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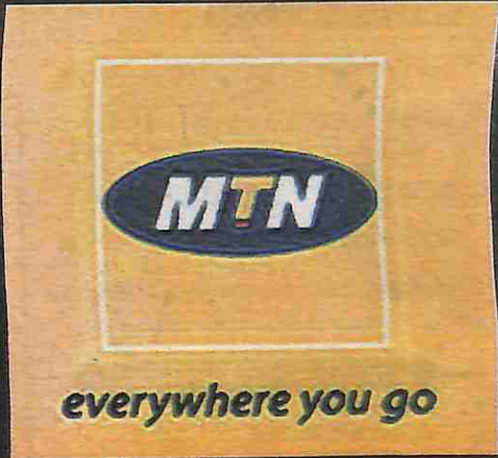
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# MTN READY TO ROLL OUT 4G

STORIES BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

The telecommunication revolution has caught up with the country as 4G LTE will be launched in the country within the next 10 days. This turn of events was revealed by MTN Swaziland Chief Executive Officer, Ambrose Dlamini, during an interview where he revealed that it was time the country moved to a higher level in the telecommunications industry. Explaining what the introduction of 4G means to a lay man using the internet, Dlamini explained that it was high speed internet which could be measured to be 10 times faster than the current offering of 3G.

“With the roll out of 4G about to take place, communication will be faster, social media platforms will be a breeze, while research will be simplified”

The faster internet offering will enable faster browsing allowing for the downloading of bulky files to take place within seconds. “4G allows one to watch a movie seamlessly (without gaps or interruptions) as you download it, as there will be no buffering,” the CEO explained. Mobile device owners who use the internet may have noticed the different letters which appear near the signal strength icon on their devices. Explaining what these have

meant, Dlamini recalled how when cellular phone came into the country, 2G was used which allowed for calls and short message sending only. “When requirements and needs grew, EDGE was introduced which allowed for the sending of data at low speeds because technology is all about speed,” he said. After EDGE, 3G was introduced into the country which equated to higher speed allowing for one to browse easily, watch movies and do a whole

lot more using data. “With the roll out of 4G which is about to take place, communication will be faster, social media platforms will be a breeze while research will be simplified,” Dlamini explained adding how companies had more options of using the internet as it was not just for personal use. “It will heighten interests as it will be used by small medium and large enterprises and the impact on services and jobs will be immense as this project will enable Swaziland to rank among the best within the telecommunication industry,” he said reiterating how 4G will put the country on par with first world countries in terms of communication.

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## Free upgrade offered

Existing mobile cellular phone users will get free 4G enabled sim cards from MTN Swaziland Service Centres and distribution points.

This was revealed by CEO Ambrose Dlamini who said despite costs associated with the evolution, customers would not be burdened by extra costs.

“The only thing they might need to do will be to upgrade their cellular phones and dongles if they are not 4G enabled,” he said adding that the company would advise the public as days go by on how changes

will be structured.

He assured that comprehensive education about 4G will be readily available for their customers and those who are perceptive will get information on what 4G is and how it will work.

### Reiterated

He further reiterated how infrastructure would be ready at the end of June.

Concerning data costs to the consumer, Dlamini assured that they were working around the clock to introduce packages which are affordable and will ensure that users get their value for money.



MTN Swaziland Chief Executive Officer Ambrose Dlamini.

## How 4G will benefit MTN

As with every business venture, MTN Swaziland will derive benefits from the evolution to 4G.

MTN CEO Ambrose Dlamini revealed that even though the upgrade to faster internet connectivity was beneficial to consumers, they would also derive some

advantages in the form of more people using their mobile phones.

### Easier

Added to the increased numbers using mobile phones, more data will be consumed as it will be easier to download files while browsing the internet.

With MTN using a new

platform, Dlamini said they would be able to roll out more products which were intended to drive digital services.

More than anything, 4G is envisaged to increase job opportunities for airtime vendors who are in the last tier as more distributors of airtime will be in demand.

## 3G verses 4G LTE – MTN Explains

What is the difference between 2G, 3G & 4G LTE?

Before breaking down the differences in the various technologies, it is worth noting that MTN Swaziland first introduced 2G technology as part of its quest for innovation. It then evolved to

3G and now aiming at launching 4G LTE, the fastest internet technology.

With 2G phone conversations digitally encrypted, it also introduced data services for mobile starting with Short Messaging Service (SMS), picture messages and MMS – (Multimedia messages).

Since these messages sent over the 2G networks were encrypted, it allows only the intended recipient to receive and read it.

EDGE – Enhanced Data-rates for GSM (Global System of Mobile communication) Evolution – was an easy way for mobile operators to squeeze more out of

the 2.5G. With EDGE-compatible phones, customers could get improved speeds over double what they would get from GPRS.

Then came 3G around the same time some mobile operators were rolling out EDGE around 2003/4.

The 3G network was the first technology with sufficient speed to pro-

vide a decent user experience on a smartphone.

The 4G LTE technology is the successor to the 3G technology. Mobile Operators are still building out their 4G LTE networks.

LTE stands for Long Term Evolution. It is a term used for 4G LTE that delivers the fastest mobile Internet experience.

## 4G to improve SADC Summit Communication

The evolution towards 4G was one of commitments MTN Swaziland made towards their contribution for the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Summit which take place in less than two months time. MTN Chief Executive Officer Ambrose Dlamini revealed that they had already had trial runs of their infrastructure and everything was in place for the anticipated transition which will happen at the end of this month, whereas a commercial launch will take place in July. “While rolling it out, we are modernising the network and other relevant technologies,” he said.

The summit, which will take place in the country for the first time will see representatives of 15 member states and their delegates come to the country. During the summit the economies of the SADC states will be high on the agenda while contribution for the region towards other organisations will be deliberated upon.

In short, the SADC Summit is responsible for the overall policy direction and control of functions of the community, ultimately making it the policy-making institution of SADC

# 'MORE WOMEN TO DIE...'

STORIES BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

Women are under attack, and in recent months, police have revealed six reported cases of women who died after being attacked by their spouses.

While six lives have ended violently from the beginning of the year, more have been nearly killed by these men who pledged their love.

Sadly, more women are going to be killed by their partners as abuse is symptomatic of a variety of social ills, which are entrenched as normality in the country.

These sentiments were shared by women activist Doo Aphane this past week.

Irked by the incessant reports of women who are either killed by their partners or little girls raped by out-on-bail suspects, Aphane revealed that these were a result of the way of life which has been adopted as normal, something contrary to nature and God's intention.

"All animals are looked after and nurtured by their mothers from a young age whereas we humans have delegated the responsibility to relatives such as aunts," she said.

Stating that this then resulted in a populace which does not know the love of a mother, abuse becomes rampant as men fail to note the importance and value of the female species.

"Thinking that a person can be balanced without the love of a mother after being dumped by her creates a problematic person who will be society's burden in future," she said.

Telling the nation to stop lying to itself about children striving under the love of paternal families only, she said human beings were programmed to flourish under the care and guidance of both parents, with a mother's love primary.

...as long as they remain customarily disregarded and laws stay lax on abuse cases



Ntfobeko Peter Dlamini who is also accused of killing his girlfriend during his appearance at the Manzini Magistrate's Court after he surrendered himself to the police.

"Society is breeding hardened people who are now more than a nuisance since mothers are better equipped to keep children in check even where discipline from an early age is concerned," she said.

Calling to mind children born of polygamous families where wives were not treated equally she said, "Those who came from the family where the father was hardly around, but watched how other children strived under both parents' care later become a nuisance," Aphane said.

### Valuing

She revealed how families had stopped valuing the girl child to the point of some not being aware of their comings and goings within the homestead.

"David Simelane, the man who eats eggs at correctional services as a guest, didn't take advantage of people who were valued.

He took advantage of people who were an afterthought," she alleged further stating how if a man disappeared for more than a day families look for them fervently due to their value in the family hierarchy.

"There will never be a serial killer with male victims.

Not unless they all get killed within a space of 24 hours as the outcry would stop any killer within a day of the realisation that there was somebody targeting men," she said.

She further revealed that families do not sleep when any of their men folk go missing.

"When a daughter goes missing, *ukhiya njani wena*," she said questioning the audacity of families to lock their doors and sleep peacefully while ignorant of their daughter's whereabouts.

Aphane said the lame excuse that female get carried away by the peo-

## Legislation needed to curb passion killing

On the other hand, Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA) Communications and Advocacy Officer, Slindelo Nkosi, said lack of legislation enabled abuse to carry on unabated.

"These passion killings (murder between couples involved in a romantic relationship) will definitely continue because the current law supports these violent behaviours," she said.

Blaming the snag in enacting the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill of

2015 into law will further promote these gruesome acts.

"Children have witnessed their mothers being brutally murdered, their fathers being sold to murderers to be killed.

What kind of society is being brewed," she asked.

Nkosi said it was improbable to possibly rely and hope that people would realise the extent of damage they were causing through their acts.

"These perpetrators need to be put in line through strict laws which will protect all Swazi citizens," she said.



Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA) Communications and Advocacy Officer Slindelo Nkosi

ple who court them does not hold water as despite a woman getting into a relationship, she never stops being her parent's daughter.

"We have labelled it beautifully and have called it *kwenza* and *kushada* while sugar coating the fact that these girls have been left to their own devices," she said.

### Abuse

Looking at the relationships where abuse has been reported in the media she noted how most of the relationships were not long term and abuse was a constant factor in the equation.

She alleged that in instances where men died in the hands of women, it was usually after years of abuse by their man who would fall prey to their partner who has had more than enough.

### Adopted

She said she was cognisant of the need for the legislature to be adopted which would curb such but at the moment, the country had to correct social ills which make abuse and the termination of life possible.

"Prevention is better than conviction as this is getting out of control," she said.

## Riverstone heist suspect Senzo still in prison

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

Reports that Riverstone heist suspect, Senzo Motsa, had been freed sent officers from Interpol Swaziland on a wild goose chase to South Africa.

According to our information, Motsa is still in a South African prison and has not been freed. A local publication reported that Motsa had been freed from the Krugersdorp Prison after he successfully filed an appeal challenging his extradition to Swaziland, information which was said to be issued by the High Court of South Africa, Gauteng Local Division

Johannesburg by Judge Meyer on Tuesday.

However, the *Sunday Observer* understands that Motsa has not been freed and is suspected the documents which were said to be court orders were forged.

### Allegations

As a result, officers from Interpol Swaziland and the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) office went on a wild goose chase to the neighbouring country where they found that the allegations were untrue.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba

confirmed that upon investigations it was discovered the allegations were completely false and Motsa was still in prison.

"Investigations were conducted and the whole thing was found to be false. According to our knowledge the suspect is still behind bars," he said.

### Suspected

Well placed sources also revealed that the team found out the documents were fake, suspected to have been produced by one of the suspects who had the intention of misleading the public. The implicated suspect is known to this publication but will not be named as he

has not been charged for any offence.

The 'court order' cited in the article also states the court restrained, interdicted and prohibited the South African minister of justice and Correctional Services together with the director of public prosecutions (Gauteng Local Division Johannesburg) from surrendering Motsa to the Kingdom of Swaziland. Meanwhile, Mamba said yesterday that the processes of Motsa's extradition to the country were still ongoing.

Motsa was apprehended in South Africa after more than two years on the run. He was wanted in the

country as a suspect in the Riverstone Mall E1.1 million heist. During the Riverstone Mall heist that took place on July 2, 2012, it was reported that the suspects made away with E1 120 000 which was taken from security detail Sibusiso Malindzisa, who was shot above the knee.

Immediately after the heist, police released information to the effect that Mkhwanazi, Stewart, Aaron and Nathi Motsa were the main suspects to the crime. Senzo's name was added to the suspects list later in the month.

The captured Motsa is also one of the suspects in the E6.2m robbery at the Pigg's Peak Police Station in 2008, which was money destined to pay the elderly grants.

# 140 STRONG HERD LOBOLA-FIT FOR PRINCESS, MINISTER

BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

The Mdluli family of Maseyisini has paid the ultimate token of appreciation for their bride, Minister of Home Affairs, Princess Tsandzile.

The daughter to King Sobhuza and Inkhosikati Gogo Mngometulu was honoured by the Mdluli family when it

paid a herd of 140 cattle for her hand in marriage, a colourful affair which was held at Ludzidzini Royal Residence which continues today.

The princess is wife to former civil servant and business man Musa Mdluli.

The herd was presented before the Royal Household and received by His Majesty King Mswati III as well as Her Majesty the Queen Mother.

In accordance with Swazi culture, the herd comprised of 20 cattle intended as *insula mnyembeti*, 20 *lugege* with the rest *emabheka*.

The well attended event was graced by *Emakhosikati*, *Balondoloz*, Princess Tsandzile's siblings *Bantfwabekhosi*, *Emazinyane*, Chiefs, ministers of the crown, the Mdluli family as well as other guests from far and wide.



Umyeni, Senator Ndumiso Mdluli showing the King the cattle brought by the Mdluli family as Lobola for the Princess.



Her Majesty joined by Balondoloz as they dance up in joy on the special day.



Princess Tsandzile displaying her dancing skills.



A Nguni breed was also among the cattle.



Masiko Dlamini flanked by lawyers Simanga Mamba, who is also TSC Chairman, and Mzwandile Dlamini during the ceremony.



His Majesty King Mswati III joined by Emazinyane and Prince Masitsela as they dance with Musa Mdluli who paid lobola for his wife who is also minister for home affairs Princess Tsandzile during a colourful ceremony held at Ludzidzini Royal Residence yesterday. The Mdluli family of Maseyisini in teh Shiselweni Region paid 140 Cattle as dowry for the princess. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



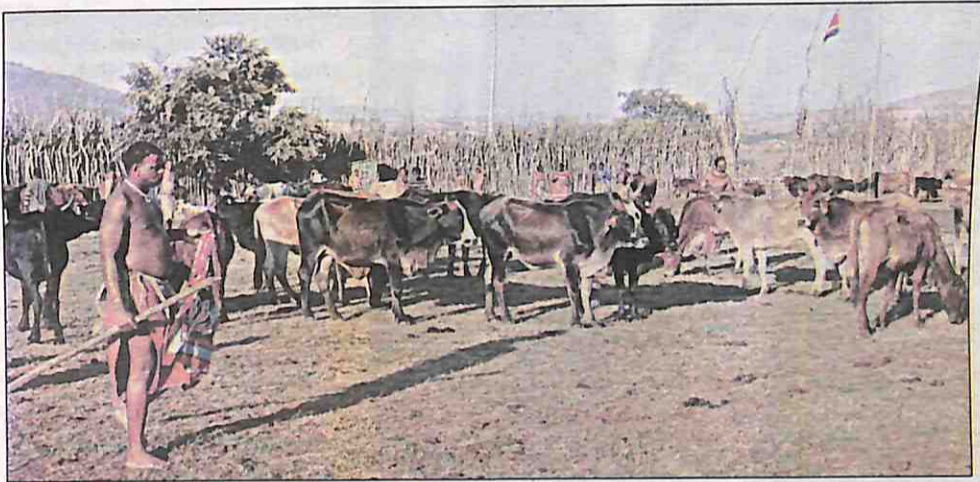
Umkhwenyane Musa Mdluli and his wife Princess Tsandzile with Umyeni Senator Ndumiso Mdluli and his wife Mavis at before the festivities.



Lutsango captured in song and dance.



Balondolozu leading the way for Sigodlo as they came out to join in the ceremony.



Some of the 140 cattle which were paid for the princess.



Princess Tsandzile joined by sisters Ncobile, Phumelele and Sidvumolesihle in song and dance inside the cattle byre.



Princess Tsandzile's mother Gogo Mngometulu, following proceedings of the event.



Princess Tsandzile and Umkhwenyane, Musa Mdluli, joined by colleagues, family and friends.



Emalangi also came in their numbers to support the minister.



Cabinet ministers and members of the royal family came through to support.



Home Affairs PS Anthony Masilela (far right) was also amongst the many spectators who witnessed the ceremony, including visiting students and doctors from the University of Indiana in the United States.

## ICJ discusses Judicial Accountability

BY MLONDI MPANZA

The International Commission of Jurists this past week held a session where they discussed issues centred on judicial accountability, corruption, and involvement in human rights violations.

This was in a side session during the ongoing United Nations Human Rights Council 32nd ordinary session held in Geneva, Switzerland.

