MOROKA SWALLOWS A STEP CLOSER TO PSL RETURN

Cape Town - Gauteng education MEC Panyaza Lesufi has announced that the rebirth of Moroka Swallows as Swallows FC will begin tomorrow.

Lesufi has been the spokesper-



son during the negotiations and takeover talks for the unknown consortium bankrolling the deal for the Dube Birds franchise and Free State Stars' Premiership status.

"From tomorrow, if we perform what is expected from us by the PSL, I can confirm we will have a new team in the Absa

Premiership - Swallows FC," he told reporters.

According to the MEC, the official deal will be announced imminently as Moroka Swallows in the ABC Motsepe League will serve as a feeder team to Swallows FC.

"We started this road 23 months ago. This team is now owned by South Africans without Leon Prins. The pains and sufferings you have gone through are over.

"This is the new Swallows. This

is not the old Swallows where people did as they pleased," he added.

"We are going to be professional. We will introduce a new membership system. We will open new supporters branches.

"We will give you all new jerseys and we will show people we can bring the numbers to the stadium. We need to have numbers to attract sponsors. We will also unveil the new emblem."

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Khune eases Rio Olympics injury concerns

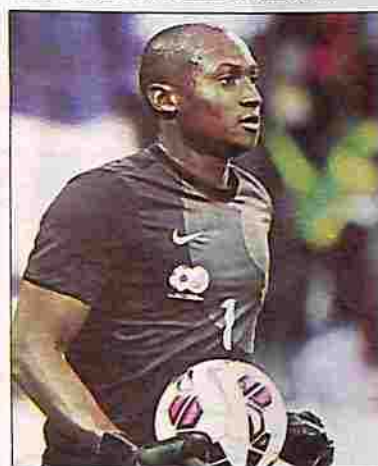
JOHANNESBURG - Khune only played 10 minutes of the practice match as he limped off at Milpark Stadium.

However, the 29-year-old says the knock is of minor concern.

"Nothing serious good people. it's just a bruise but I will be OK," Khune said on Twitter.

Khune has been included in the national U-23 squad for next month's Olympics as an over-age

player, along with clubmate Erick Mathoho. The Amakhosi pair are scheduled to first play in the Carling Black Label Champion Cup against Orlando Pirates at FNB Stadium on July 30.



SPOTTED: Jackson Mabokgwane.

Mabokgwane spotted at Pirates

JOHANNESBURG - Jackson Mabokgwane has been spotted at Orlando Pirates in what appears to be the player edging closer to joining the Soweto giants.

As reported by the Siya crew, Mabokgwane is expected to join Pirates in this transfer window, as Muhsin Ertugral and his technical team are looking to strengthen their goalkeeping department.

The Bafana Bafana goalkeeper has not formed part of the group

of former Mpumalanga Black Aces players that have gone to Cape Town City.

The Mother City outfit has been waiting on Pirates about a possible swap deal for players. It is believed that City are looking to swap Mabokgwane for the Pirates duo of Tshepo Gumedede and Samora Motloung.

The Buccaneers could be expected to finalise a deal with the shot-stopper in the not so distant future.

Soccerladuma

Maritzburg United boss snubs Chiefs offer

JOHANNESBURG - The 25-year-old Zimbabwean is in demand after netting nine goals for the Team of Choice last season, including a brace in the final-day survival showdown with Jomo Cosmos on May 21.



Kadodia, however, insists their Player of the Season and top scorer is staying put.

"Rusike is not for sale and I have made it very clear to you and everybody else," he tells KickOff.com.

"Tell everybody Rusike is going nowhere. Chiefs have made a hundred offers and I have received two hundred offers, and Rusike is not for sale and it is simple as that ... isn't it?"



WANTED: Rusike.

Molangoane in trouble at Chippa United

JOHANNESBURG - Molangoane is at loggerheads with Chippa over his contract, which was due to expire in June this year, but the club claim they have exercised an option.

The player has now decided against returning to Port Elizabeth with the hope of moving to Johannesburg to join Amakhosi this coming season.

According to an official at Chippa, the club is already preparing charges against Molangoane for absconding pre-season training.

"He is still yet to report for pre-season. I believe the boy has been ill-advised," an official at Chippa tells KickOff.com.

"We made it clear that any team interested to sign him must pay. He is under contract with us. We are seeking legal action to address this matter."



STAYING PUT: Ronwen Williams.



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IF YOU KNOW FOOTBALL, YOU KNOW MESSI IS BETTER THAN CR7

BARCELONA - FC Barcelona legend Xavi Hernandez believes people who understand football will know that Real Madrid talisman Cristiano Ronaldo is not in the same class as Lionel Messi.

The Spaniard has insisted there will never be another player like the Argentine, and added that those who really understand the beautiful game will know that not even Ronaldo is at Messi's level.

"For me, there is no heir to Messi. There will never be one. There will be very good footballers, but nobody at Messi's level," he told Sport.

"To be at the top for so many years, winning so many individual and team trophies, will be impossible to surmount.

"In the future, everything will be more equal amongst the best players.