Human Rights Lawyer, Thulani Maseko was invited to take part in this session which took place from June 13 to 15, 2016. His advocacy for human rights in the country is seemingly attracting international attention as this invite comes hardly a month after another where he was invited to the Oslo Freedom Forum last month.

Also, Maseko is described by the ICJ as a lawyer from Swaziland who was subjected to prolonged arbitrary detention and imprisonment by judges in Swaziland, for speaking publicly about judicial misconduct in the country.

Moreover, according to information sourced from the ICJ website, the event was meant to address the need for judicial accountability and different options for effective mechanisms and procedures of accountability.

Recommendations for ordinary situations will be complemented with reflections on circumstances of transitions where the judiciary have been deeply implicated in the violations of the previous regime, as well as particular challenges in developing countries.

The ICJ will also launch its new Practitioners' Guide on Judicial Accountability and the International Bar Association (IBA) will present the recent report of its Judicial Integrity Initiative on Judicial systems and Corruption.

The panel discussion, Maseko was part of, featured the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Mónica Pinto, the Director, Legal & Policy Research Unit, International Bar Association, Jane Ellis and the Centre for the Independence of Judges & Lawyers, International Commission of Jurists, Matt Pollard.

### About the ICJ Practitioners' Guide No. 13 on Judicial Accountability

The ICJ's Practitioners' Guide No. 13 on Judicial Accountability aims to help practitioners ensure accountability for serious judicial misconduct, such as corruption or complicity in human rights violations, while preserving the independence of the judiciary.

It focuses on international standards of accountability mechanisms and procedures, illustrated by practical examples. It addresses not only the accountability of individual judges and the accountability of the judiciary as an institution, but also State responsibility under international law, particularly in relation to harm caused to victims of violations by judges.

The Guide was greatly informed by discussions among eminent judges and lawyers from around the world, convened by the ICJ Centre for the Independence of Judges & Lawyers, in Tunisia in October 2015 and in Geneva in December 2015.

# US AMBASSADOR: WE ARE TRYING TO HELP SD RETAIN AGOA

BY MLONDI MPANZA

The United States of America Ambassador to Swaziland, Lisa Peterson has said they were trying to steer the country towards the right direction as far as the African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) is concerned.

Speaking to the Sunday Observer, she said they were trying by all means to help the kingdom address the remaining two and a half benchmarks so the country maybe considered again for AGOA.

"For now, we are closely monitoring government's efforts to meet the remaining two and a half benchmarks," she said.

This comes at a time when the AGOA review cycle for African countries was said to take place from this month until September and the country is hopeful to retain the Act within this period.

Worth noting, shortly after being introduced as the new ambassador, Peterson pledged that she would help Swaziland meet the AGOA benchmarks.

Peterson said they cannot write the bills for the government, but the least they can do is to give guidance on what would help retain AGOA.

She said they were only considering two and a half pieces for now which have been addressed.

Those are the amendments to the Industrial Relations Act to



United States of America Ambassador to Swaziland, Lisa Peterson.

allow for the registration of federations and to conform to International Labour Organisation (ILO) Convention No. 87 on the civil and criminal liability of trade union leaders.

#### Code

There is also the establishment of a Code of Good Practice for Industrial and Protest Action (the Code), as published in Legal Notice No. 202 of 2015 on December 1, 2015.

In this case, the publication and dissemination of the Code has been said to be an important first step, although its implementation

by the police is still under scrutiny hence the 'half.'

This concerns the clear training of the police and the proper use of the Code to legally regulate protest actions and correctly investigate any allegations or incidents of abuse.

Finally, the last two benchmarks are the amendments to the Public Order Act and Suppression of Terrorism Act.

#### Concern

The concern was that the Public Order Act was supposed to be brought in-line with the ILO standards, while the Suppression

of Terrorism Act was expected to narrow the scope of the definition of 'terrorist act,' bringing it in-line with international practice.

Amendments to these acts have already been done and they are now in parliament where they will be discussed and passed into law.

The loss of the AGOA eligibility status resulted to the loss of thousands of jobs, mainly in the textile industry as they could no longer have market access to the US with qualifying Sub-Saharan African countries.

Moreover, a delegation from the country last week appeared before the International Labour Organisation (ILO) with the hopes of retaining AGOA.

This saw the country being removed from the Special Paragraph, however, the Minister of Labour and Social Security was reported by our sister publication, the Swazi Observer daily to have said this did not guarantee AGOA retention.

The minister said though being removed from the Special Paragraph is a great victory for the country it is only a step towards regaining the AGOA status.

The country lost its eligibility to AGOA on January 1, 2015 after the US President Barack Obama withdrew the country's eligibility because of its failure to fully meet the set benchmarks.

## Ayanda injured during police action — UNISWA

BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

University of Swaziland (UNISWA) management has put to rest speculation which has been peddled in some quarters about the possibility of Ayanda Mkhabela having been injured by her fellow students.

Management yesterday revealed that all they knew was, Mkhabela was injured during police action.

This latest version, emanating mostly from UNISWA student debate circles, disputes that Mkhabela could have been 'run over' by the monstrous vehicle as they are under the impression that she could have possibly had her lower limbs severed by the vehicle.

"Looking at the wheels of the casspir, if it had run her over, she would have not survived the accident," the tone of the debate has been which is in line with initial police responses to how she was injured.

Responding to an emailed questionnaire, UNISWA management, through Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane responded that they were not privy to how Mkhabela was

injured, "What we do know is that she was injured during police action. Therefore, the police are the rightful authority to comment on this issue."

He however confirmed that the protest action was not sanctioned as students had been informed by university Senate that the class boycott was illegal and that they should stop and return to class the same day.

The legality of the protest has been debated heatedly by those who remain divorced from student representative council (SRC) led protest actions.

#### Questioned

Dissenting students have questioned their peers' culpability in Mkhabela's injuries as they claim they should not suddenly be blameless while apportioning the same to police officers.

They claimed that the SRC led students assaulted others necessitating the institution to call in police to monitor the situation, after the protest led into the night.

Explaining the procedure for when the SRC wants to hold meetings, Simelane said the SRC applies

for permission to hold student body meetings, "In most cases permission is granted. Normally, if the student body takes a resolution to embark on a class boycott, the SRC is required by the constitution to inform UNISWA authorities why and when they intend to embark on such action."

#### Boycott

He explained that the class boycott which took place on that fateful day was illegal in the sense that although the SRC had asked for permission to hold a meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2016, it never sought permission from the University management to embark on the class boycott.

Dr Simelane however revealed that he believed there is no self-respecting institution that would grant permission to students to protest because that would compromise its reputation.

He revealed that students did not heed the directive of Senate and they decided to prolong the boycott into the night making their protest action illegal.

"It is unfortunate that someone got injured at the end of the day"

but that protest was illegal," the debate has raged.

The debaters of the incident have also alleged that police presence was necessitated by the fact that some members of management were allegedly blocked from leaving the institution by protesting students and were saved by leaving in different vehicles to that which they usually utilise. This was however disputed by Dr Simelane.

In response to questions pertaining to what happened on February 22, Royal Swaziland Police National Commissioner Isaac Magagula said allegations to how Mkhabela was injured should not be taken at face value. He was speaking to the Observer on Saturday when he said "...if it was true that the casspir drove forcefully into the crowd then he had a problem because even speeding was not allowed."

He however assured that they were still investigating the matters seeing as such investigations take time and it did not mean they were meant to die a natural death as they were still searching for the truth.

# SURVIVORS OF MHLABUBOVU ACCIDENT BITTER

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...claim they were not aware of trip that saw them involved in accident

Two boys from Mhlabubovu in Bhunya have lived to tell the tale of how they survived an accident which claimed the lives of two of their friends.

In an accident that happened two weeks ago, an unlicensed 22 year old Sakhile\* from the area is said to have stolen his mother's vehicle, a Nissan NP200 van before he proceeded to Malkerns where they had drinks with his friends.

According to sources, Sakhile stole the car and asked for someone to drive them around in their drinking spree to Malkerns with a couple of friends.

It is said upon reaching Malkerns, he met up with his peers who he told not to bother with transport to take them home as he had transport and sources allege they were around 13 in the vehicle. Whilst they were enjoying drinks, Sakhile is said to have allegedly caught his girlfriend with someone else and a mini scuffle ensued between the two before he drove off

home with her.

As they headed for home with the 'sober driver' behind the wheel, they stopped around the traffic circle in Mhlabubovu.

Seeing that they were nearer to home, the friends open the door at the back of the car where they enjoyed their drinks for a few minutes before the car unexpectedly drove off in the direction of Malkerns, again.

## Surprise

However, this time around it was being driven by an intoxicated Sakhile who was in the company of his girlfriend in the front leaving behind the respon-

sible driver.

The source alleged this caught the friends by surprise as they were of the impression they were headed

for home, but the speed at which the vehicle took off is what alarmed them and further caused panic.

One of the survivors only identified as 'Kaka,' said he was sitting in the back of the van as they enjoyed the drinks before they unexpectedly sped-off and was helped by his friends who caught his hand as he almost fell.

"As I was seated on the door, the car sped off out of the blue with the door open and I almost fell," said Kaka.

He said it wasn't long before they heard a loud bang like the sound of tyre burst and they realised the driver had lost control.

Thereafter, he said he woke up and found him on the edge of the tarmac with blood on his forehead, right arm and shoulder, as well as the leg.

Another survivor shared the same sentiments, although he said he could not clearly recall everything except for when they were enjoying drinks by the waiting room at Mhlabubovu before the car sped off in the direction of Malkerns.

"We had only drove for a few kilometres when we saw what seemed like Sakhile was fighting for the wheel with his girlfriend and that was the last they recall

before they woke up and found ourselves sprawled on the ground," he said.

In addition, according to the source, "Sakhile was speeding and the car started losing control around an area called Philasiphile and the girlfriend seated next to him swerved the steering wheel and as they battled for it the car lost control and landed in a ditch."

The source said some passengers were thrown out of the car as it swerved off the road whilst others were unlucky as it landed in the ditch with them inside including the driver.

## Realisation

Upon the realisation of what had befallen him, it is alleged the driver managed to get out of the car unscathed and was found by police in the morning around 8.

The accident saw four of the victims admitted in a critical state, which were three guys and the girl who was seated at the front.

'No one came to us'

The family of one of the survivors in the accident that claimed the lives of two young boys has alleged no one has come to them to explain what happened to their child.

This was particularly directed to the family of the driver of the vehicle which they expected to at least come to them and share their sympathy for the accident that almost cost the life of their child. The mother of one of the

survivors said, "solo kwenteke lengoti kute lofikile kitsi nekutosichazela nje kutsi kwenteke, sesiva ngenmtfwana nje."

Moreover, sources allege that the driver's family contributed towards the burial of the two young boys who were buried this past weekend.

It is said on of the boys was buried at his home at LaMgabhi on the Saturday, while the other was buried on the Sunday at Mafutseni.

"Three of the guys were admitted at Mankayane, as well as the girl. The driver sustained minor injuries. Two of the guys who were admitted passed away and were buried this past weekend," revealed the source.

The surviving victims are now 'Kaka' who has since been discharged and the alleged girlfriend who is alleged to have been transferred to the Mbabane Government Hospital as she dislocated her hip.

Meanwhile, our sister publication, the Swazi Observer daily reported this past week that angry residents of Mhlabubovu are alleged to be

threatening to set alight Sakhile for the accident.

As a result, it is said the young man now fears for his life after getting death threats from the residents of the area and is now in hiding.

The angry residents were reported to be blaming the unlicensed driver for being reckless resulting in the fatal accident.

"They said they want to set him alight. Actually, they want him dead and he has vacated the area in fear for his life. The people of Mankayane are baying for the young man's blood," said the source.

\*Sakhile not real name



Police Chief Information and Communications Officer, Superintendent Khulani Mamba.

## Driver out on bail, goes into hiding

The driver of the vehicle involved in the accident that claimed the lives of two boys is out on bail.

This was said by the Police Chief Information and Communications Officer, Superintendent Khulani Mamba who confirmed the

accident.

He said he faces charges of culpable homicide but was admitted bail and is yet to appear in court.

"The driver was arrested the day after the accident as he ran away after realising what had happened. He was however admitted to bail

and will be appearing in court soon," he said.

Moreover, sources revealed that the driver was currently in hiding as he feared for his life following threats from residents.

It is alleged the residents want the driver to 'pay' for what he has done.

## 'He argued with sober driver, demanded to drive himself'

One of the survivors has alleged Sakhile started demanding to drive himself whilst they were at Malkerns preparing to leave for home.

He said this resulted in an argument between him and the said sober driver with the latter strongly holding he would take the car back where he took it.

"Wacala sisesa Malkerns Sakhile kufuna imoto atsi utotishaye but wala nayo

lebekashayela watsi utoy-ibuyisela lakayitsetse khona," said the survivor.

However, he said when they arrived at Mhlabubovu they assumed the argument had been put to rest and Sakhile was over it.

## Accident

Instead, while they were enjoying the drinks he took off unexpectedly leaving behind the initial driver.

As they were still wondering where he was headed to, they

got involved in the accident just a few kilometres away.

Adding, he revealed he had come home for the weekend as he stayed at Ezulwini where he is fending for his family. He said when he arrived at Mhlabubovu they met with his friends and drove off to Malkerns.

The victim said it was around 11pm when they decided to return home as they had, had enough for the day.



## SCOPING MEETING

Asakhiwe (Pty) Ltd intends to develop Retail Centre on plots 273, 274, 275 and 276 at the intersection of MR2 and the road to Croydon, south of Ebuleni town centre measuring 25,739m<sup>2</sup>.

The proposed development is a single storey Retail Centre, comprising 7,336m<sup>2</sup> of lettable shop space, 600m<sup>2</sup> of market stalls, 642m<sup>2</sup> of office space, plus public facilities and general circulation.

Interested and affected parties, the public from Fontoje, Emafasini, Mkhuzweni, Herefords and Encatsavane are hereby invited to a **Public Scoping Meeting** where their views and concerns about the development may be aired. This will ensure that their views and concerns are included and addressed in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for the proposed development.

This meeting has been arranged in fulfilment of the Environmental Audit, Assessment, and Review Regulations, 2000 and will be held at **10.00am on the 02<sup>nd</sup> July 2016**, at Ebuleni Resource Centre next to Build It Hardware.

For more information kindly contact the following:

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# EU BEHIND LOCAL ARTS



Ministers Mduzuzi Dlamini and Prince Hlangusemphi joined the European Union Ambassador, Nicola Bellomo as they cut the cake with his wife Claudia and EU's Chantal Nyandwi. (Pics: Mloni Mpanza)

“Music is a tool to promote arts dialogue and it unites people from the different sectors of the society so with the event we wanted to give local artists a platform to showcase their talent,” he said.

BY MLONDI MPANZA



Velemseni and Itallo taken as 'Bholoja' joined them on stage in song.

The European Union Ambassador, Nicola Bellomo has said they supported arts and culture in the country.

This was at an event held on Friday night meant to celebrate arts and music with local artists and influential people from the different sectors.

The event was held at the EU Village in Pine Valley.

He said music was a tool to promote arts dialogue as it united people from different sectors of the society as evident in the event which was attended by politicians, corporates, and artists, amongst others.

Bellomo explained that music was a universal language that united people hence the event was aimed at promoting music. They also wanted to give artists in the country the platform to do so. “Music is a tool to promote arts dialogue and it unites people from the different sectors of the society so with the event we wanted to give local artists a platform to showcase their talent,” he said.

He asserted that for now they were only giving artists the platform but were hopeful they would also provide financial support in the near future.

The initiative was well received by artists, Mbongiseni 'Bholoja' Ngubane and Velemseni Ndzimandze, who also performed on the night.

Velemseni appreciated the platform given to them by the EU stating that it was a great experience working with them.

### Celebration

She said the event meant a lot to them because it was a celebration of something they lived for, being music.

“It's always appreciated to take part in such initiatives where music is celebrated as this is what we live for because this is our calling,” she said.

Velemseni added that it was great to be recognised for doing what they loved, as well as looked forward to working with the ambassador in future.

On the other, 'Bholoja' said such initiatives were important because they brought them together as artists and it was possible to conquer all odds when they worked as a unit.

“Unity is power, if we work together anything is possible,” he said.

He appreciated the fact that Bellomo had seen it important to bring them together for the sole purpose of doing what they love.

Adding, he said he saw a bright future for them if they continued working together and supported one another in such platforms where they got to share ideas.

Local artists who performed on the night were on top of the game as they gave the best from a collaboration of 'Bholoja', Velemseni and Itallo to Judah and Pelepele's dances, which got those in attendance excited.

The artists collaborated in a song titled, 'I'll fall in love,' which saw everyone fully concentrating on the performance, which had an emotional appeal to them as evident in the fact that some were seen holding their hands close to their chests.

Moreover, the event was attended by Ministers Prince Hlangusemphi of Economic Planning and Development, Gideon Dlamini of Commerce, Industry and Trade, Mduzuzi Dlamini of Tinkhundla and Phwayinkhosi Mabuza of Housing as well as the United States of America Ambassador, Lisa Peterson, amongst others.



Waterford Principal, Stephen Lowry sharing a light moment with Geraldine Connell during the music and arts celebrations on Friday.



Princesses Temtsimba and Tiyandza took time to pose with the EU Ambassador during the event which celebrated music and arts in the country. The event was hosted by the ambassador at the EU Village in Pine Valley.



Agri-Business Editor, Jabu Matsebula with Sanele Simelane and Mbongiseni 'Bholoja' Ngubane.

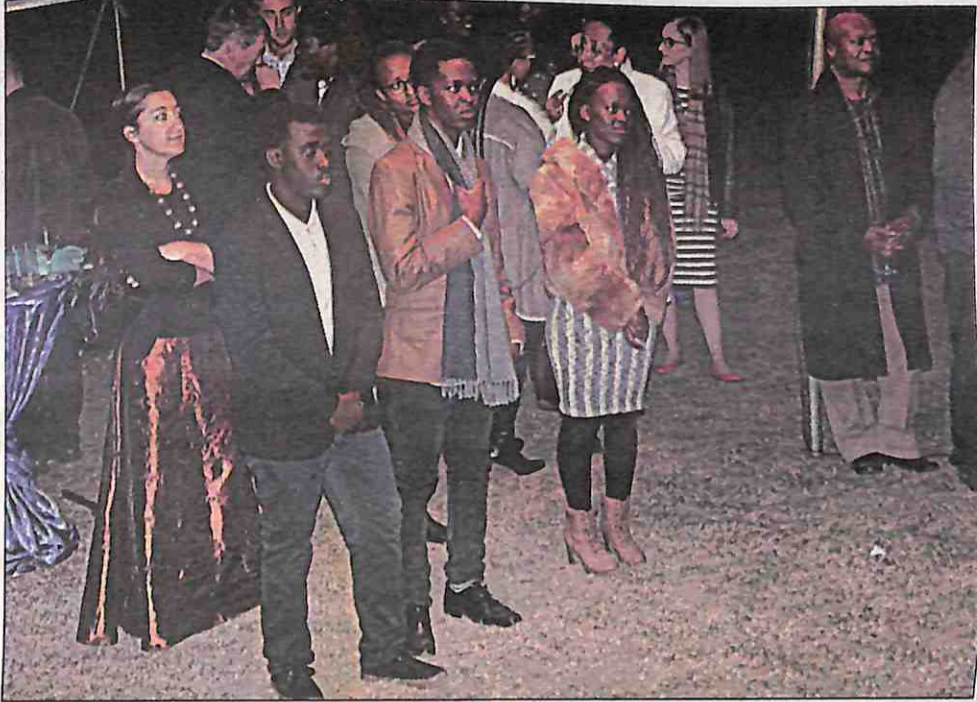


House on Fire's Jiggs Thorne following the proceedings with his wife, Sasha and their child.



Minister of Tinkhundla and Administration, Mduzuzi Dlamini in a conversation with The Nation Editor, Bheki Makhubu.

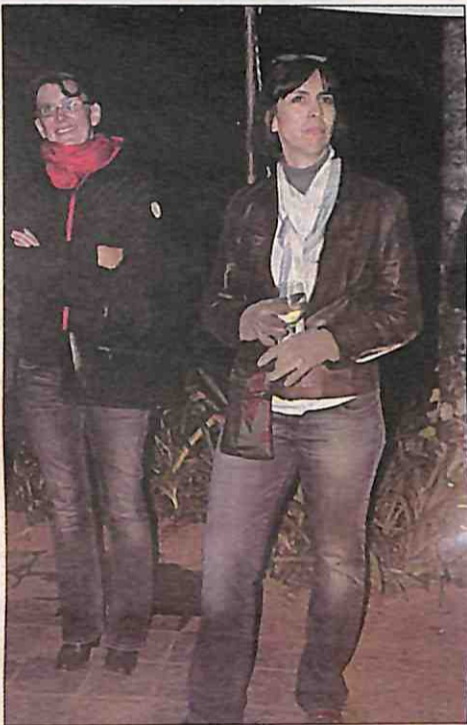




These students from Waterford thrilled by the collaboration between 'Bholoja', Velemsemi, Itallo and Judah when they performed a song titled, 'I'll fall in love.'



Swazi Observer Board Chairman, Sithofeni Ginindza sharing a light moment with Ministers Mduduzi Dlamini, Prince Hlangusemphi, EU Ambassador Nicola Bellomo and friends at the event.



US Ambassador, Lisa Peterson amused by the performances delivered by artists on Friday.



Marlene Nyiranshuti, Fikile 'Floewe' Dladla and Melissa Zikalala also attended the event where music and arts were celebrated at the EU Village.



MATSAPHA Municipality

### PUBLIC NOTICE

## TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A SECTION OF KING MSWATI III WEST AVENUE

It is hereby notified for general public information that a section of King Mswati III West Avenue shall be temporarily closed to all traffic from Monday the 13th June 2016 up to the 13th September 2016 due to road reconstruction works. This is phase II of the project extending from the bridge on King Mswati III West Avenue to 7th Street.

The map below shows the extent of the road closure for phase II and alternative route turning right from Simunye Street and into 1st Avenue and right again on 7th Street. For more information please call 2518 8235 or alternatively email [shongweta@matsapha.co.sz](mailto:shongweta@matsapha.co.sz).



**LEGEND**

- Road closure
- Phase 1: complete
- Phase 2: under construction
- Traffic flow

MS GCINIWE FAKUDZE TOWN CLERK

# GREAT MAIZE HARVEST AT MHLABANYATSI CONSTITUENCY

"People have been ploughing for yes and they get to understand what works and what doesn't."

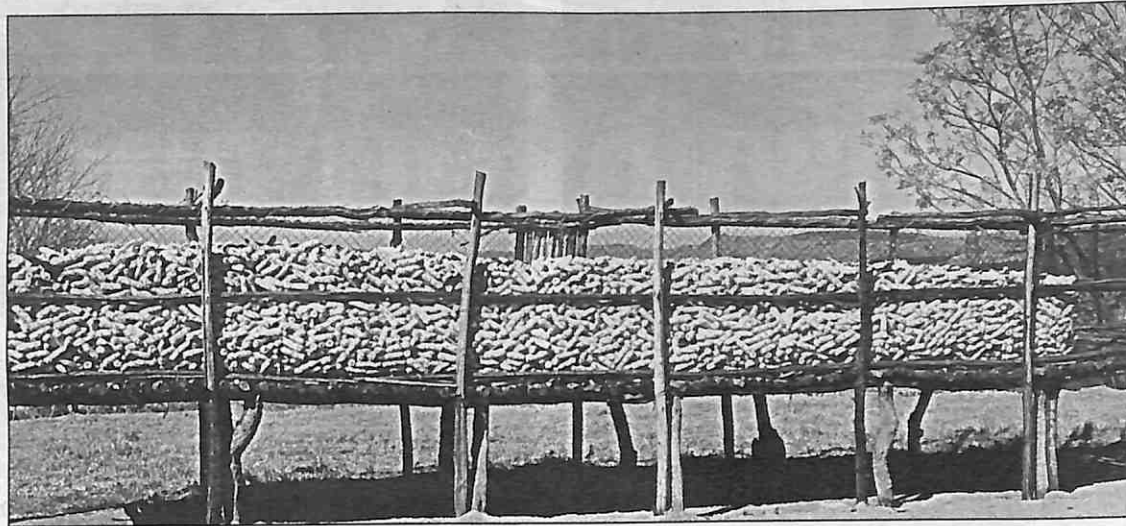
STORIES BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

The heavy effects of El Nino resulted in most parts of Southern Africa receiving minimal rains, including Swaziland where many people was unable to plough like in most previous years. The agriculture sector was one of the sectors that heavily affected by the drought crisis which saw maize production in the country decrease. Although also affected, some areas did however manage to produce substantial amounts of crops this year.

Some families under the Mhlambanyatsi Constituency including Mpuluzi and Lundzi have produced a great harvest which has exceeded expectations considering the minimal rains that were received.

**Visit**

The *Sunday Observer* paid a visit to some of these homestead, which were also recently toured by the



**Farmer Solomon Zwane's maize crib which he ploughed towards the end of October. He is one of the residents of Mpuluzi which has produced a great harvest under the Mhlambanyatsi Constituency. (Pics: Noxolo Nkabinde)**

constituency's Member of Parliament Phiyayinkhosi Mabuza who is also the Minister of Housing and Urban Development, as well as Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati.

Solomon Zwane is one of the farmers who have managed to harvest a great amount of maize this year after ploughing late last year after the first few rains. Zwane's maize crib is filled to the brim. "It is true that the drought affected us very heavily but I was lucky because I have some knowledge on farming and maize production so I was able to survey the soil on the fields after the first rains and was able to tell that it was moist enough to plough.

By so doing whether or not rains

fall immediately after does not count because if the ground is moist enough germination takes place. We were blessed thereafter that rains continued to fall," he said.

**Knowledge**

Zwane, who won the national maize competition in 2014, said one of the main challenges for people in the country was that there was a lack of knowledge and ploughing was mainly trial and error. He said the government should have engaged the people on how they could make do with the little rains that were received.

"People have been ploughing for years and they get to understand what works and what doesn't. However they have no idea what

to do in worst case scenarios and it is supposed to be the duty of the government to educate the people," he said. Zwane also revealed that the maize he had managed to produce was more than enough for his family and he would be selling to some of the people who would come asking.

Another family that was visited was the Nhlengetfwa family, where they have also produced a crib full of maize.

Head of the family, Mathanda Nhlengetfwa said he ploughed some of his fields in November last year and as again in December where rains started to improve. He said however that he did not use any special techniques but simply trusted in God to answer their

prayers.

"I love farming and I do it with a passion. I dedicated a lot of time to taking care of the crops and only prayed to God for more rains amidst the very gloomy situation. God answered our prayers and the harvests have shocked us all," he said.

In January this year, His Majesty King Mswati pronounced an end to the drought saying the drought situation changed as soon as the water party (bemanti) was commissioned to fetch water in the Indian Ocean in Mozambique. This was in December last year.

**Water**

Ingwenyama was quoted by sister publication the *Swazi Observer*, saying when the water party was commissioned (kuphuma kwe-sigubhu), the heavens responded and we saw rain coming down and things changed.

He said from there onwards there was a difference as rain began to fall and the valleys became green.

"We do not need drip irrigation because God has always shown that He has powers to bring us rain. We use drip irrigation just for the sake of it, otherwise God is the one who provides us with irrigation water," the King said.

This directive was also used by some of the farmers who were encouraged by the King's declaration. Worth noting however is that not all areas in the country managed to receive sufficient rains for ploughing.

## Widow victimised for 'showing off' harvest

A widow of Mpuluzi is allegedly being victimised by members of the community for what they call 'showing off' of her great maize harvest.

The woman, who asked to remain anonymous in fear of further victimisation, said after the cabinet ministers visited her homestead to see the harvest rumours started spreading that the area would not be receiving government hand outs. She said some people went to the extent of confronting her, asking why she had placed her maize crib near the gate where it was visible enough for everyone to see. The elderly woman, who ploughed a total of eight fields with the assistance of her children, said she now lived in fear as many people were now showing her the cold shoulder. "People in the community are not very happy and I fear for the worst. The maize crib is also no longer safe because people come up to me to ask why I am such a show off while they were starving. I am afraid of what will happen if they really do not receive anything from government," she said.

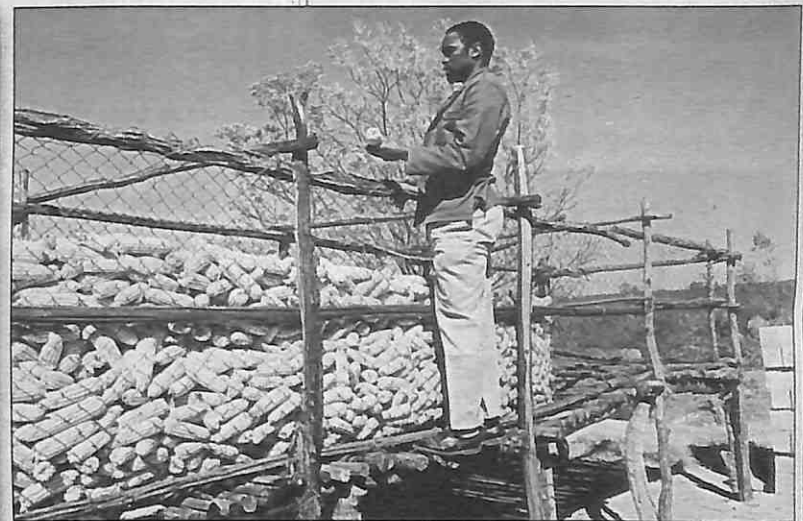
When reached for comment, the Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati rubbished these rumours. The minister who has been to the widow's homestead during the



**Mhlambanyatsi Member of Parliament Phiyayinkhosi Mabuza is also pleased with the achievements of the people under his constituency.**

tour said his visit had nothing to do with who would receive aid from government or not, instead he was simply assessing what areas had managed to produce enough crops regardless of the drought. Vilakati said it was part of his ministry's mandate to know which areas were able to do well, just as it was important to know which areas had been affected more. "There is no truth in such rumours. Distribution of food is done based on assessments by experts and my visit to the areas had nothing to do with that. The main objective of the visit was to show that it is possible to plough in certain areas, regardless of the drought that hit the country," he

said. Vilakati said the harvests of the areas proved that the Highveld was capable of producing enough to sustain the Lowveld in the future, while it was encouraged that in the Lowveld they must plant sorghum. He said by so doing the Lowveld would be able to supply the Highveld and vice versa. The minister said after his visit he would be able to give guidance in the ministry to ensure that resources are distributed accordingly. Mhlambanyatsi Member of Parliament Phiyayinkhosi Mabuza is also pleased with the achievements of the people under his constituency, regardless of the drought.



**Zwane explains how the size of the maize depends on the timing of when he ploughed.**



**Mathanda Nhlengetfwa stands in front of his maize crib. He ploughed in November and again in December.**

# CHILDREN ON ARVs

STORIES BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

**T**hey take tablets with names they cannot pronounce for a disease they do not understand.

These are HIV positive children who have been placed on anti-retroviral treatment after acquiring HIV from their mothers.

"Kantsi mine ngitawu yekela nini kunatsa emaphilisi yeGogo?" Thabiso (nine) reportedly asks on a daily basis.

He lives with his grandmother Miriam on the outskirts of Mbabane in the rural areas.

Miriam is a community health motivator and has assumed the position of Thabiso's primary care giver.

"He is my daughter's son," she reveals.

Having lost his father to death, Thabiso then lost his mother to abandonment as she reportedly went on to get married and live in Nhlanguano.

"After his father died from AIDS related diseases, my daughter was later courted by a truck driver who tekaed her but died last year," Miriam reveals adding Thabiso's mother is now of ill-health.

"I have been taking care of him since his mother left and I ensure he takes his medication on a daily basis," she says.

## Adults

Giving permission for her grandson to be interviewed, she calls for him as he walks with a group of his friends on their way home from school.

Carrying a flavoured piece of ice which he sucks and then tries to hide from his grandmother's eyes, Thabiso sheepishly reveals that he enjoys school with enough patience of a child who would rather be playing than talking to adults.

The healthy looking young boy with a twinkle in his eyes says he wishes to be a doctor on completing his education so he can heal other people.

When asked about the tablets he takes regularly, he looks down and says he doesn't know what they are for except that they will make him grow taller and live longer.

"I am tired of taking them but I know I have to take them, three in the morning and two in the evening," he

says.

After the interview he runs off with relief as he calls for his friends to wait for him. His grandmother sighs as she says she is at a loss.