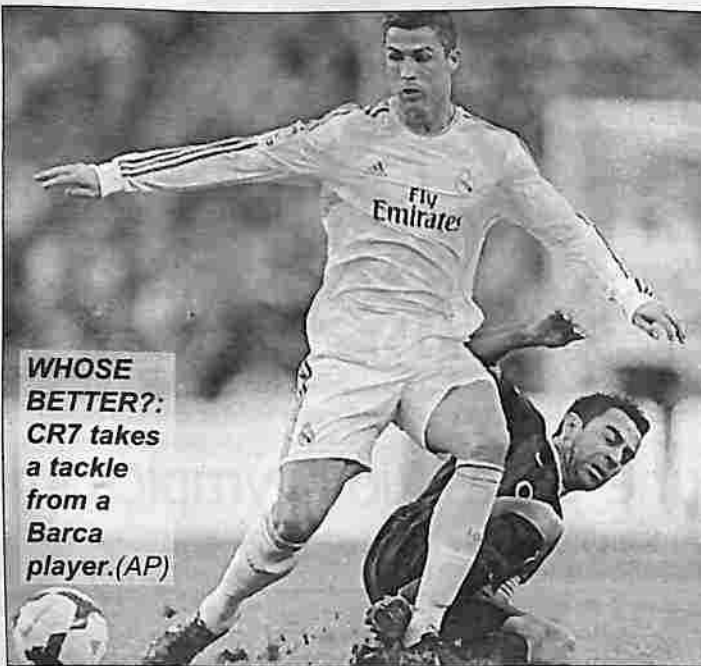
"Though now they try to sell the story of the Cristiano and Messi battle, those of us who know football know there is no comparison.

Superiority

"When Messi ends his career, there will be Neymar, Hazard, five or 10 players at a similar level, but none with the unquestionable superiority of Messi."

Ronaldo recently won the 2016 European Championship with Portugal, and many feel that this separates him from the 29-year-old Blaugrana star, who has never won an international tournament with Argentina, despite reaching four finals.

At club level, however, Messi



WHOSE BETTER?: CR7 takes a tackle from a Barca player. (AP)

has scored 456 goals in 533 matches for Barca, and has also

lifted 28 trophies with the team. *Soccer Laduma*

REAL TO BEAT BARCA TO STARLET

MADRID - Spanish giants Real Madrid are reportedly set to beat FC Barcelona to a player considered to be one of the best young talents in the world.

It was recently reported that Manager Luis Enrique is looking to add depth to the Catalan club's attack, and sees Brazilian striker Gabriel Jesus as the perfect target.

However, according to AS, it seems Jesus is likely to sign for rivals Los Blancos, who will reportedly meet with Palmeiras' sporting director in the coming weeks, instead.

The source stated that, while the 19-year-old could sign with Real, he would only join the side from the 2017/18 season.

The player is part of the Brazil team that will go to the Olympics next month and play South Africa in the first match of the tournament.

It is believed the striker's move to Zinedine Zidane's side will cost the club about €24 million (R380 million).

Jesus has made 38 appearances for Palmeiras' first team, scoring 19 goals along the way. *Soccer Laduma*

McKenzie backs Benteke to Palace

CAPE TOWN - Former Crystal Palace striker Leon McKenzie believes transfer target Christian Benteke would be an ideal signing for the London club.

Alan Pardew is reported to have lodged a £25m bid for the Liverpool striker when the transfer window officially opened, as he looks to bring goals to Selhurst Park and transform the Eagles into a consistent top-half Premier League outfit.

The Belgium international joined the Reds last season for a mammoth £32.5m from Aston Villa but started only eight league games after Jurgen Klopp took charge of the club. Despite Benteke's agent denying a potential move, McKenzie feels both parties can benefit from the potential transfer as Pardew continues to show major ambition in the transfer market. "Crystal Palace need an out-and-out goal scorer who is fast, sharp and brings something a little bit different. Christian Benteke certainly has those attributes," he told Sky Sports.

"I think he would be a good addition and he needs to rediscover what made him such a valuable player in the first place.

"A lot of it is down to man-management and Alan Pardew will always be able to get the best out of certain players.

"Pardew could perhaps get Benteke back to where he was before. It would be a good move for him and hopefully Palace can get him. Crystal Palace are an established Premier League team now," he said.

"There is no yo-yo aspect involved with the club any more. They hold their own and have done so for several years now. That sort of money is now available as a result of staying in the Premier League."

Palace have signed three players already this summer with England international Andros Townsend, defender James Tomkins and French goalkeeper Steve Mandanda arriving at the club. *Sport24*

Chelsea target hints at move abroad

CAPE TOWN - Santos starlet Gabriel Barbosa has indicated that he could soon be set to move abroad amid reported interest from Europe's top clubs.

The 19-year-old forward has been linked with Barcelona, Juventus and Chelsea following his impressive performances for the Peixe over the past 18 months. Barbosa scored in a 3-1 win over Ponte Preta on Saturday to take his tally for the season to five goals in 10 outings, and his post-match comments have put potential suitors on red alert.

"I played as if it was my last game here. Soon you will know something," the Brazil international told reporters afterwards. Barbosa

went on to deny claims from the Brazilian club that they had recently secured his future until 2021, and revealed he has offers on the table but will not rush into making a decision.

Proposals

"No, there is still no agreement. The president ended up talking, but there is nothing confirmed," the teenager told Globe Esporte.

"We are just talking. My parents and my representatives are talking. They have some things to discuss. I have proposals, too,

but there's nothing confirmed yet.

"I need to talk with my parents and my representatives. We are talking and we are going to resolve it slowly."

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TO MOVE ABROAD: Santos starlet Gabriel Barbosa.

Ibrahimovic claims he will be the God of Man U

MANCHESTER - Eric Cantona welcomed the well-travelled striker to Old Trafford in a short video for Eurosport, yet warned the 34-year-old that there "can only be one king in Manchester".

Ibrahimovic has since responded to the jibe in the way he only knows best.

"I admire Cantona and I heard what he said," Ibrahimovic is quoted as saying in Swedish paper Aftonbladet.

"But I won't be King of Manchester. I will be God of Manchester."

Ibrahimovic is expected to start training with his new team-mates this week but it is unknown whether he will join the Red Devils squad on their pre-season tour to China.

Kickoff



Allegri warns Pogba and Bonucci

CAPE TOWN - Juventus Manager Massimiliano Allegri has warned Paul Pogba and Leonardo Bonucci that the grass is not always greener on the other side.