## Drinks

"I take him to Baylor Clinic and there was a time when I asked one of the nurses on how to respond to his questions concerning the medication and her callous response was I should just tell him out right. This worried me because I feel as though his understanding has not yet been established enough," she says.

She reveals how during a later visit, a different nurse made things easier. "She talked to him and told him ARVs made him healthy and killed all the diseases and germs in his body, something he understood as he now reminds me to give him the tablets because he wants to be healthy," she says.

She reveals it is difficult raising him alone as he needed special attention.

"I am blessed because he is not a sickly child, it is just that these tablets makes him so head strong," she says.

As a caregiver, she is aware of other children within the community who are in the same boat as her grandson.

She accompanies us to a Mkhonta homestead where another nine-year-old lives with his aunts and grandmother.

Muzi looks five. His aunt Sonto reveals he is partially deaf after an ear infection affected his hearing last year.

"I take him to the Salvation Army and he does not yet know why he takes the medication," the mother of infant twins says.

With her hands full as she tends after her two children, she reveals that she does not really have time to tend to her sister's child. "If he does not take his medication, I can't force him do so," she says while shrugging.

She reveals that he is a stubborn child who refuses to at times take the medication which guarantees his CD4 cell count in healthy propor-

tions.

She reveals that Muzi's mother works in one of the forestry companies and hardly comes home to check on the young boy.

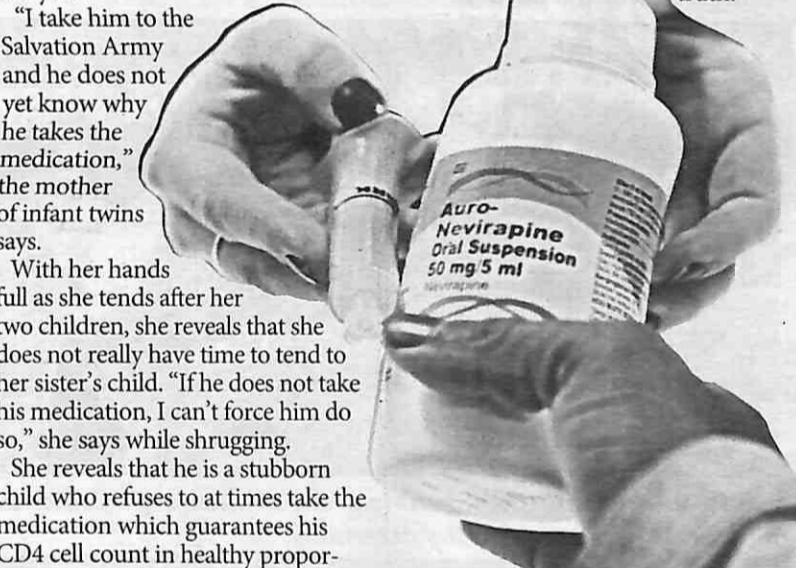
"His father is also alive but does not really care so it is up to me to ensure that he eats and takes his medication," she says. When asked about his medication, Muzi mouths his responses as he concentrates on lip movements to 'hear' what is being said. He reveals that he takes the medication but would like to stop because he does not like it. "Mine kantsi ngitawphila nini," he asks. As though to prove that she has her hands full, Sonto's younger sister leaves one of the houses within the homestead with a crying baby, "Take the child to his father," she shouts.

She then goes into the same flat and attends the other twin.

Returning she reveals how her first born has nearly completed high school and the twins are from her second pregnancy.

"I thought I was done and could only ever have one child and these two are more than a handful," she says. She reveals how Muzi's mother does not assist with anything and instead leaves her to bear with everything. "She claimed to send money? To who? When," she asks in quick succession while widening her eyes in disbelief that her sister could have been economical

with the truth.



## 'I am HIV positive and I got it from my mother'

**O**n the other hand, there are children who are slightly aware of the reasons behind having to take the daily dose of ARVs despite having no understanding of HIV.

"My mother told me I was born with HIV and I take the medication everyday," Sakhile (14) (not his real name) says.

He reveals he was taught to eat correctly at all times. "My mother ensures I eat better than my family members while my elder brothers and sisters also ensure that I eat well

and get the best medical care from Good Shepherd Hospital," he says.

He reveals that they have no fields at his home and the drought would not have yielded anything for them. "The only thing which grows here is these melons (emajoti) which I don't eat," he says.

He is not shy to play with other children and describes HIV as a condition that only affects his blood.

"I am no different from other children and I play with others," he says.

On the other hand, his peer, Thembi, a victim of abuse states, that

she is ignorant of reasons behind having to take tablets daily.

Her grandmother, Nqobile, reveals how Thembi is a victim of rape having been violated by her step-father for several years.

"She is an introverted child and her mind is now slower after the rapes," she says adding she was at a loss concerning telling her about the ARVs.

"I tell her every time she asks about them but she does not seem to understand as she keeps asking me to explain why she takes the horrible tablets," she said.

## Tell them when they are ready - ministry

**T**he ministry of health has revealed there was no set time to inform children on ART about what they are being treated for.

"The rule of the thumb is they should be inducted gradually with the help of health workers so as to ensure by the time they reach their teens they are aware of what is happening," Director of Health Services, Dr Vusi Magagula, says. He says it is admit-

tedly a tricky situation but one that needs to be done by parents or guardians.

"Don't bombard them with too much information but inform them about the benefits of their medication while adding more information at each discussion," he says.

He reveals that the Prevention Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV programme adopted by the

ministry has made a huge difference as it removed the death sentence of children born to HIV positive parents.

"We have OVER 12 000 children on ARVs in the country, which is less than 10 percent of the adult population of over 155 000 adults on ARVs and look forward to a generation of children who will be born free of the virus," he says.



Some of the children carrying the boxes which stored their new shoes posing after the donation. (Courtesy pics)

## Nozipho Shabangu still charitable

BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

**B**eing charitable did not end with Nozipho Shabangu's official one year reign as Miss Swaziland as she has upheld the ideals she lived by as fairest of the land more than a decade ago.

This past week saw her gracing Holy Ghost Primary in the Lubombo region with South Africa based business partner Nhlanhla Msweli where 50 pupils were given brand new shoes while E10 000 was further given to the school.

Msweli used to attend the same primary school and reminders of the poor community from which most of the pupils came from mobilised him and Shabangu to seek ways of making a difference as they encourage greatness within pupils.

## Uniforms

"It is difficult to encourage a child to have confidence to be whatever they want to be while they live with the discomfort of not having the most basic of uniforms," Shabangu said.

She explained that they were in partnership with Msweli and they realised it would not serve them well to just inspire the pupils with words whereas they wore deplorable shoes or walked barefoot to school.

"Often times we try and inspire people with words without looking at their most basic need which, when fulfilled, could spear head them to heights greater than the levels we are trying to encourage," she said.

Having served as Miss Swaziland in 2002-2003, Shabangu revealed that she still mentored the youth whenever

she found time while charity went hand-in-hand with all her business endeavours.

Shabangu revealed that it was an honour for her to have the opportunity of making children smile while working on the project. She explained that the donation was their contribution to nation building.

## Future

On the other hand, Msweli revealed that the current Principal at the school, Patricia Magagula, was his former teacher and he felt the school was the best place to start, simply because charity begins at home, or in this case, alma mater.

Msweli said the shoes were a winter gift for the children who were mostly from disadvantaged backgrounds or orphaned as mornings were too cold.

Encouraging his peers within the business sector, he said, "If any one of us has a little bit extra, please try and share with the children of the country as they are the future."

He explained that the E10 000 was to help the school supplement the feeding scheme as it was important to have an uninterrupted supply of food which encourages children to attend classes.

"God willing we will try to give more in the future," he said.

Accepting the donation, the Principal Magagula said it was encouraging to note that the school had made a difference in Msweli as evidenced by his return to give back. She revealed that the shoes would motivate pupils to work harder as they were now at par with their peers in terms of uniform.



Principal Patricia Magagula flanked by Nozipho Shabangu and businessman Nhlanhla Msweli during the presentation of 50 pairs of shoes and E10 000 at the Holy Ghost Primary School this past week.

# HIS MAJESTY'S CORRECTIONAL SERVICES PASS OUT PARADE...



The officers were a marvel to watch as they did the Russian display.



The new officers going about with the parade display.



Nkosinathi Ginindza, who is son to Senator Princess Phumelele, was among the 320 His Majesty's Correctional Services officers who passed out at Matsapha College on Friday after successfully completing the training. Relatives and close friends came through to witness him graduate.



Best Shooter Sithembiso Kunene joined by elated family members after the parade.



Jabu Tsabedze in action.



The new officers taking the oath of service.



Chiefs, cabinet ministers, senators and Members of Parliament were also among the many dignitaries who attended the ceremony.



Former Swazi Observer journalist Baphelele Kunene was also among the graduates.

Pics: Simon Shabangu

Guests from near and far following proceedings of the event.



Nonkululeko Makhanya was a happy mother as her daughter Cadella Gonsalves also graduated on the day. She has been engaged as a psychologist at the service.

# MISS SWAZILAND TOP 10 REVEALED

The announcement of the finalists was made on Friday evening at the Happy Valley where friends, relatives and parents of the aspiring girls were treated to light entertainment, which included a performance by Kholekile 'Khole' Matsebula

BY MAJAJA NKONYANE

The organisers of the Miss Swaziland Pageant have concluded the finalists for this year's contest, announcing 10 girls to slug it out for the crown.

This means three girls have been dropped from the list, leaving the 10 to compete in the finals to be held on August 13, 2016.

The announcement of the finalists was made on Friday evening at the Happy Valley where friends, relatives and parents of the aspiring girls were treated to light entertainment, which included a performance by Kholekile "Khole" Matsebula.

The programme, run by Mr Intervarsity Boleswa Rodney Landsberg and co-host Cheilla Melissa Vovos started after a brief delay.

The Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Stanley Dlamini welcomed the new team which has taken over the running of the pageant.

"After so many years struggling to stage a Miss Swaziland pageant, we are happy to announce that Pageant SD has taken the initiative to bring to the Swazi Nation Miss Swaziland 2016/17. The pageant promises to make things more professional and we have faith in them to take the winning girl to Miss World. We are excited to have this team as they are a new broom," he said.

"Parents need not to worry about the needs of their children from now on; the committee will take care of everything and will make sure to run things in a professional manner. We will engage them in group chats for communication purposes," Mellissa DuPont said.

**The top 10 unveiled finalists are:**

- Zethu Tiffany Manana
- Ana Maria Da Chuncha
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# THE UNIVERSITY THAT CHANGED THE GAME



BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

**L**imkokwing University of Creative Technology has produced a number of graduates who have since flooded the corporate industry. While some went on to start their own businesses, creating employment in the process, some of these graduates have been absorbed in the corporate world and loving it.

This week the *Sunday Observer* spoke to Mhlonipheni Masilela, who is currently employed by World Vision Swaziland as a Communication and Media Assistant. He works under the Communications Manager, Thabile Maripe.

His job description at the company includes designing and managing daily publications of the organisation from the communication department, this includes both print and digital media being: the organisation's weekly newsletter, annual reports, brochures, campaigns, etc.

He also manages the visibility and activity of the organisation on social media. This is what he had to say:

### STUDYING AT LIMKOKWING

**What did you study at Limkokwing University and when did you graduate?**

Graphic Design – Graduated in 2015

**Briefly describe your experiences during your study with Limkokwing University.**

Well studying at Limkokwing has been one of the most interesting and rewarding moments in my lifetime. It has altered the way I see the world and digital media to be specific, and has made me realise that with the proper skills and an innovative/creative mind, nothing is impossible.

**What are your most memorable moments at Limkokwing University?**

Our graduation ceremony last year takes the crown! It was such an amazing experience, I was so energetic and ready to take on the

## MEET LIMKOKWING ALUMNUS AT WORLD VISION

corporate world at last!

**Name any outstanding achievement you had during the University (awards, competitions, tournaments, etc.)**

(Laughs) Academically none, and since I was such a computer nerd, I had no interest in participating in physical competitions...but I did win the battle of the DJs in 2013 thus making me a recognisable and well respected campus DJ!

**The University**

**What would you say is different/ unique about Limkokwing University compared to other tertiary institutions in the country?**

The diverse culture of the University makes one to be creative and have a sharp eye for innovation.

**What do you think of the University's hands on approach to education?**

I think the way the University has introduced education has been one of the most effective methods of learning. Most of the projects are practical thus emulating the actual corporate world, which makes one not only know black and white theory about the course they study but also exposing them to real practical projects, which they will encounter after graduation.

**How does the University's presence benefit the country and its youth?**

Limkokwing Alumni have and are constantly developing the country and the economy with the creative approach in solving daily corporate complications. Also with the entrepreneurship skills, students obtain, students have and are capable of starting their own businesses, which I personally think it's vital to the growth of the economy and will eliminate unemployment of the youth, particularly.

**How has Limkokwing University redefined creativity and innovation in the country?**

By making the public aware that creativity and innovation is a powerful tool to reaching vision 2022.

### THE INDUSTRY

**When did you start working at your current job?**

June 2015.

**What is the biggest difference between University and the industry? What impact did it have on you and how did you overcome this?**

Well there isn't much of a difference because when I was in Varsity I was exposed to some of the projects I'm currently doing in the workplace.

I think the only difference is the scale of the projects done in the industry is bigger compared to varsity ones, which I consider that for one to survive, they have to up their game a lot and allow themselves to learn from the people who have been engaged in their

vocations for some time, honestly that is how I have overcome the pressure in the industry.

**What are some of your current notable projects?**

The branding of the 'Community Score Card Project', a project funded by UN (partners of World Vision)

**What would you consider to be the greatest achievement in your career?**

To become one of the few recognised professional graphic designers in the country.

**How has your experience at Limkokwing University helped in your career?**

It gave me skills to be the best version of myself.

**What are the specific skills you picked up at Limkokwing University that have helped you succeed in the industry?**

Discovering that as a person I am a brand and an ambassador of my own, this has helped me in properly representing my organisation.

**What are your views regarding your particular industry in Swaziland today, especially in light of the global economic downturn?**

Most small businesses have great potential to grow, but a lot of them fail to do so because they cannot reach the targeted audience. This means only a few people know about the services these businesses provide.



**Former Limkokwing student Mhlonipheni Masilela.**

As a designer I use my skills creatively to market and advertise these businesses so their brands could reach full potential, thus making huge profits. With this approach I think this could overcome the economic downturn.

**What advice can you give to current students studying your graduate discipline?**

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.

**What tips/advice would you offer to students interested in entering your line of work?**

If you were born without wings, do nothing to prevent them from growing, in this industry we learn and get inspiration from others.

## 2015 graduate working for EU returns to class



**Temaswati Dlamini.**

**F**ollowing Limkokwing University of Creative Technology's announcement that they will be introducing degree programmes this year, former students of the university are eager to return to class to further their studies.

One of these students who have shown keen interest is Temaswati Dlamini who has already joined the working class, working on a communications strategic project by the European Union and the ministry of education as an event management expert.

She said while a student at the university she learned a number of things such as creative thinking and her talents were also nurtured.

### Unquestionable

"The university is unquestionably transforming the national tertiary education landscape through creativity and design which helps focus one's thinking and nurturing talent.

I would like to encourage parents to support their children by sending them to Limkokwing University and I will also be a

part of the class of 2018."

Dlamini, who graduated with the class of 2015, said learning at the institution had changed her perception on how she looks at challenges which she now appreciated as stepping stones in her career.

The Limkokwing graduate thanked His Majesty King Mswati III and the Government of Swaziland, as well as the founder and President of Limkokwing University Tan Sri Dato Sri Paduka Dr Lim-Kok-Wing for bringing change in the

nation and its economy.

"My sincere gratitude goes out to His Majesty the King of Swaziland for declaring Limkokwing as a university of transformation and also permitting the institution to pursue degree programmes we have all been waiting for.

These degree programmes will not only better our lives but it will also add to the human capital development of the kingdom moving forward to a better tomorrow and also adding value to vision 2022," she added.

# KUKHANYA'S ROAD TAKING SHAPE

STORIES BY  
THEMBEKA DLAMINI

Motorists have commended the new look parts of the nearly completed MR3 road between Matsapha and Manzini. Despite the nearly fixated outcry by motorists over the last couple of months concerning traffic delays, some of the refurbishment benefits have been noted and commended by those who frequent the route.

The road is being refurbished by Kukhanya Construction. "The smooth road is now a marvel to drive on," Sizakele Tsabedze said.