Pogba and Bonucci are widely considered as the best players in their respective positions and have become an integral part of Juve's success in recent years, but the duo have been strongly linked with moves to the English Premier League.

Manchester United are keen on bringing France midfielder Pogba back to the club he famously left on a

free transfer, while new Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola is known to be a long-term admirer of Italy centre-back Bonucci.

However, Allegri feels both players should think wisely before jumping ship as the Turin giants have returned to the upper echelons of European football, highlighting their Scudetto success and recent high-profile signings.

Consider

"I am calm about the English rumours," the Italian told La Gazzetta dello Sport. "Anyone who has the

opportunity to leave Juventus has to consider things very carefully, because right now Juve are among the top four European clubs.

"This is not a selling club that just lets its players go. Pogba belongs to Juve and at the end of the day he too will want to win another Scudetto and hopefully the Champions League.

"We have grown in terms of appeal and awareness of our own capabilities. So far our market this summer has been eight out of 10, bringing in players of international pedigree like Medhi Benatia, Dani Alves and Miralem Pjanic."

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WEEKEND SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

PAKISTAN CELEBRATE COACHE'S CENTURY WITH PRESS-UPS



Pakistan captain Misbah-ul-Haq famously enjoyed his century with a press-ups celebration on day one of the first Test of the four-match series against England at Lord's, on Thursday. And with Pakistan having confirmed their first Test victory by 75 runs on Sunday, in honour of drill sergeant Misbah, all of the Pakistan squad dropped and gave him some push ups in front of the country's delighted following. (Daily Mail)

Arsenal part ways with Thierry Henry

LONDON - Thierry Henry yesterday confirmed via Twitter that he has left the Arsenal coaching staff after deciding not to cease with his Sky Sports pundit commitments.

Henry was offered to manage the Arsenal U18s by Andries Jonker, an offer that he was "honoured" to accept.

However, Arsène Wenger decided that Thierry Henry had to choose between coaching that Arsenal youth side and his commitments as a pundit for Sky Sports.

Henry refused to drop his Sky Sports deal and as a result has left the Arsenal coaching staff.

Sky Sports



Henrik Stenson wins The Open



STENSON KISSES THE FAMOUS TROPHY: Henrik Stenson wins The Open after carding brilliant 63 to beat Phil Mickelson to the Claret Jug by three shots on final day. (AFP)

RORY MCILROY SNAPS HIS CLUB IN FRUSTRATION

LONDON - A frustrated Rory McIlroy snapped his three wood after hurling it to the ground as he struggled to make inroads on the leaders at Royal Troon in the third round of The Open.

Playing his second to the par-five 16th, the Northern Irishman was unhappy with his shot and immediately launched the club

forward, resulting in the head coming away from the shaft as it bounced down the fairway.

He still managed to make par on the hole but his hopes of cutting a significant chunk out of the advantage established by Phil Mickelson and Henrik Stenson failed to materialise on a testing day.

Daily Mail



Marc Marquez wins German Grand Prix and moves top

MUNICH - Marc Marquez moved to the top of the MotoGP standings after winning the German Grand Prix.

Britain's Cal Crutchlow came second - just one and a half seconds after Marquez - while Valentino Rossi took third ahead of LCR Honda's Stefan Bradl.

Neither reigning world champion Jorge Lorenzo or Dani Pedrosa took part thanks to injury, paving the way for Marquez to win.

Marquez now leads the championship by two points from Pedrosa, with Lorenzo nine further back. Crutchlow is not out of the championship picture as he sits just 31 points behind Marquez.

Marquez failed to make the most of



his pole position start and found himself fourth in the early running as Rossi led into turn one. Crutchlow,

too, made a poor start and ran down in fifth early on, but both men were soon on the move. Mirror

PACQUIAO SET FOR COMEBACK

... after promoter admits he's shopping for a Las Vegas venue for autumn bout

LAS VEGAS - Manny Pacquiao is making the comeback which boxing always suspected he would.

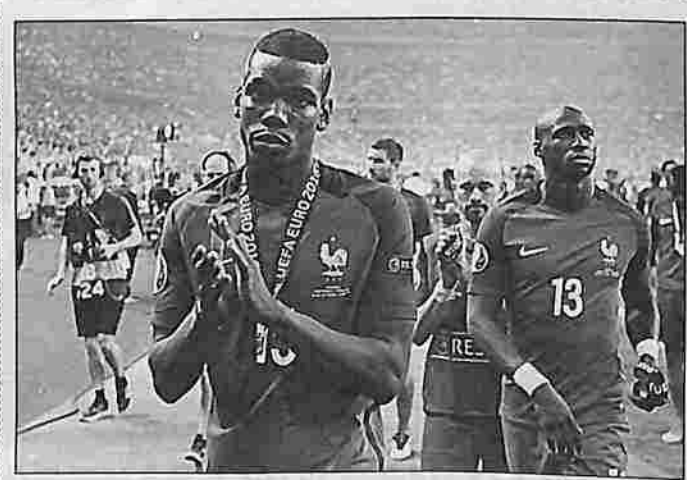
Promoter Bob Arum has confirmed the return of the PacMan and is trying to find a major arena in Las Vegas for either October 29 or November 5.

Pacquiao announced his retirement early this summer after winning promotion from Congressman to Senator in the Philippines parliament.