She explained it was now easier to drive out of Manzini on the slow lane stretch from Nazarene to KaKhoza. "Previously motorists all hogged the smoother fast lane due to the rutted nature of the slow lane which was damaged by trucks," she said of the lane which motorists used to describe as worse than a gravel road.

She noted that the uneven surface at the Nazarene traffic lights intersection was removed. She revealed how she used to swerve whenever she went past as vehicles which rode over the 'hump' would nearly lose control.

Kombi driver, Wandile Dlamini, said he was excited about the widened off and on ramps at Mhlaleni.



Motorists have commended the new look section of the nearly completed MR3 road between Matsapha and Manzini. (Pic: Thembeke Dlamini)

"There is more space for kombis to park while allowing trucks a neat turn into the on-ramp," Dlamini said.

He, however, said it was disheartening to note that his colleagues failed to utilise the whole stretch of the parking station and instead chose to block the entrance. "I wish there was a way we could use the whole length properly because the blockage at the entrance of the on-ramp makes us seem like hooligans," he said. He further commended the drainage systems which were being constructed saying they would clear the area of flooding during the rainy season. "Our passengers usually have a tough time walking in this area due to the pools of water which would accumulate here in the absence of proper

drainage," he said.

Speculating that there could be a road reserve being constructed from Mhlaleni to Logoba, he said it was about time as they had been calling for widening of the lane and a station allowance to allow them to park orderly under the overhead bridge.

"You may recall how several of our colleagues were arrested under that bridge which was wrongly placed as there was no allowance for a station underneath it," he said.

He revealed that they were excited to note that they would not be able to park while offloading their passengers properly instead of breaking the law by stopping in an area not designated for such.

## Lack of adequate signage irks motorists

One of a motorist's biggest nightmares is finding a road inaccessible without prior notice.

This has been one of the vices that motorists have accused Kukhanya Construction of failing to do, to put up proper signage.

However, Kukhanya management requested that questions about the signage should be directed at ZMCK Consulting Engineers' Sandile Makhubu who said he was not in a position to respond to media questions. He instead referred questions to the ministry of public works and transport. Over a week ago, the Manzini-Matsapha off-ramp to Mhlaleni was closed off to traffic without adequate signs telling them of the closure.

"I arrived at Mhlaleni to only find a

flag waving marshal telling me to go past," Senzo Simelane said. He revealed that there were no signs prior to reaching the closed road telling him the road was closed and he would have to off-ramp at Ndlunganye and drive back to Mhlaleni on the Manzini bound lane.

This past Monday, the resurfacing of the Mhlaleni on-ramp to the Manzini-Matsapha lane caused disturbances as motorists were not alerted early of the road blocking works. Traffic from New Village came upon the road works without prior warning while those coming from settlements such as Ndzevane and Mbikwakhe experienced extreme delays which had not been anticipated as there were no signs. A drive to Matsapha from Mbabane on Wednesday revealed that

motorists have a tough time as the signage is indeed inadequate.

While the road was surfaced from just before the fly-over bridge to Magevini, motorists were not informed of an alternative route to Manzini and only those who were from Matsapha Industrial Area utilising the traffic circle 'came upon the detour sign placed right at the turn-off towards the University of Swaziland Kwaluseni Campus road which rejoins the MR3 at Ndlunganye.

Those using the fly-over bridge were not notified about the detour and only met up with bumper to bumper traffic which could have been avoided had the alternative route been accorded to them. Even though there were two lanes opened to drivers, the road works still caused traffic backlog.

## Mbabane water woes: Women wake up at 4am to do washing

BY MLONDI MPANZA

Desperate times call for desperate measures. This best describes the water crisis faced by residents living in the capital.

The catastrophe began towards the end of last year when the country went through severe drought conditions which resulted in Mbabane, amongst other places, not having sufficient water to supply residents.

This saw the Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) taking into water rationing and in the process residents could not have water whenever they needed to.

On Thursday this past week, a group of women was found at Corporation around 4am busy with doing their washing by the roadside.

The situation is so dire the women have to brave the cold in the early hours of the morning in efforts to get the water before the rationing schedule takes place again, which means they will not have water for the next two days. When one woman was asked why they were doing their washing so early in the day she said that was the only time she had time because she was normally away during the day fending for her children and when she comes back in the evening the water would not be accessible then.

As a result, she has resorted to making good use of the little time she had in early morning to access the water and use it for all her domestic uses.

"Due to the ongoing water rationing, this is the only time we manage to do our domestic needs such as washing since during the day the water is hardly available. I also have to be away fending for my children hence I use this time

before the rationing commences at eight in the morning," said the woman who preferred to comment on condition of anonymity.

Another woman said as much as she understood the water crisis faced by the capital city and country as a whole, but this was an inconvenience to them as it now determined their daily schedule.

This is because they can no longer do their washing at a time convenient to them, instead that was now determined by the availability of water.

"Normally, I would do my washing on weekends but I cannot do that anymore because it happens water is not available the whole weekend, only to return during the week," she said.

### Drought

Meanwhile, the drought conditions caused panic in the country with Mbabane's only source of water, the Hawane Dam, running low on water levels, resulting in the government taking into digging boreholes to counteract the situation.

A total of 15 boreholes were planned to be dug around the capital, however, it has since emerged the government was now contemplating on constructing only eight of these.

It was said these would only be constructed if the Hawane Dam completely dried up.

The reason cited by the National Disaster Management Agency was that only eight of the 15 areas drilled produced adequate water yields to warrant pump installation.

The agency said the adequately yielding boreholes would be commissioned immediately as the current water source of Mbabane proved to be unable to sustain the capital.



Women wake up at 4am to do their washing in one of the Mbabane locations.

## Herefords High principal wanted out

BY MLONDI MPANZA

It never rains but pours for Herefords High Principal, Colisile Maphanga who is wanted out of the school by parents.

The principal has been the subject of discussion lately in the community after she was involved in an assault drama with a teacher with another case being opened against her for assaulting a pupil. Angry parents are said to have stormed Herefords High two weeks ago calling for Maphanga to vacate the school labelling her a 'thief.' The bone of contention is alleged to be the trail of

cases where she is accused of ill-treating both pupils and teachers at the school. According to sources, the parents arrived at the school and dropped letters simply understood as votes of no confidence in the principal. This was after she was alleged to have been found guilty by the court on charges centred on abuse of authority, assaulting a teacher and further interfering with a witness, as well as not showing remorse during the court case.

Although the sentence is yet to be delivered on Tuesday but the parents have had enough of her and now want her out of the school immediately. In one of the two letters in possession of

this newspaper, the parents question how the school can be led by someone who has been found guilty of maladministration by the courts.

"Uwaphatsa njani emabhuku ahulumende ube udlwiwe licala?" they wondered. They are also demanding answers on how she was responsible for the school's finances after being found guilty and decisions made by an accused were questionable.

The parents further question what the principal was giving to authorities from the ministry of education that made them not to take action against her or whether they want her to run it to the ground. "Siticambe yini tingoma ngawe

njengoba wawusenta last year? Lodeputy wamcoshela kona loku?" they queried. It is also understood from the letter that the parents want the principal locked behind bars for her offences as she is accused of having bought cameras amounting to E200 000 without their knowledge. Moreover, in the second letter the parents accuse Maphanga of having brought the school to the ground to an extent it was poorly performing from what it used to do. "Ubulele our good results," they alleged.

Maphanga is further accused of defrauding the parents and stealing the school's computers as well as causing animosity between teachers and pupils.

Adding, the principal is accused of being a bully who assaults teachers because she has a backing from the

Teaching Service Commission (TSC).

The poor performance of the school in sports has also been blamed on the principal as they believe these had good intentions for their pupils.

She is accused of having changed the school's uniform to her 'lousy bedroom colours,' and calling police to deal with dagga growing pupils when she grew it as well. The parents said, "You change our proud blue to your lousy bedroom colours, ubophise bantfwabetsfu kani nawe ulima insangu." In accordance to sources, the principal has been found guilty on charges which emanate from alleged bad blood between her and Nolwazi Dlamini, who is a teacher at the school. This past week, it was stated that Maphanga had been reported to the police for giving one of the scholars' nine strokes on the buttocks.



One of the participants who urged the schools to educate on how people living with this condition are not a curse but it is all genetic.

# 'JAIL PEOPLE WHO CALL US ALBINOS'

STORIES BY LINDOKUHLE LUKHELE

People with albinism are calling for a legislation that will deal with those using the word 'albi-no' in reference to them.

This was said on Friday by the people with albinism during their show titled On the Run #Price Tag.

This came about as a result of a discussion held by the participants.

Nomcebo Khumalo, who rendered a poem that was in support of this initiative, said people with albinism were also human beings and deserved to be treated as such.

During the play which starred Thembinkosi Mthethwa, Nqaba Tsela (Thabo) the actors disputed myths and beliefs that people with albinism have special powers.

The play revealed how a lot of people, especially in some countries such as Tanzania and Zimbabwe, believed body parts of human beings with albinism can bring one luck if used with muti.

People with Albinism Activist and Public Relations Officer Stuki Motsa said it was shocking that reports in

PRO says it is shocking that reports in the media spoke of young girls being raped under the impression that if an infected man slept with a child living with albinism he would be cured of HIV/AIDS



A scene which showed Thembinkosi on his knees after trying to kill Thabo for ritual purposes.

the media spoke of young girls being raped under the impression that if an infected man slept with a child with albinism he would be cured of HIV/AIDS.

She said this could not be far from

the truth as everybody knows that AIDS cannot be cured as of yet.

Motsa made mention of how some viewed people with albinism as legal tender.

"Do you know how much I am

worth? Apparently over two million Emalangenis and with that in mind people tend to forget that I am a human being just like each and everyone around me. And I deserve to enjoy life with no fear," she emphasised.

Motsa went on to show the media her bracelet which has a panic button as it was designed to protect her. This button is pressed when she feels in danger and the police near her would trace the person's whereabouts.

"This should not be a way a person lives. We are hunted like animals; people forget that we are sons, daughters, mothers and so forth," she said.

## CALL ON FUNDS

The people with albinism have asked for funds to help them continue spreading the word on albinism awareness.

They said if condoms, ARVs and other preventative measures against diseases are given out for free, glasses, hats and sun screen ointments should be availed freely as people with albinism suffered from skin illnesses due to their condition which sees them living without melanin.

Some part of the theatre play dwelt on how the government always has everything for the nation such as food supplies and wheelchairs, forgetting people with albinism whereas they are also in need of things such as eye glasses and hats or even sun-screen, which other people take as a luxury.

They also called for harsh punishment for people who would be found selling their body parts. The talk of justice was the centre of discussion as some felt like the media reported on their killings while the nation was not doing much on helping protect them. They do not want to depend on the government but wanted this issue taken seriously as the HIV epidemic.

This was the first show of this nature and the organisers promised they would be touring the country seeing as they wanted to educate the whole nation on

this matter and further urged people to be on the lookout for their next stop.

## EDUCATE SCHOOLS

During the interactive part of the show, one attendant asked that schools and the community be incorporated into the movement of creating awareness about people with albinism.

"Most children discriminate their peers with albinism. My grandson is bullied daily and right now he does not want to go to school because he feels threatened about what these other children will do to him," said a lady who wanted to remain anonymous. She stated how she feared for her grandson and found it hard to send him to the shops because their family recently got attacked, leaving her grandson fatherless. In her plea she, asked Motsa to take this play to rural areas because most people with this condition were found there and were the most vulnerable.

## BEHEADED GIRL'S MOTHER RELIVES HER DEATH

Amongst the play the organisers showed a documentary where they interviewed the family of Banele who was beheaded in 2010. Her mother recalled how devastating it was for her to run after her daughter only to find her mutilated. She said hurt she was about the situation she just wanted her daughter to be buried with her head.

Speaking on the documentary, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Khulani Mamba, called upon anyone who knew of such cases where people were hunted to come forward and report. He made mention that as police officers their works was to ensure the safety of the public and their property. "Police work with the public thus we need them to help stop the ritual killings. The public should stand up and fight with the police against these horrible killings," he said.

# MORE FROM PETER BENNETT'S THANKSGIVING



'Birthday boy' Peter Bennett, who celebrated his birthday on Saturday with his wife and sisters. RIGHT - Peter, wife Fatty, with the couple's mothers; Gogo Gamedze and Gogo Masango (Make Lomncane).



# 21 DAYS OF Y'ELLO CARE



## MTN'S 21 DAYS CHANGES LIVES

The campaign is implemented across 22 countries with in MTN operations. All the projects undertaken by Swazi MTN have a bias towards the introduction and strengthening of innovation and ICT in education

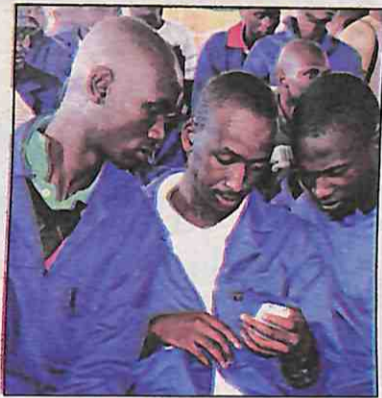
BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

**M**TN Swaziland has managed to touch lives around the country through the 21 Days of Y'ello Care Campaign that is currently ongoing.

MTN Swaziland is working with other companies to give back to the community under the 21 Days of Y'ello Care Campaign. The 21 days of Y'ello Care Campaign is implemented across 22 countries within MTN operations. All the projects undertaken by Swazi MTN have a bias towards the introduction and strengthening of innovation and ICT in education.

One of the main projects that were undertaken by the company under this initiative include the robotics, coding and programming project which was aimed at mobilising young people, making them innovators and creators of ICT products. A target of 900 primary and high school students in rural schools are already receiving basic training for 16 days during the 21 Days of Y'ello Care, and 16 teachers have been trained to facilitate follow-up.

MTN Swaziland has managed to reach six schools around the country excluding special schools. The MTN teams spent two days in each school for meaningful orientation on coding, robotics and programming which was also made possible through a partnership with the



**Phiwayinkhosi Ginindza showing his colleagues Samkeliso Dlamini and Sikhumbuzo Simelane how to login in the website called [www.swaziyouthworks.mobi](http://www.swaziyouthworks.mobi).**

United States of America (USA) Embassy. The organisation also rolled out training for teachers who work with pupils battling with different learning impediments, a project which was undertaken in partnership with Micro Edit System, based in Cape Town. At least two special schools benefitted from this project which focuses on overcoming learning impediments.

This is a literacy development programme that makes it easier than ever for teachers to provide differentiated curriculum resources and create a classroom of independent, enthusiastic learners.

The programme will enable pupils with special needs to develop vocabulary and spelling with word predic-



**Some of the MTN Swaziland staff that have participated in the ongoing campaign which has benefitted many pupils around the country.**

tion. It will also allow pupils who have difficulty with speech to electronically capture thoughts and rehearse sentences with voice notes. Voice notes are said to be a powerful way for children to capture their thoughts and ideas.

Through a partnership with Microsoft South Africa, MTN Swaziland saw the introduction of a youth oriented platform called Youth Works, which largely targets tertiary training students. MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Lumphondvo said over 1530 young people had registered to undertake different online training programs through Youth Works. The online courses contribute towards enhancing the employability of young people by equipping them with must have on-the-job skills.

During the course of the initiative, the Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula was also seen hard at work during a visit to Ekwetsembeni School where they were building a guard house. The school Principal Thembi Khoza-Dlamini revealed that the security guard would brave the cold every night as he went about with his duties which they were concerned was not good for his health.

## Emnotfweni pupils' first encounter with a computer

**E**mnotfweni primary school students who have never touched a computer in their entire life had the rare chance of not just touching a computer but were also afforded the opportunity of coding and doing robotics on Friday, something which they quickly mastered. According to MTN Swaziland Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Lumphondvo, the students who participated in this programme are in grades four up to grade six. Emnotfweni primary school is one of the benefitting schools covered by the 21 Days of Y'ello Care Campaign, which has rolled out to ten schools, both primary and high schools.

"The computer literacy orientation and programming session was undertaken during a visit to the school by the team, and partners. Besides

participating in robotics, coding and programming, Emnotfweni primary school had a 100 metres long fence constructed through support from M26, who pumped in E20 000 towards the fencing project," he said.