Daily Mail



MADRID TO WEIGH UP BID ON POGBA



Real Madrid asked Paul Pogba's agent to hold fire on any Manchester United move for the French star as Spanish giants weigh up bid. (Daily Mail)

SHUKUMA SWAZILAND AT LAMGABHI



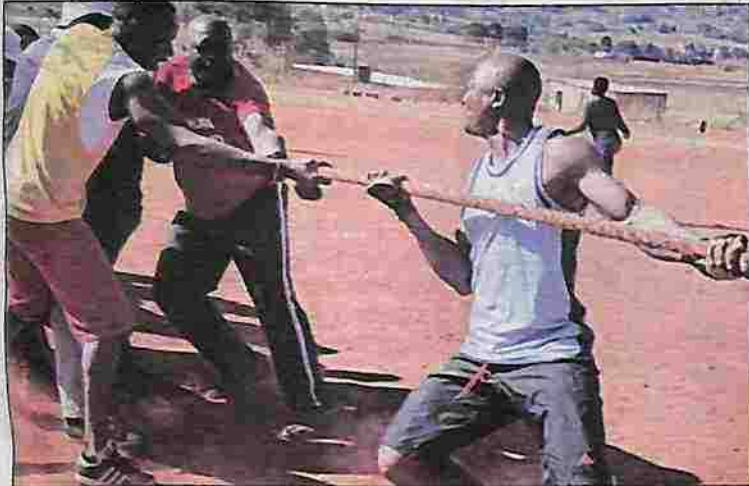
SUPPORT: SNSRC CEO Darius Dlomo and Lamgabhi MP Mbongiseni Malinga, leading Lamgabhi residents during the Shukuma Swaziland event, at LaMgabhi last Saturday. (Courtesy pics)



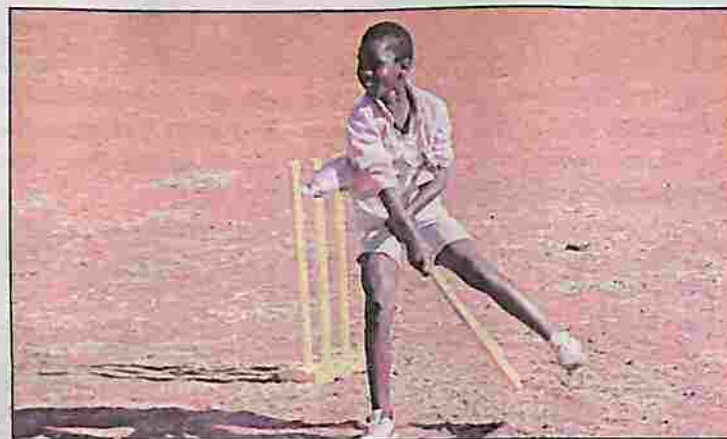
FOLLOW MY LEAD: Gogo Nkhosi leading the pack.



YOUNG AT HEART: The Shongwes also took part in the walk.



PULL: Sipho Mhlongo leading the tug-of-war game.



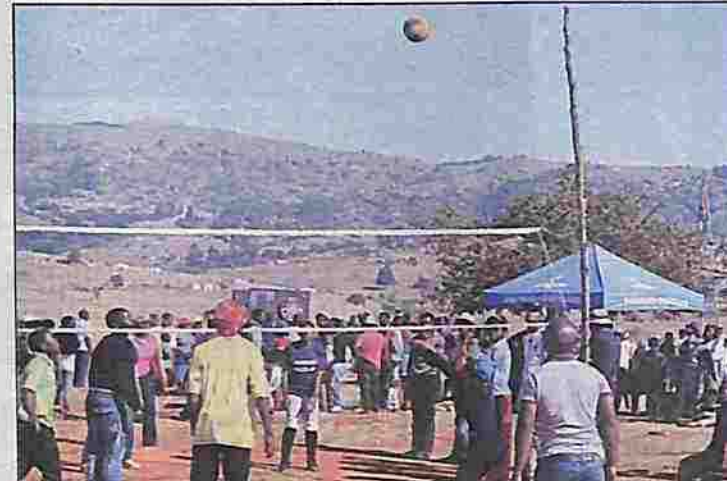
TAKE THAT: Mzwakele Mamba displaying her cricketing skills.



AGAINST ALL ODDS: Azariah Mavimbela was also present.



FOCUSED: Some of the residents seen playing darts.



MY BALL: Volley ball was one of the sports played.



TIRED: These two ladies resting after the tug of war game.

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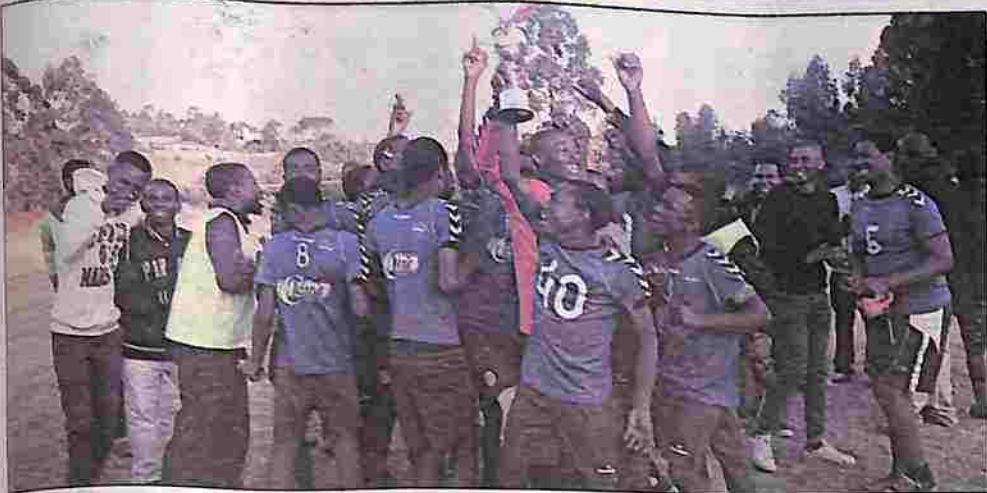
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STRETCHING: (Top and bottom) Community members stretching after the long walk.

KNOX THUMBUMIZI CHARITY CUP



CHAMPIONS: SOS Brothers celebrate with their trophy after beating Hurricane FC in the Knox Thumbumizi Charity Cup at Veni Sports Ground on Saturday. (Courtesy pics)



IT'S OURS: SOS Brothers' captain lifting the trophy during the presentation.



POSE: Hurricane FC pose for a group photo before the final, with Sponsor Cambumuzi Dlamini and his family members.



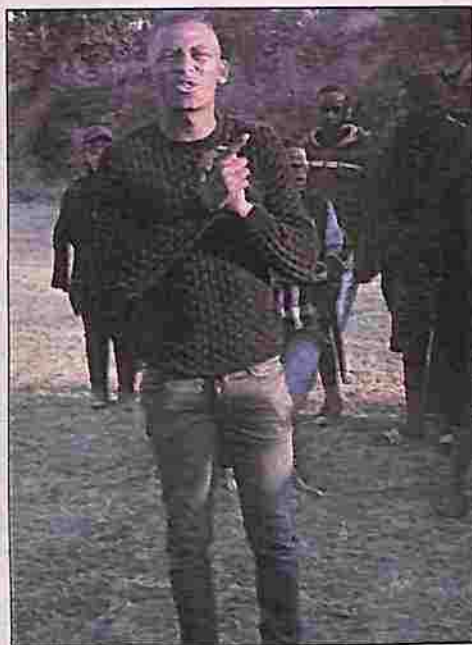
WE ARE ONE: SOS Brothers pose for a group photo.



REMARKS: (r) Prince Thumbumzi making his remarks, while Nigel Shongwe looks on.



INTRODUCTION: HRFA Chairman Comfort Shongwe and the sponsor greeting the players before the start of the game.



VOTE OF THANKS: Sponsor Cambumuzi making his remarks during the prize presentation.



STOMACH POLITICS: Dlamini making sure food is available for the teams.



JOY: SOS Brothers fans celebrating after the final whistle.

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● Juventus midfielder Paul Pogba's agent has not set a deadline for the player to complete a move to Manchester United, but all parties want to conclude the deal quickly for the 23-year-old France international. (*Manchester Evening News*)



● Manchester United are considering a move for Liverpool midfielder Joe Allen, 26, but the Wales international is a top target for Francesco Guidolin's Swansea City. (*South Wales Evening Post*)

● Meanwhile, Liverpool are chasing Newcastle's Netherlands midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum, 25, with the Reds looking to negotiate a £20m deal. (*Telegraph*)

● Everton will make former Manchester United winger Jordi Cruyff their director of football if they fail to bring in Steve Walsh, who is head of recruitment at Leicester City. (*Sun*)

● Leicester's Algeria midfielder Riyad Mahrez, 25, is set for a "dream" move to Spanish champions Barcelona after rejecting a new contract with the Premier League winners. (*Sun*)

● But Foxes boss Claudio Ranieri is confident Mahrez will not be leaving the King Power Stadium. (*Daily Star*)



Raphael Varane, 23. (*Telegraph*)

● Manchester United boss Jose Mourinho hopes to turn £30m Ivory Coast centre-back Eric Bailly, 22, into a player as good as Real Madrid's France defender

● Italian side Roma say defender Kostas Manolas is not for sale. The 24-year-old Greece international has been linked with a move to the Premier League with either Arsenal or Chelsea. (*Evening Standard*)

● Juventus' 29-year-old Italy defender Leonardo Bonucci has been offered to Manchester City - but the Serie A club are holding out for £50m. (*Manchester Evening News*)

● City are also ready to rival Manchester United for the £15m signature of West Ham defender Reece Oxford, 17. (*Sun*)

● West Ham's Ecuador striker Enner Valencia, 26, is wanted by both Premier League rivals Swansea and Italian side Lazio but neither club have met his £15m valuation. (*Daily Mirror*)

● Chelsea want to sign AC Milan's 34-year-old Spanish goalkeeper Diego Lopez if their Bosnia-Herzegovina international Asmir Begovic, 29, joins Everton. (*Gazzetta Mercat*o - in Italian)

● Stoke City boss Mark Hughes has ruled out Burnley signing the Potters' Scotland midfielder Charlie Adam, 30. (*Burnley Express*)



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JUSTICE SHOULD PREVAIL IN THE FA/MASHUMI SAGA

THEY say power corrupts and absolute power corrupts, absolutely.

An ugly turf battle is playing itself out between the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) administration and the Shiselweni Regional Football Association (SRFA) executive committee, in particular the suspended Chairman Mashumi Shongwe.

A series of events has resulted in strained relations between the FA administration, CEO Frederick Mngomezulu, and the SRFA management team.

Appointment

The latest incident is the appointment of the interim committee for SRFA following the suspension of the FA Second Vice-President in Mashumi, who had been re-elected SRFA Chairman last weekend.

The bone of contention started three weeks ago during the SRFA elections nominations where Shongwe became a subject of controversy on whether he was supposed to relinquish his vice presidency position in favour of the chairmanship one at regional level.

This was sparked by the interpretation of Article 34:10 of the Football Association constitution, which states that no member shall be allowed to hold two positions at any given point in time.

My argument is that this particular clause needs well-informed



DEFIANT: Shiselweni Regional Football Association Chairman Mashumi Shongwe.

interpretation because the FA is alleged to have told Shongwe to resign after being nominated before he retained the chairmanship position during the elections of July 10 held at King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium hall.

Neutral

This would do justice for neutral observers and football at large to seek an educated interpretation of the clause by the mother body and its affiliate.

The Football Association seemingly contradicted itself on the issue when they sent a delegation led by Mngomezulu to oversee the elections, only to somersault four days later and

declare these as null and void.