Friday's activities saw at least 63 MTN staff members leaving the comfort of their offices to participate in the campaign. The 21 Days of Y'ello Care, started ten years ago, is meant to mobilise MTN staff to participate in community work, in the area of education. Tomorrow the campaign goes to Ararat Primary, and comes to a close on Tuesday at Ndwandwa High an activity that will see the participation of the American Embassy, one of the key partners in the 21 Days of Y'ello Care, particularly the coding, robotics and programming initiative.



**The Bennetts and friends enjoying refreshments at the party.**



# Focus on SA scene

## KENNY KUNENE, HELEN ZILLE IN TWAR

**J**OHANNESBURG - The Sushi King took exception to 'racist' Zille involving him in a political spat and said 'politicians like to irritate me'.

In the wake of the Patriotic Alliance (PA) disrupting a 2016 municipal elections meeting by the DA in Pretoria earlier this week, Kenny Kunene took to Twitter to call Helen Zille a racist and to leave him out of politics.

Kunene used to be the secretary general of the PA, which he joined three months after being one of the three founder members of the Economic Freedom Fighters, along with Julius Malema and Floyd Shivambu. However, in 2014, after the national and provincial elections of May 7 in which the PA failed to win a National Assembly or provincial seat, he announced he had had enough of politics and would be focusing on his business interests in future. His friend and business partner Gayton McKenzie, however, vowed to push on as the president of the PA. The party describes itself



Helen Zille and Kenny Kunene.

as a party "placing the interests of the coloured community at the top of the agenda". While disrupting the DA's gathering on Wednesday, insults were hurled at Zille amid her reminding the audience that McKenzie had been to prison.

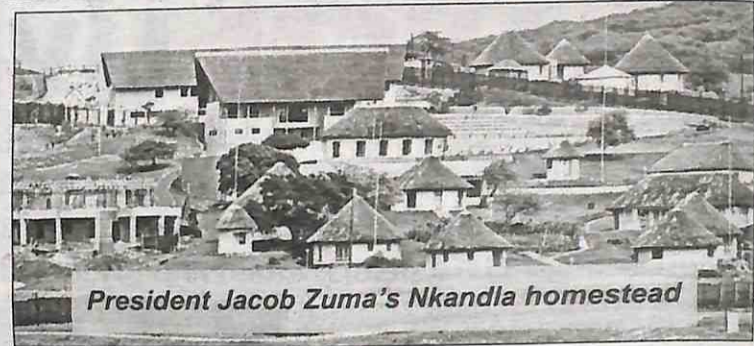
Zille was told to "voetsek bitch!" by some of the invading PA members.

Kunene evidently took exception to Zille referring to him on Wednesday as "the other [PA

leader] Kenny Kunene, who ran a nightclub that had bare women with sushi on their bodies".

There was a great deal more back and forth, from both Kunene and Zille as well as their respective supporters on Twitter.

Kunene stuck to his argument that he was no longer a politician, that Zille was referring to "his past" and politicians should leave him alone. "They like to irritate me," he added. *The Citizen*



President Jacob Zuma's Nkandla homestead

## DA presses Hawks boss on Nkandla architect

**J**OHANNESBURG - DA leader Mmusi Maimane has written to Hawks boss Mthandazo Ntlembeza to find out why the elite unit is not investigating Nkandla architect Minenhle Makhanya.

This follows a Special Investigating Unit (SIU) probe that found Makhanya, President Jacob Zuma's personal architect, had designed and authorised the construction of features unrelated to the security items listed by the SAPS and SANDF for Nkandla, and certified the overpayment of contractors and consultants.

This had the effect of enriching the contractors and consultants,

along with the Zuma family, the SIU report on Nkandla said.

The SIU has instituted a R155-million civil claim against Makhanya.

### Investigation

However, Police Minister Nathi Nhleko has said in a written reply to a parliamentary question from the DA that there is no investigation against him.

The National Prosecuting Authority has declined to prosecute three former directors-general of the Department of Public Works for their role in the appointment of consultants and contractors for the project, which ultimately cost the state R246m. *iol.co.za*

## Hope Zinde's death gives birth to pledge to fight drugs

**P**RETORIA - As the family, friends and colleagues of TV personality Hope Zinde battle to come to terms with her death, those who knew her have called for a war to be waged on drugs.

"I beg of you, let this death not be an accident but a lesson for all of us to learn and hold each other's hands to deal with this monster."

The drug problem in South Africa is extremely serious," friend and radio personality Chriselda Dudumashe told mourners during a memorial service.

"As we go by our business, I urge you to reflect on how we have failed Warona and his mother. I want to use this tragedy to reflect on the bigger picture."

The biggest monster is the availability of the drugs and the inability of our laws on drug trafficking. That is where we need to begin."

Dudumashe was among a number of speakers during the memorial service of Zinde, held in Pretoria on Friday, who called

for something to be done about the use and availability of drugs in communities.

She spoke of how society had failed Zinde and her 23-year-old son Warona Mark Zinde, who has been arrested in connection with the murder.

"When we accept what is, we begin the process to heal. For as long as we call a spade a digging tool, we are not there yet."

The family is aggrieved by something that you and I as society have embraced. We have failed Hope and Warona. We did this," she said.

Dudumashe added that apart from being silent on the issue of drugs in communities, people have made it difficult for those faced by challenges to seek assistance due to their judgemental nature.

She said Zinde could not turn to people to ask for help with the problem she faced because people tended to turn into "Judge Judy, Judge Masipa, Judge Moseneke".

*News24*



## Zuma's biggest disgrace is youth unemployment - Maimane

**C**APE TOWN - President Jacob Zuma's biggest disgrace as the country's leader is the increase in youth unemployment, Democratic Alliance leader Mmusi Maimane said yesterday.

"The biggest disgrace under Zuma's squandering has not been the millions squandered at Nkandla. It's not the Guptas' landing at Waterkloof airbase. It's not his allowing Omar al-Bashir to escape."

It's not his failure to comply with the Public Protector's report.

"It's not his push to sign off on a trillion-rand nuclear deal. It's not the Gupta brothers offering Cabinet posts."

"It's not even the crash of the rand following Nenegate," Maimane said in a speech prepared for delivery in Khayelitsha yesterday morning.

"The biggest disgrace is that under President Zuma's presidency two mil-



South African President Jacob Zuma.

lion more South Africans have joined the ranks of the unemployed." He said the hopes of finding a job for

the 8.9 million unemployed South Africans had "all but evaporated". Maimane said there was a lack of will and an inability to defeat the unemployment crisis.

He said the older generation ought to be the shoulders on which young people stood, to go further in shaping the society South Africans had dreamed of in 1994.

However, it was difficult to celebrate the youth and to have meaningful discussions about our country's future without acknowledging the jobs crisis, he said.

The opposition leader was leading a youth blitz in the Western Cape township following his Gauteng visit to commemorate those who had died during the June 16, 1976 uprising in Soweto which subsequently spread to other townships, including Alexandra. *News24*

you a better life.

"We have shown this to you when we made sure not only can your children attend school for free, but they get to eat at school as well."

"We have even made sure that pensioners can receive a grant, and our children receive grants as well. "Only the ANC has done this, and we will continue doing it," Mthembu told supporters.

Mokonyane said the ANC was working very hard to ensure access to water and sanitation for all. *Saturday Star*

## 'Only the ANC can bring you a better life'

**J**OHANNESBURG - ANC heavyweights on Friday warned Tshwane residents in Mamelodi and surrounding areas that politicians will lie to them to win the capital city away from the ruling party. The party deployed high-ranking officials on the campaign trail in Tshwane, which is expected to be the site of a close contest between the ANC and the DA, while the EFF will face its first electoral test in the region.

ANC chief whip Jackson Mthembu led the charge in warning residents of "those who will promise things that will never happen".

He was joined by the ANC elections chief Nomvula Mokonyane, Gauteng Premier David Makhura and Tshwane Regional Chairman and Mayor Kgosientso Ramokgopa. ANC National Executive Committee member Tony Yengeni was also on the campaign trail.

"It's only the ANC that can bring



# SUNDAYOBSERVER AFRICA NEWS

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## EGYPT'S MORSI SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON

**C**AIRO - An Egyptian court yesterday sentenced former Islamist president Mohamed Morsi to life in prison in an espionage trial in which six of his co-defendants were handed death penalties.

The court acquitted Morsi of charges of having supplied Qatar with classified documents but sentenced him to life for leading an unlawful organisation, his lawyer Abdel Moneim Abdel Maksoud told AFP.

The ousted president was also convicted of having "stolen secret documents concerning state security" and handed another 15-year jail term, the lawyer added.

Qatar was a main backer of Morsi and his Muslim Brotherhood movement while he was in power between 2012 and



**Mohamed Morsi was elected president of the Arab world's most populous country in June 2012.**

July 2013, when the military overthrew and detained him.

Morsi has been sentenced to death in a separate trial for his alleged role in prison breaks and attacks on police stations during

the 2011 uprising that overthrew veteran strongman Hosni Mubarak.

He has also received a life sentence and a 20-year jail term in two other trials.

Yesterday the court confirmed death sentences against six defendants, including three journalists tried in absentia who allegedly helped relay secret documents to Qatar.

The journalists have been identified as Ibrahim Mohamed Hilal and Jordanian citizen Alaa Omar Mohamed Sablan, both of Qatar-based Al-Jazeera channel.

The third has been named as Asmaa Mohamed al-Khatib, a female reporter with pro-Muslim Brotherhood news outlet Rassd.

The death sentences had been sent to the mufti - Egypt's official interpreter of Islamic law - as Egyptian law requires his opinion on death sentences although his opinion is not binding.

The verdicts can be appealed. **AFP**

### Kenyan MPs charged with hate speech, incitement

**N**AIROBI - Eight Kenyan politicians were charged on Friday with hate speech and incitement to violence following public comments and calls to supporters made in recent days.

Three legislators from the ruling Jubilee party and four MPs and a senator from the opposition CORD alliance denied the charges in Nairobi's Milimani Law Courts.

Police guarded the area around the court, where supporters had gathered.

The detained Jubilee MPs, Moses Kuria, Kimani Ngunjiri and Ferdinand Waititu, are loyalists of President Uhuru Kenyatta and members of his Kikuyu tribe.

The CORD politicians are MPs Timothy Bosire, Aisha Jumwa, Junet Mohammed, Florence Mutua and Senator Johnson Muthama.

All eight have been in custody since Tuesday, with Chief Magistrate Daniel Ogembo warning that their power and influence meant they might interfere with investigations.

#### Threatening

Kuria and Waititu are accused of making public statements threatening the life of opposition leader Raila Odinga, a member of the Luo ethnic group, while Ngunjiri is said to have called for Luos in the central town of Nakuru to return to western Kenya, their traditional homeland.

On the CORD side, Mohammed, Mutua and Muthama are accused of inciting the storming of police headquarters, while Bosire and Jumwa are alleged to have predicted chaos and violence as a result of Kenyatta's failure to unite the country in the wake of widespread and deadly political violence following the 2007 elections.

**AFP**

### EgyptAir black boxes badly damaged

**C**AIRO - The voice and data recorders from the EgyptAir plane that crashed into the Mediterranean nearly a month ago are "extensively damaged" and will need repairs before they can be analysed, an airline official said on Friday, dampening hopes for quick answers as to what caused the disaster.

The official didn't elaborate on how long the repairs would take, but said if this cannot be done in Egypt, the so-called "black boxes" would be sent abroad. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorised to speak to the media.



**EgyptAir black boxes are badly damaged, which will prolong the probe. (AP)**

With the flight's wreckage 3 000m under water, the cockpit voice and flight data recorders are vital for piecing together the last moments of the flight, which plunged into

the sea between the Greek island of Crete and the Egyptian port city of Alexandria on May 19, killing all 66 on board.

Earlier in the day, Egypt's investigation commission said the flight data recorder had been pulled out of the sea, a day after the cockpit voice recorder was also recovered. Both were brought to Cairo for analysis.

The memory units inside the recorders can provide key data, including the last conversations inside the cockpit, information about auto-pilot mode or even smoke alarms. They might also give answers to why the pilot made no distress call before the crash. **AP**

### Ex-wife in Cyprus denies EgyptAir hijacker's claims

**N**ICOSIA - The Cypriot ex-wife of an Egyptian who hijacked a plane to Cyprus and is fighting extradition, on Friday denied his claims of being a political activist and portrayed him as a common criminal.

Marina Paraschou was called to testify in a Nicosia

court by the state as it seeks to have Seif al-Din Mohamed Mostafa, 58, extradited to Egypt, which has requested he face trial under a bilateral agreement.

State counsel is trying to discredit claims by the defence that as a known political activist Mostafa

would not receive a fair trial in Cairo for the hijacking in March.

Paraschou said Mostafa had never belonged to any opposition group in Egypt or been convicted for his political beliefs, despite spells behind bars in different Arab states.

**AFP**

### Nigeria banks to set Naira rate tomorrow

**L**AGOS - Nigeria's commercial banks will set the first exchange rate of the Naira versus the Dollar when the currency is allowed to float freely tomorrow after the central bank abandoned its dollar peg, a senior banking source said on Friday.

On Wednesday, the central bank said it would float the

national currency tomorrow, but it has given few details on how the new rules will be implemented. In their first detailed guidance, central bank officials told bank chief executives at a meeting on Friday that lenders would set the first naira rate to the dollar based on demand without intervention from the central bank, one

senior banking official told Reuters. A central bank source said Governor Godwin Emefiele was at the meeting and confirmed that commercial banks will determine the market rate tomorrow. The central bank officials also told the bankers it did not commit itself to clearing up a backlog. **Reuters**

### BRIEFS

#### Nigerian lawmaker denies US sex claims

**ABUJA** - A Nigerian lawmaker is accusing the US Embassy of defamation following its complaint that he and another colleague tried to hire sex workers while on a State Department exchange programme in Ohio. Mark Gbillah said on Friday the allegation was a baseless attempt to tarnish the reputation of Nigeria's House of Representatives.

Turaki Hassan, spokesperson for House Speaker Yakubu Dogara, confirmed that the US Embassy this month submitted complaints about the behaviour of Gbillah and two colleagues, Samuel Ikon and Mohammed Garba Gololo. **AP**

#### 'MPs' salaries private'

**WINDHOEK** - Namibia President Hage Geingob has reportedly said the country's parliamentarians should not be required to reveal how much they are paid.

The Namibian, the country's largest circulating newspaper, reported on Friday that Geingob told it that salaries were personal and politicians were not obliged to declare them publicly.

"Declaring one's assets does not mean your personal salary should be up for public disclosure," Geingob was quoted as saying. **ANA**

#### Boko Haram kills 24 at memorial

**KANO** - Twenty-four people were killed when Boko Haram fighters opened fire on mourners, a local community leader said on Friday.

It was the second attack in northeast Nigeria this week after a relative lull. The militants attacked Kuda village near the town of Gulak, in Adamawa state at about 8pm, according to Maina Ularanu, a former local government chairman in nearby Madagali. **AFP**

#### 65 000 rights complaints filed

**TUNIS** - A panel tasked with uncovering the truth about human rights violations under Tunisia's autocratic rulers before its 2011 revolution said on Friday it has received 65 000 complaints.

The Truth and Dignity Commission has tracked abuses committed between July 1955 - just a year before Tunisia gained its independence from France - and December 2013 when the fact-finding body was set up. The period effectively covers the rules of prime ministers Habib Bourguiba, that of his successor Zine El Abidine Ben Ali ousted in the 2011 uprising. **AFP**

#### Teacher sentenced to 90 years imprisonment

**MURANG'A** - A primary school teacher in Murang'a County, Kenya, has been sentenced to 90 years in prison for sexually assaulting nine male pupils. John Gichia Mugi allegedly committed the crimes between January and May 2014, only two terms after joining the school.

He was serving as the boys' boarding master.

Mugi's crimes were exposed after the boys asked to go home following a parents' meeting at the school. **News24**

## SUNDAYCOMMENT:

LOOK AT  
SWADE FOR  
THE COUNTRY'S  
SUCCESS

It has taken two ministers of agriculture five years to fill the big shoes left by Doctor Lukhele at Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (SWADE).

A whole half decade within which former Minister Clement Dlamini and incumbent Moses Vilakati failed to assert their positions and encourage the boards of their choosing towards hiring the best man to head the company tasked with looking after the country's bread basket.

The appointment of Samson Sithole has been met with mixed reactions, the most audible, relief that the power vacuum has been filled at last.

By this time, any man would have been good enough. After all, this parastatal has stood the test of time and held its own AND performed well despite not having a substantive head for so long.