Reports suggest that the mother body had told Shongwe to relinquish his FA position but as to why their representative in the CEO, who was the Elections Officer, went ahead with the elections on the day clearly beats logic and imagination.

This nullifying of the elections was a tide late as about 10 hours had been wasted on the day for an illegal gathering the FA should have otherwise corrected beforehand.

Definitely the SRFA members and all stakeholders deserve better than this. The suspended Shongwe proved to be a popular

figure among the masses as he retained his Chairmanship, beating his competitor in former Shiselweni I MP Enos Vilane by a huge margin. Shongwe has not been honest with himself either if not worsening the already volatile situation through contradicting himself in statements made to the media.

On one hand he says he wants to lead the Shiselweni people yet on the same breath is keen in serving in the FA vice presidency position. Mr. Shongwe, sir you need to come out clean for the sake of the game and your reputation too.

Confused

Either you're acting confused or are a power hungry person who wants all the glory unto himself yet fail to deliver at the end.

It's time to take a bold and informed decision; do you want to serve the people of Shiselweni or the national mother body?

The interim appointment of the Shiselweni Regional Football Association does not solve things but instead derails the progress of the sport in the region because the members have the right to choose their own executive.

It is time for the two concerned parties to resolve this matter amicably by roping in a neutral legal expert to interpret the controversial clause and allow football be the winner in the Shiselweni region.

Cheers to another Castle Premier Challenge edition

SWAZILAND Beverages continues to be a good ally to the football fraternity as they have launched the fourth edition of the Castle Premier Challenge to kick off late next month.

This year's edition saw a E100 000 increment from last year's E700 000, a move that complements the growth witnessed in our domestic football in recent years.

This will be the second cup competition of the new season as this will test the competitiveness of the Premier League teams, who have been on a break since May.

The tournament started back in 2013 with Mbabane Swallows crowned the inaugural champions of the competition. They, however, failed to defend the title in the second edition fol-

lowing an astounding victory by Correctional Services side Green Mamba in the second installment but Swallows flew all the way to victory in the third edition to deny police side Royal Leopard a taste of the glory, winning the competition for the second time.

The champs, in their quest to shield the title and win it for the third time, will battle it out with Midas City in the opening games of the 'winner takes all' tournament.

Another interesting fixture will see Hub giants Manzini Wanderers face-off with capital city giants Mbabane Highlanders in what will be the biggest tie of the new season.

Football is not the only winner but the Castle brand is diverse. Retail outlets that support the brand through purchasing the beverage as well as consumers

and soccer lovers, who are loyal customers passionate about the sport and socialising have also been engaged in a national promotion tournament that will see 16 teams competing for a first prize of E800.

A total of 16 selected customers from these three folds were given an opportunity to watch the senior national team in the COSAFA Cup held in Namibia, courtesy of the Castle brand. One would like to com-



mend the Castle brand for its continued support in football. This goes to show how engaging the brand is with sports activities, particularly football in the country.

The tournament will get underway on August 20 and the semi-finals will be played on September 6. The last game of the tournament will take place on September 25, a match that will decide who takes home the E800 000 first prize cheque. What makes it more interesting is the fact that this is a winner takes all tournament.

It all lies with the team's supporters now to go rally behind their clubs in appreciation of the sponsorship and motivate the players to give out their best.

'It all comes together with a Castle.'

FA TO GET OVER E8M FROM FIFA IF THEY MEET REQUIREMENTS

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - THE FIFA Development Committee has begun the process which will see its 211 member associations each receiving up to E8.4 million.

As part of the funding provided by the FIFA Forward programme, each association member will receive basic support of E1.4 million (US\$100 000) per year.

They then receive additional annual funding of E700 000 (US\$50 000) for each of the 10 requirements they fulfill, which is up to an additional E5.6million (US\$400 000) per year.

Programme

The committee is led by Asian Football Confederation President Sheikh Salman Bin Ibrahim Al-Khalifa. Following a meeting with the committee, it was announced that all member associations and confederations could now apply for funds under the FIFA Forward programme.

FIFA confirmed that they had until June 1 next year to wrap up their contracts of agreed objectives with key perfor-



ANNOUNCED: Asian Football Confederation President Sheikh Salman Bin Ibrahim Al-Khalif.

mance indicators. After the programme had been approved at the FIFA Congress in Mexico City in May, FIFA President Gianni Infantino issued a stark warning to the member associations, declaring they would show no mercy if the funds were misused.

He also urged them 'not to betray us' in the wake of a number of cor-

ruption scandals, which had sparked the worst crisis to ever hit FIFA.

National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Technical Director Bizzah Mkhonta highlighted a month ago, during the coach's symposium, held at IDM that FIFA would be awarding about E2 million for the program. However, member associations would be expected to meet 10 requirements, with a minimum of eight them to qualify to get the money.

Regulations

FA CEO Frederick Mngomezulu said they were waiting for application regulations from FIFA before applying for the funds.

"We would get the money from next year after getting approval from the mother body.

"Upon getting the application for the funds, they evaluate each member association and then forward the money if they meet the requirements. We would only know after the evaluation if we meet the requirements or not but the budgets are forwarded between November and December," he said.

FIFA REQUIREMENTS:

- Employing a general secretary
- Employing a technical director
- Organising a men's league
- Organising a women's league
- Organising a men's youth league
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- Women's football promotion and development strategy
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Midas City aiming for silverware this season

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - CASTLE Premier Challenge debutants Midas City are looking to win one trophy in the 2016/17 season, set to kick off next month.

The capital city squad want to emulate their past seasons achievement where they finished in fifth position in the MTN Premier League.

The team wants to at least annexing silverware of the five trophies at stake in the local football calendar.