Visiting country representatives have toured the projects which were instituted long after Lukhele left during the tenure of those who acted. The model around which the company was built gave birth to various strategies which have taken it through the stormiest of weather.

Despite the many publicised storms, there is something special about this parastatal.

It was born of Swazis working towards a common purpose.

First registered under the names of a principal secretary in Noah Nkambule and secretary to cabinet Sandile Ceko, these two men of integrity, with the assistance of various boards and support from ministers, upheld it and carried it as would a doting mother would her child.

The country watched it grow to the brink of its greatness until too many cooks wanting glory for its success poked their fingers into it, nearly taking it down to their level in the quagmire. Despite all these threats, it was sustained by its values and mandate.

There is something to learn from SWADE, especially when looking at how it came about.

The base in every venture is important. Be it government, business or family.

A solid base, where integrity is key, enables any entity to stand against the winds that threaten to topple it and could make it lose its identity.

This country needs more formidable men who will stand-up to be counted as it strives to strengthen its identity.

SWADE represents the success this country could soar towards under the leadership of men of integrity who come up with strategies which gain the country developmental mileage instead of lining their own pockets and enriching likeminded cronies.

SWADE has modelled that it is possible for ordinary people to do extraordinary things. If everybody ploughs in and does their part properly, this country can be a model for every country to look up to.

BY MBONGENI  
MBINGO

## Analysis &amp; opinion

MAGAGULA DESERVES  
OUR SYMPATHY

I have had a couple of weeks break from writing, and quite frankly that has done me a lot of good. As those who regularly read this column will know, writing regularly is no stroll in the park, and sometimes a break helps to reflect.

I am glad, however, to be back, and able to share my thoughts with readers of this column.

Although there is so much to say because so many things have happened (like the soap opera at Parliament), my focus was drawn to the latest in a series of scandals concerning the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP).

I, like many people would simply like to hold the head of the police responsible for the wrongs committed, allegedly even, by his officers because of the notion that the buck stops with him.

As the National Commissioner of Police, Isaac Magagula gets criticised for everything that goes wrong within the police service, and in recent years, there has been so much that has dragged the name of the police through the mud. No specialist in communications can disguise this, the police officers have simply attracted the negative and suddenly the honour of the men in blue is disappearing like the speed of Usain Bolt doing the 100m dash.

Over the past few weeks, for instance, the police have been making all the wrong choices following the death of the magician, Mduzuzi Gama, who is believed to have been dumped by the roadside at Mvakwelitje by two unidentified police officers. This incident adds to a list of others, like the alleged police negligence in the handling of a student protest at the University of Swaziland where they are alleged to have run over Ayanda Mkhabela. The least said there, the better.

## Involvement

As you read this, the police are supposed to have already concluded their probe into what happened that lead to the Uniswa student being critically injured and apparently run over by the police caspir.

Then there is that Zavale incident in which the police again are accused of not just negligence, but being responsible for his death. The details there again are shocking. The police involvement, and an inquest was instituted to provide us with answers to our many questions.

In this instance, the police chief must answer for the officers who were on the ground, and who might have neglected to apply themselves carefully while executing their duties. There is also another instance of police corruption in which the police chief had



National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula.

to answer on the alleged fraud committed by the officers in the traffic department, who had failed to account for the traffic fines. Basically, for the rot in the police, the NatComm is to blame.

Based on this, it is easy to draw a picture of the kind of police officers we now have; who are no longer honourable and impressionable officers, happy to serve and protect.

As I have always insisted, there is a very good argument to be made in why quite a number of officers are failing to lead by example. For the National Commissioner's critics, and certainly for many others out there like me who are not privy to the goings on inside the police service, it is a question of leadership or lack of. It is a question of the NatComm failing and not really that there are many dynamics that impact on this situation.

I personally always look at it from the recruitment of the police officers as playing a significant impact in the overall conduct and attitude within the service. While there are many very good officers, there quite simply are more rotten apples. This I argue because there are people who are not passionate enough to serve and therefore are only there because it pays the bills. The end result is that those who are in it for the job are most like to take bribes; steal; become rogue; hide docket; break the rules at every available corner.

Conversely, this impacts on the leadership of the police, and the NatComm takes the flak, rightly or wrongly, but that is the nature of his job. It has always been accepted that leadership is about accepting

responsibility for everything that happens within your jurisdiction. As the old saying goes, a fish rots from the head. Equally, when the fish is not rotten, all is well and the leader gets the credit.

Politicians, for instance, are paid to make decisions, so too are leaders in business—that's why they are paid big bucks, someone used to say to me. And so because of that, when anything goes amiss we expect them to take the blame too, and fix it. There are no questions asked.

## Change

I am not, by any stretch the imagination trying to suggest that this should not be. However, I was thinking about this situation with the NatComm in mind and have realised that the advent of leadership is also evolving, and so the dynamics change with the times—and generations. Back in the day everything was left to the head of that organisation to make a decision—and I mean everything; including deciding what kind of tea to provide for the organisation, or the purchasing of toilet paper.

In many organisations nothing would happen until the boss said so. Employees were not allowed to think—that was left to the leader of the organisation.

But times have changed, and are changing. To leave things to the leader of an organisation or company, let alone the police service, to decide is no longer the way corporate governance works. People need to take responsibility, no matter where in the chain they stand.

This means, for instance, the junior officers within the police ser-

vice should be held as accountable as the NatComm. The notion that the buck stops with the man or woman at the helm no longer applies and should not actually. It is a thinking of the past and not one of the future, that we will still hold leaders to account without also taking those who are at the bottom accountable. Integrity should not be the exclusive preserve of the leadership, but for us all.

This brings me to the reason for choosing this topic; how is it that Magagula's deputies never get blamed for the ills at the police service? How is it, for instance, that the controversy surrounding the mysterious death of the magician, the station commander, or indeed the regional commander, not to mention the deputies nicely swinging in their chairs at the police headquarters are not criticised? Aren't they as much to blame too, for this? Why is it left to Isaac Magagula to defend the police; to find the answers; to take the blame, even if there are people directly responsible?

## Spotlight

It is of course a different argument how the officers who are alleged to have dumped Mduzuzi Gama remained unknown, and how they are likely to escape any of the spotlight that the man at the helm is in right now. Again, let me reiterate, I am not suggesting the NatComm should not be held accountable, but I am beginning to feel that we need a paradigm shift in holding people to account. Only blaming those at the helm is neglecting that everyone has a responsibility to the organisation.

Only challenging those at the helm neglects the thinking that everyone should be as much a leader as the man at the top, so that we share in the victories and the bad times.

That is why other officers do not give a damn what was happening in the police service, because they absolve themselves of anything regarding how they themselves are the problem or the solution.

I am actually beginning to be sympathetic to Magagula because not only do I know that he means well, but also because I see him being passionate enough to take the bullet for many of the wrongs in the interest of the institution.

Of course I should also point out that perhaps the problem lies in him not challenging his deputies to share the criticism or for him to deal with those below him. Maybe then we would get to the bottom of the problem plaguing the police.

But for now, let us all challenge ourselves to take responsibility for our own actions, otherwise our vision of attaining first world status will not be possible.

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**Scene**  
The Fathers Day Is



**STRONG SENSE  
OF FATHERHOOD**

Lindokuhle Lukhele  
WRITER'S NOTE:

Happy Father's Day to all fathers out there. They say being a father and a dad are two different things while the celebration is called Father's Day. That just puzzles me, otherwise SCENE was privileged to actually get hold of these awesome dads. I'd say they are awesome any day because they are not your typical fathers. They are in a category of their own. Muzi, for one, is just an all round cool person as opinionated as he is a straight talker and really the 'prime minister's son' tag hasn't got on his head. He has proven to be his own man and oh boy, is excelling. Enough of him; this issue is about him as a father. Even though he admits to longing for a girl child at some point, he is happy with the boys he has now.

Still on our awesome dads, Bongani Shiba is a huge part of that. SCENE had a sit down with his family and they were just a joy to say the least. They interacted beautifully and it was inspirational seeing how he is with his family in reality than just seeing posts on social networking sites.

Cuban writer José Martí said, "the greatest aim of our education should be to make true fathers out of the boys, and true mothers out of the girls. Everything else is secondary." Long story short, boys are in need of masculine role models and go through a lot when they do not find them. Conversely, those who stumble on true fathers have the opportunity of one day becoming good fathers and leaders themselves, and leave a legacy that will change more lives still. These fathers managed to give us hope that there are still good men out there.

Bongani made mention of how a father should be to his children; not just be their dad but their friend without drawing the lines. A child's emotional stability depends on his or her father's example. Since the first five years of a child's life are the most formative, this example should be present from early on.

Now if you have a father like them, you are truly fortunate. Take a moment on this Father's Day to be grateful for him and thank him. While on the other hand, Joyous Celebration is coming back on the 9th of July. Our readers should stay tuned for this powerful group. Good thing is they are not here on their own; our local gospel artists will also be performing.

Till next week.

# UMNUMZANE: THE JAZI-LICIOUS DAD

...the man who changed nappies and took his children to work with him

Wilton 'Jazi H' Mamba's daughters say they literally have no idea where to start when talking about *Ummnumzane* because their father is too complex for words. His impact in their lives is inexplicable; he is not only a father to his two biological daughters, but also the masses that, like them, see him as inspirational.

After much deliberation, Sabatini and Luyandza Mamba come to a balance and agree that the best thing their father did was choose their mother. Chuckles and giggles follow before they explain they needed their mother to even-out their dad's rather emphasised chocolate complexion. The second best thing he did was always being there for them, from when he became a father at the tender age of 21. His sense of responsibility is, perhaps, only rivalled by his sense of humour and love for people. Luyandza instantly claims she believes he was born with a bag full of these virtues. "My father just loves happiness, and will go out of his way to please. My grandmother, Gogo Mkhonta, tells us when he was young he always brought his friends to the house to eat, often at the expense of his siblings who would be hungry as the boys would eat everything. Not surprising,

*Ummnumzane* has a huge appetite himself. He claims every muscle in his 'well-chiselled' body must be well fed," she says, laughing.

When we asked the girls why they thought their father deserved to be Father of the Year, they said if the reasons stated above were not enough, it would have to be that he is brave, lively, free and out there. "I remember how our father would take us to his work place at the *Times of Swaziland* and *Swazi Observer* when we were still toddlers. We would watch him write stories and interact with some of his colleagues. He would introduce us to all of them, one by one. He just doted on us. My grandmother, on my mother's side, keeps talking about how he would change my nappies every time she visits. It's unbelievable!" Sabatini says.

Luyandza adds: "*Ummnumzane* has always taught us to speak our minds for as long as it is respectful." We wanted to know why they keep calling him *Ummnumzane* though, a title associated with respect, if he is such a friendly father. The girls explain that one day several years ago their father returned home to declare he be called *Ummnumzane* henceforth, a moniker inspired by a visit to Mlilwane Game Reserve, where he met the children of the legendary Ted Reilly, who with every line when talking about their father, referred to him as *Ummnumzane*. So since then *Ummnumzane* is what they call him on his request and to their pleasure, they explain chuckling.

They also mention that their father invents the funniest of names which he unfortunately uses on them; *Stjway'tjway* (from *Stjununu*), *Stjwaibos*, *Stjumbuzo* (for their mother) *SilverFox*, *Foxina*, *Duzenamanz'abilayo*, *Sozabile*, *Nomazambane* (for the girls), and many more. Mamba, who it has since been



revealed, is the brains and voice behind the *Beng'seGoli SwaziBank Cup* promotional song of 2014, has a tendency to compose the craziest songs. And the dance moves he dishes are out of this world. "Our dad is simply crazy, but there isn't much we can do about it but to join him, especially on the dance floor in the kitchen," they say.

The reason why the girls are quite familiar with English, computer literate and so confident about their daily tasks is because of this remarkable hero. Their dad is said to be a multi-talented 'young' man - emphasis his. He is a writer, visionary and extraordinaire. He is not all crazy when it comes to work though. Both his daughters have had the privilege of working with him from when he had just established his company some nine years ago.

### Limitations

Like a wise soul once said, 'Even the heart that flows with the most love flaws'. 'Jazi' has his limitations; his temper is his weakest link. The children are so grateful that he no longer hits the bottle, having quit 12 years ago. When he returned home back in the day, tipsy and finding the children conversing in siSwati, he would throw a tantrum. His children deem this temper necessary because without it, he would find it rather hard to maintain discipline. Corporal punishment for all and sundry was the way to the future for this man, but he now believes in speaking about problems and misunderstandings. "He taught us to speak English in the house, and siSwati with underprivileged children so that

we did not sound better than them. *Ummnumzane's* life has been a marvel. For as long as we have known him, he has always given things to people, especially clothes. He buys these expensive things, wears them for a while, only to give them away.

Sometimes he gives away his whole wardrobe. His giving has been more meaningful after he became born again," Sabatini says. Adds Luyandza; "Because our father loves other people's children so much, we have tens of brothers, some of whom he sends to school; most of these play for his soccer team."

If anything, their father taught them to be dreamers who accomplish their works through God. Sabatini just completed her Creative Multimedia Honours Degree at Limkokwing University, while Luyandza is a freshman at the University of Swaziland, where she is doing Economics. "I always look forward to the short breaks so I can spend quality time at home and at work with *Ummnumzane*. People say they used to enjoy his radio shows; well I am blessed to still be listening to his many stories from morning to sunset. My father is so eloquent in both siSwati and English - he calls himself a white man trapped in a black skin.

He loves surprising those people who look at his beautiful dark skin and think he is a foreigner; he has turned that into a fine hobby - eish *Ummnumzane!* He says when he was younger other children made him cry when they teased him about his dark complexion - and claims today his looks have opened doors," Luyandza says.

# SOCIAL SCENE

## Social Media Watch

### AKUVELI NGALANA!

**S**ocial media and its trends, it's really hard to keep up these days. One really wonders where they originate from and who has the time to come up with such. How did we get to 'Kuyavela yini ngalana?' For those who are catching on slow, this has been the latest 'trend' (for lack of a better word) on our Facebook streets.

Trust Facebook to trend with such! Even DJ Tira did not want to be left out and also posted on his page asking his fans if 'kuyavela yini.' Now that was not the worst part, our only gripe with this trend is Facebook users catch on trends on different levels, now some were quick to catch on to this and that was fine. The problem is with people who catch on to this a week later, after every one is over it. Now that is just sad. So now our newsfeeds must be continuously flooded with 'Kuyavela yini ngalana' for two weeks straight? We know that people try to defend silliness by saying we should un-friend them if we are unhappy with their posts. That on its own is hard work, just stop it. You guys who are still carrying on with this silly trend are



like people who understand jokes way after everyone has laughed. Maybe it was cute when it started, and MAYBE funny but let us move on to the next trend please, after all trends is all Facebook is



when everyone finally find the guy who came with #Kuyavela\_Ngalapho



about these days. Sometimes it's okay to admit that *intfo ikwengcile nje* do not force matters just because of FOMO (Fear of missing out). Thumbs up to those that

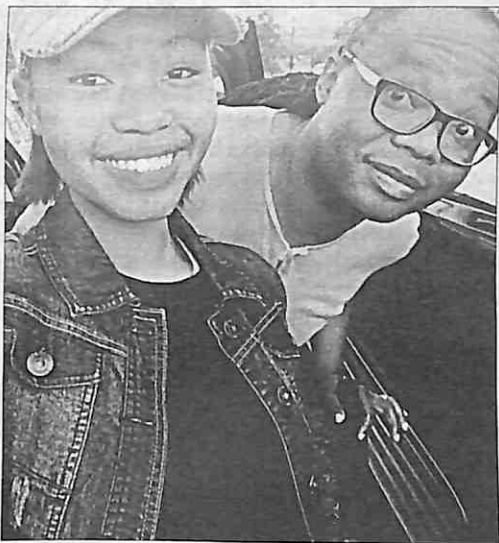
caught it while it was still funny, but to those who missed out -keep an eye out for the next one. So to our dear Facebook users, *Akusaveli* please. *Kute nje lokuve-*



*Kuyavela yini ngalapho ukuthi lento yokuthi kuyavela yini ngalapho isiqala ukuba yisicefe..*

*lako* now can we go back to normal? Can we have the old Facebook where we catch on to Twitter trends, AND NEWS two days later, heek!