The team's Public Relations Officer

Guy Magongo said they were determined to achieve their desired goals in the new season.

"We are looking at winning something this season in order re-write the history books by winning our first ever Premier League trophy. Our mandate can be achieved by following our good run in the league, last season.

"We will work extra hard as a team as we have also retained all our players. This will help us to have continuity in the team."

He said they had also started their

pre-season training to prepare for the Castle Premier Challenge taking place in three weeks time.

The Caleb Ngwenya led side will take on two-time Castle Premier Challenge champions, Mbabane Swallows, in the quarterfinals of the E1.13 million sponsored knockout competition.

Midas City have also produced several international players in the likes of John 'Shisa Junior' Mdluli, Dennis 'Yuki' Masina and the DR Congo based striker Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo

'BOMBER' LAUDS HRFA

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - NATIONAL Football Association of Swaziland President, Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa, has applauded the HRFA for showing great leadership.

This was during the association's Annual General Meeting held at Mhlatane High School on Sunday.

Mthethwa said the HRFA was an example for other regional associations.

"They were able to get quite a number of sponsors and this has positive spinoffs for the national team. This is really a commendable job which deserves to be recognised since it's not easy to get sponsors to partner with football," Mthethwa said.

He also said he was impressed with their administration.

"They are one good team which works for the development of soccer in the country. However, they should not be comfortable as leaders people come with a huge responsibility," he added.

Centre for HIV/AIDS Prevention Studies (CHAPS) outreach coordinator Sabelo Mlambo also commended the HRFA's administration team.

"If it was not for their good administration skills we could have not partnered with them. We have seen sponsors pouring money in and we assume that there must be something good that the HRFA is doing. It was our first time to

partner with them and I should say we are impressed. There are only a few issues here and there which need to be fixed. At one point during the CHAPS Soka Nawe Challenge, I was disturbed when one official attempted to assault another with a bush-knife. This is the kind of behavior that chases sponsors away," he said.

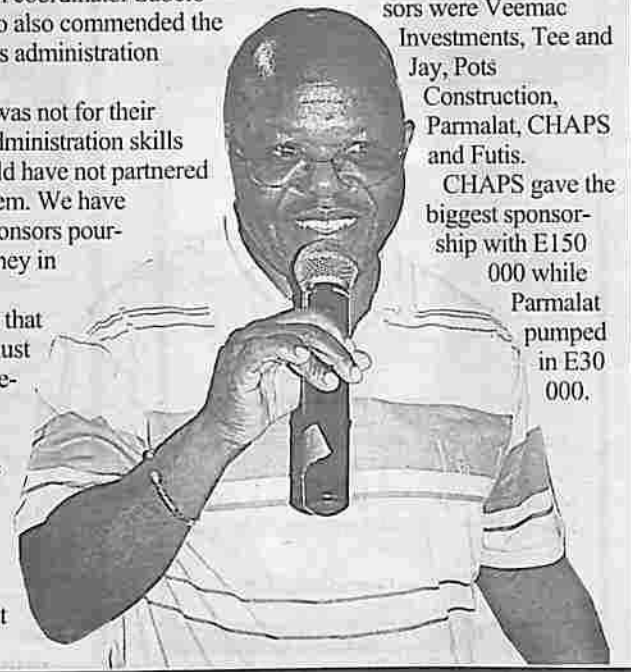
Parmalat Swaziland Sales and Marketing Manager Qinisile Maphanga-Kunene shared the same sentiments.

"We are grateful to partner with HRFA and would like to thank the professionalism they displayed throughout the season. However, we urge the teams to cooperate with us as far as branding is concerned. You find that some of the banners are destroyed by the teams or the spectators. We discourage this because it can reflect badly on the sponsors. We also urge the public to always be on their best behaviour during games," she said.

There were more sponsors during the past financial year and these were Buy Cash, PMT, All Out Africa, Swazi Trac and Mandla Mahewu. Other sponsors were Veemac

Investments, Tee and Jay, Pots Construction, Parmalat, CHAPS and Futis.

CHAPS gave the biggest sponsorship with E150 000 while Parmalat pumped in E30 000.



Red Lions recalls Mabelesa, 2 others

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - RED Lions has recalled their prodigal son Sibusiso Mabelesa from suspension ahead of the 2016/17 season.

The striker spent the better half of the previous campaign in the wilderness after he was suspended by the club for misconduct.

Also returning to the team are the twin brothers in Sandile and Sifiso Mkhonta, who have been recalled by the team after spending the previous season on loan at Bad Boys.

Red Lions Public Relations Officer Comfort Shongwe confirmed the new developments when contacted yesterday.

"Mabelesa has re-joined the rest of the team for the pre-season training which started today (yesterday) together with the Mhlanga brothers, who are back from Bad Boys. We would like to welcome the three players back into the team and we are confident they will contribute towards helping the team achieve great things in the new season," he said.

The Fairview based side

recently enlisted the services of former national Under-20 coach Zwelibandzi 'Botsotso' Khoza as their new head coach on a one-year renewable contract.

Khoza beat South African mentor Kenny Ndlati, who was also shortlisted for the hot seat at 'Amabhubesi'.

Reports also coming from the team suggest that the future of the two international players Sam 'Mbaya' Katala and Karin Bantar looks uncertain. This comes after the club recently parted ways with Baimba Kamara and Leonard Bongso.

Leopard to play Botswana counterparts

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - MTN Premier League champions Royal Leopard will engage in a pre-season training match with Botswana professional counterparts Botswana Police XI.

This was revealed by the team's PRO Frank Hurube yesterday.

He said they were expecting the visitors to arrive in the country on Friday and hopefully they would play two games on Saturday and Sunday.

"The friendly games with the Botswana team could not have come at a better time when we are preparing for the SwaziTelecom Charity cup. The games will help us in figuring our weaknesses while also assessing certain players," he said.

Royal Leopard makes four of the teams that

will be competing in the Telecom Charity Cup, a tournament that the team is defending, scheduled for August 7 at Somhlolo National Stadium.

Police XI will be the second team to arrive for their pre-season games in the country this year as South African First Division side

Black Leopards are already in the country to play the likes of Manzini Sundowns and Moneni Pirates this coming Saturday at Manzini Club.

Botswana Police XI Sporting Club is a football club from Botswana based in Otse. They have appeared twice in the CAF competitions both in 2006 and 2007, but they haven't made it out of the preliminary rounds. They also won the Lion Mascom cup in 1982 and the Mascom Premier League in 2006. They were relegated from the Botswana Premier League but they made their way back last season.



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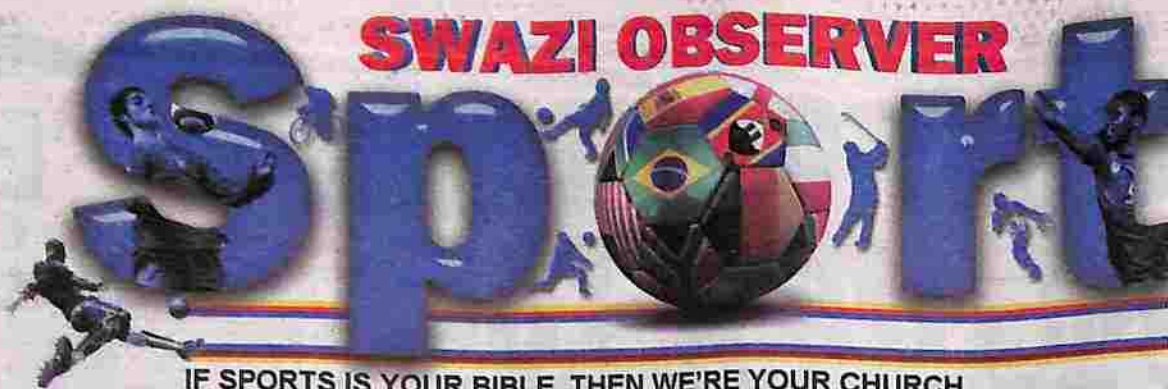
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'BULL' PLACE E200 000 ON TWINS' HEADS

● PAIR LINKED WITH A MOVE TO ONE OF THE SECURITY FORCES TEAMS

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – CAPITAL city giants MBABANE Highlanders have reportedly placed E200 000 on the head of their 'terrible twins' Lungelo and Fanelo Tsabedze, who are being linked with a move to one of the security forces teams in the new season.

It has been reliably gathered that the black and white outfit is only willing to release the enterprising duo at a deposit fee E100 000 and further expect the suitor to guarantee the players jobs.

A source close to the matter confided that Highlanders would only release the two players on the above mentioned conditions.

Value

"The two players are still contracted to Highlanders and any team that wants them should be prepared to pay the stipulated fee and further offer them jobs.

The team has invested a lot in the players and they are of high value. Suitors should, therefore, be prepared to break the bank for the players



BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE: Lungelo and Fanelo Tsabedze with Highlanders Managing Director Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane.

whom we have worked very hard to groom," the source said.

It is also understood that the security side recently enquired about the availability of the players from the Highlanders Managing Director Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane.

Travel

Efforts to get Simelane were futile as his cell-phone rang unanswered when tried yesterday.

The Tsabedze brothers joined Highlanders during the 2012/13 season and have already

spent three seasons with the 'Black Bull'. Lungelo was last season named the MTN Premier League Player of the Year and was also the joint top goal scorer in the league with 11 goals.

Highlanders are also expected to sign two Zimbabwean players, a central defender and defensive midfielder ahead of the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup to take place on August 7.

The Meck Mwase-led side is tomorrow afternoon expected to travel to Mbombela, South Africa, for their pre-season training where they will take on two South African National

First Division sides in Mbombela United and Witbank Spurs.

The 2015 /16 MTN Premier League runners-up are on the brink of losing three of their key players in Jimmoh Moses, Vusumuzi Zungu, Kingsley Makgatho and Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze whose future with the club looks uncertain. On another note, the team will no longer take part in the proposed international friendly matches against visiting South African First Division side Black Leopards scheduled for this coming weekend.

'Samba Jive' still has it in him - Makhanya

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER – FORMER Black Leopards and current Mbabane Swallows veteran winger Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko still has a lot to offer in football, according to Kenneth Makhanya.

Makhanya is the current CEO at South African First Division outfit Black Leopards where Nhleko spent over three seasons after joining the team from then

Denver Sundowns in 2004 when the team was still in the Premier Soccer League (PSL).

Makhanya also served as the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) CEO before he was replaced by Frederick Mngomezulu.

Speaking in the SBIS Sport Show programme, Makhanya admitted that Nhleko, together with other local players, had a great impact in the game.

"We have been watching the senior national team play in the COSAFA Castle Cup in

Namibia and Nhleko still rates amongst the best. We can still rope him in if he suits our style of play. We have also watched other local players and there are a few individuals that impressed us," he said.

Makhanya said they would continue to monitor other players during the friendly games in the country.

He said they already had names of potential local players they wanted to assess and bring on board.

One in particular is Red Lions

forward Solomon Oladele, who they assessed but he failed to impress and they dropped him, together with seven other players from South Africa.

Other local players who played for Leopards include former Swazi international and Kaizer Chiefs striker Sibusiso 'Spoko' Dlamini and Bongani 'Ndezi' Masangane.

The team will play Manzini Sundowns and Moneni Pirates on Saturday at Manzini Club and they will be leaving the country at the end of this month.