## Daddy - Daughter



### THUTHU MBINGO

**G**rowing up has been easy for me, mostly because of the knight in shining armour who always guides me through each path of life. My father has been the most amazing, supportive, loving and fun figure in my life. He truly is my gift from God. Without him, I wouldn't be who I am neither today nor have the zeal for life; I would lack the joy and happiness he brings. I look up to my dad. Not only is he just my father, but he is also my best friend, motivation and inspiration. I am forever grateful to him and my wonderful mother for all sacrifices and impossible loops they pull through. I can never imagine a life without you. You have been a great teacher and father and I love your job as a parent. I appreciate you. You are a wonderful dad. I love you. Happy Father's Day *Suthu'Mswati, Mlandzelalanga, Mtilankhatsa*. Thank you so much for everything dad, I am eternally grateful for you. God bless your kindest soul, selfless heart. May you prosper in all you do.



### TEMAZULU DLAMINI

**M**y father is a tall handsome man; I guess I take after him. He's creative and very good with his hands, which is no surprise why he's a D&T teacher by profession. Dad is therefore a hardworking man because his job requires a lot of responsibility, patience and attention and he is able to bring back all these qualities at home. He is able to do this because he is an amazing dad and above all, God fearing. Daddy comes from humble beginnings and has made something out of himself. My dad loves all his children equally and respects my mom so much I'd be like "That just boils me over! That's genuine love." Being his first born daughter, my dad has learnt to understand me in all ways he can. Isn't that great? He is quite strict though and doesn't like making anyone feel like he's overcrowding them, he gives us our space but will be open about his feelings. He's good at making himself invisible. He's a shoulder to cry on, my Prince Charming! Dad is not stingy like other dads; he gives willingly and also extends that to other people as well. I love him.

# STRONG SENSE OF FATHERHOOD

**B**orn by a great man, Muzi Dlamini, is a father of three cool boys. From their sense of style, you have to know they are super cool. Muzi is a larger than life person. A humble father and son with a heart of gold that seems to match his stature. He is a very sociable person, who has his finger on the pulse of all major topics making headlines around the world.

Family to Muzi means a sense of belonging. "It is knowing that no matter what, I have someone, somewhere who has my back. Family does not necessarily have to be a blood relative, but can be anyone who will do almost anything for you and someone that loves you unconditionally."

## A Dad, Father

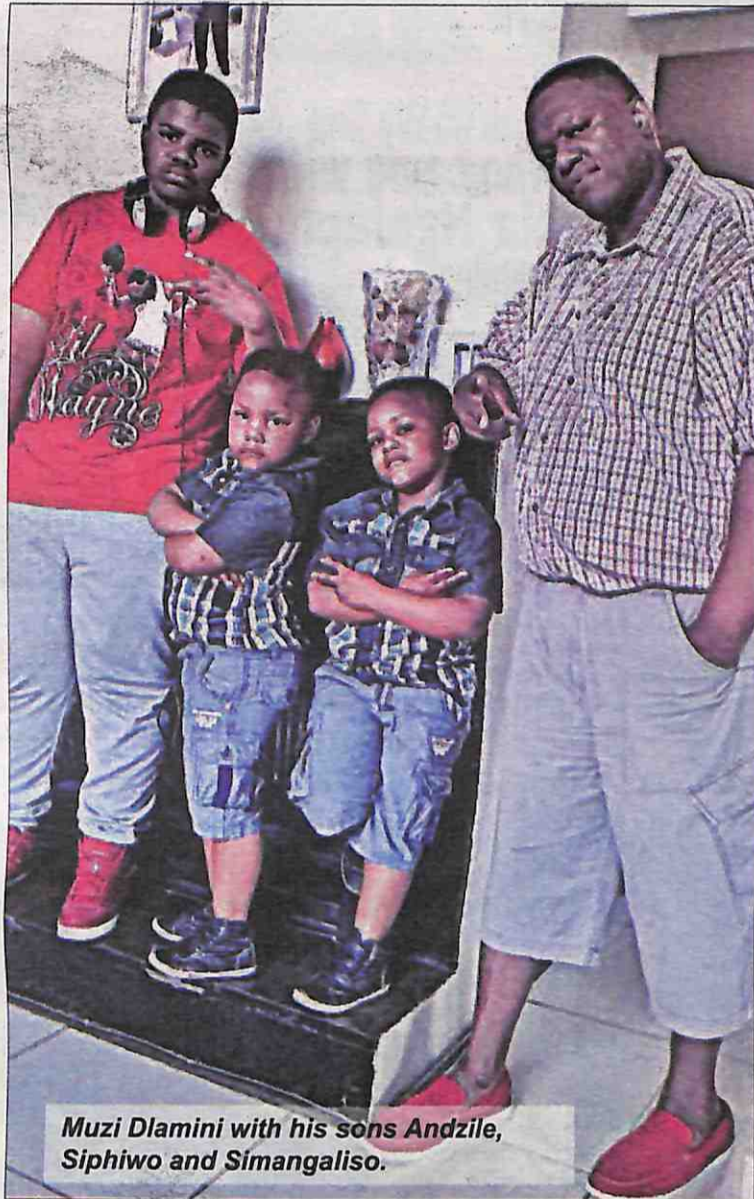
He goes on to say being a dad is a journey you take with your children from the cradle to the grave. You are a 'dad' for as long as you have children. "Being a dad is the most fulfilling experience I've ever had. To look at my kids and see them grow and to share in all the experiences they go through on a daily basis is truly a blessing. I do not take being a dad for granted, hence I cherish it every day."

The easy going father says he has never had an issue on the sex of a child. So long they are healthy that is all he cares about. "Well fortunately, I have three boys to succeed my name so that isn't a problem. Before I had children I really wanted a baby girl; maybe because I am the only boy at home. But after the birth of my first son, all that changed. My philosophy now is as long as my kids are healthy, I'm happy! A part of me still would love a baby girl though, but unfortunately, I think that ship has sailed."

Seeing his children growing up brings Muzi the greatest joy. "My heart just swells with pride when I look at my three boys. It is a culmination of major decisions in the growing up process that you, as the parent, would have had to make in order to see the children grow up," he says.

## It All Comes To This

Every parent has dreams and aspirations for their children. Muzi's major dream is for his children to know God, first and foremost. His perception of a responsible father is one who loves his children unconditionally. One who is there for them all the time and gives them support



Muzi Dlamini with his sons Andzile, Siphwi and Simangaliso.

whether it is mentally, spiritually and financially.

With that said, his aspirations for his children is they become well educated, well-adjusted adults. "I hope they attain happiness in their professional lives and also

get to experience adulthood in a setting they feel most comfortable in. They must be in essence productive members of society who are kind, compassionate, and respectful and do not discriminate against anyone based on colour, race, creed or sexuality. They must know we are all created and loved by God with all our imperfections, and respect in all aspects."

## Be Responsible

"Being a responsible father means you are there to help guide your offspring as they navigate life. When you see them approaching a cliff, it is your responsibility to ensure that they do not go over the cliff. A responsible father ensures their offspring can be functioning members of society and contribute positively to society," he elaborates.

A responsible father is also one who is a positive role model to their children. A role model that the children can look up to and hope to emulate when they grow or as they grow up.

However, Muzi says fatherhood didn't really change him much. "I know most men will say it made them more responsible and so forth; but I was already a pretty responsible guy. My parents always gave me responsibilities beyond my age growing up, so when I had my

children, true, my responsibilities increased as I now had another being I was responsible for, but the impact was not as severe," he explains.

His most rewarding moments with all his children has been the first day of school because that, to him, is a significant milestone in the life of a child. It is a representation of them growing up and moving into the next phase in their lives.

## Each Is Different

"Firstly, you need to understand a child's personality. Each child has their own personality and in order for one to be able to communicate effectively with them, you need to understand how to approach and talk to them," Muzi says.

He tries to be hands on with his boys in all aspects of their lives. Luckily for him they are boys so, for the most part, everything they are going through or will go through in their lives, he has been there and done that. "I talk to them, but obviously at an appropriate level for them to understand the message I am trying to convey. I am not an overly strict father and want my kids to experience life as much as possible in their own ways, and I only get involved once I see that it is heading towards a cliff. I believe that sheltering, in this day and age, is not a feasible option, with all that is out there in the media (mainstream or social)" he emphasises.

However, he did assure SCENE that he keeps a watchful eye on everything they do, especially the older one. For an example he was only allowed to start using Whatsapp after he finished primary school and we are yet to have the Facebook discussion. "I enjoy being with my younger kids. They keep me 'young'," he laughs. They are actually so energetic and full of life. My older son is more mellow and chilled out now. Like boys his age, he is into music and luckily, is into hip hop, a passion I also share.

He is a major fan of Rae Sremmurd and me, more of the old school rappers.

He has also taught his younger siblings hip hop as well and it is not uncommon for them to burst into song when they hear a song they know," Muzi narrates.

Anyone who knows Muzi, knows how close he was to his late

mother, so she was always the person he went to talk to about anything.

"She had great advice when solicited for or just offered pearls of wisdom out of the blue. That was my mom. She was very random, and her advice was good because I turned out pretty okay." Since my mother's passing, the person I tend to seek advice from is my elder sister, Fikile. She is the level headed one in the family.

## Life Coach

Muzi clarifies that the best person to advise you on anything is one who has experienced that particular thing. So in his instance, his father has been the greatest coach on how to be a good father. Not necessarily because of any chats or advice he gives him, but mainly on just looking and watching how he has been a father. "He has always been my reference point on fatherhood. He does it so effortlessly, and with everything going on around him, it is astonishing how he manages to hold things together. I said at his 70th birthday party, that if I would be half the man he has been, I'd die a very happy man. Despite all that goes on in his political life, he always has time for his family which is a trait in him I admire greatly and is one I have tried to emulate in my life as a father."

When asked which day he would like to go back to, Muzi says it would have to be the day his parents bought him a BMX bike. BMX bikes were three rags back in those days and he previously had a rickety-old maroon Delux bike which had seen better days. So the new bike was really what he wanted, espe-





cially because he used to go riding with his friends on the roads and used to play in the mud, and his old bike was just not 'equipped' for all those activities.

**As A Child...**

Sadly for us, Muzi was not a rebellious child growing up. "There is nothing much I can recall I did growing up that would be termed 'rebellious.' I never snuck out to go clubbing. I don't remember a lot of clubs in Mbabane that I could sneak out to. I didn't grow up drinking or smoking, so there was no real need to go out to those establishments." He was a normal child who grew up in the suburbs of Mbabane and went to school and came back and played with his friends in his neighbourhood. Plus his parents were strict disciplinarians, so if you did anything close to being rebellious, you knew what awaited you at home. Even as a young adult in college in the USA, he didn't do anything out of the ordinary for a young man.

**Being the prime minister's son**

Having a father in the public eye is not the easiest thing. For most people they may never know the feeling of having your father in the public eye and more especially as the PM. Granted, it has not been all doom and gloom. There are some great perks which I doubt I would have access to were it not for who he is e.g. free VIP tickets to major soccer games, King's birthday celebrations and Parliament openings. "It has been difficult, especially when you wake up with huge screaming headlines about your dad of people out for his blood (sometimes literally), but we are used to everything that happens around him and take everything in stride. Again, he is our reference point as a family when such things happen and usually, no matter how bad it gets, and it can get very nasty, he does not seem bothered by it. I think we, as his children, then take on his demeanour and just read and move on. This experience has taught me to always look at things objectively and not be too quick to criticise, because it is so easy to criticise, yet half the time we do not know the full details of what we are critics of," he says.

**On Child Abuse**

"It always saddens me when I see kids that have been abused. It is the most outrageous thing to do in my opinion. Abuse takes many forms. It can be physical, emotional or financial abuse. Men need to stop this and if it were up to me, those men found to have abused children, would get punished to the maximum extent of the law," he says; emotionally. "There is absolutely NO reason to abuse children. They are children. They look up to you, as the adult, to help guide them and give them love and support. They put so much trust in you. I urge all men and women to stop this scourge that seems to have gripped our country," he says strongly as he condemns such kind of abuse to children.

# THE FAMILY MAN

“...You have to be a know-it-all, as you keep switching and changing games. This balances you so that the young person looking-up to you always sees you as capable”

It is funny how Mother's Day is always hyped up, while Father's Day may not gain the same momentum. Nonetheless, SCENE met up with Bongani Shiba who is not just your typical father. Shiba is one of the few fathers who are hands on when it comes to taking care of their children.

From earliest times, men have been expected to lead their families, and men should be proud of bearing this responsibility. Today, however, too many men do not lead, and often they are not even there at all. The men need to be fathers, not only to their own children, but to all the children whose lives they touch. Even men without children of their own can embody the best attributes of fatherhood. In this sense, fatherhood is a duty that is entrusted to every male, and true men will be like fathers to all children. Over the years, we have known many coaches and teachers in high schools and lower grades who were the only father figures many of their pupils knew. Bongani is a father to Bongusanda (12), Akhumzi (seven) and Silikhaya who will be (two) in July.

**Lion's Pride**

In a time when true fathers are so hard to find, Bongani Shiba still holds on to that title. The father of three says being a father is the most fulfilling job he could ever ask for. "Family means everything to me. It is all that matters; everything I do is for the benefit, shine and gain of my family," Shiba states. Bongani Shiba is better known for his basketball skills, which have made his transition to basketball coaching smooth. He explained to SCENE how lost he would be without his family as they give him a sense of belonging and purpose. "The best way I can

describe this is; without my family I am lost. Think of a lion's pride, they do everything systematically together, in order. Same as family; everybody knows who they are and what role they play. As much as I am here for my family, my wife also plays an important role in protecting and caring for our children. We have different roles, which we do separately yet still together."

**Being A Dad**

"I was first called a father about 12 years ago and at that point it was just the pride of having a child. I later learnt that for boys, to be a father means you must be the first hero. Before Spiderman becomes the next hero or Justin Bieber or even Michael Jordan. You must be seen as the person who cannot fail at any point in time," Bongani elaborates. "This sets a standard that as a father you have to challenge yourself to be better. If your child falls sick you become a doctor, if he has homework you become a teacher or a professor depending on what homework it is, and if he has questions, you have to answer them. So, basically you have to be a know-it-all, as you keep switching and changing games. This balances you so that the young person looking-up to you always sees you as capable," he clarifies. "If my child gets bullied at school the first thing he should think of is, 'I am going to tell my dad,' and he needs to be able to have faith in you as a father."

He went on to say if he had a daughter he would want her to perceive him as her first love. But because he has boys, they must see him as their superhero.

**Passed on Traditions**  
Remember those Video



**Bongani Shiba and the boys Akhumzi, Silikhaya and Bongusanda.**

Camera Recorders (VCRs)? Well, Bongani's family had one of those; and because it was new and not everybody was familiar with it, he told everyone that only he and his late father could use it. The odd part was the fact that his father had never used a VCR before. The point he was driving at was that he saw his father as his hero who could do anything and says it took almost 10 years to

mourn his death. Other than that, Bongani's father taught him a lot which he is passing on to his boys now. Some of these teachings include a strong culture of reading and another being the skill of creating a bond with his children.

"As young as they are, there is nothing they cannot talk to me about. Even though I take to consideration other people's advice, my wife and I have the last say," he explains. Set the child on the right path, if you do it right in the beginning then you are sorted. Those are words he lives by.

**Hands On**

"I cook, clean, change diapers and bath these boys," he smiles. Bongani gives details on how he wants his children to be brought up. He provides as many things as possible that he as a child did not get. "They go for basketball camps, karate lessons, music, soccer and more; and if they want to try something out we make it possible," he says. Bongani is involved in such a way that as soon as he is knocked off from work, he rushes home to take care of his family.

**Bongusanda (12)**

On this day we want to thank you, there is nothing you wouldn't do for us dad for that we are grateful. Continue being an awesome protective father we can't live without you.

**Akhumzi (7)**

Dad you have been a great father I just want you know that I love you and you are like the coolest dad ever always stay awesome.



**Silikhaya.**



**Bongani Shiba with his wife Lusanda and their children Akhumzi (seven), Silikhaya (two) and Bongusanda (12).**

# BEYONCE, JAY Z: HOW HER TOUR SAVED THEIR MARRIAGE

**N**EW YORK - Jay Z and Beyoncé's marriage appeared to be on the rocks after she dropped her explosive album, 'Lemonade', which seemed to be about Jay cheating! But they're lucky in love again — and here's how they did it!

Everyone thought Beyoncé, 34, was ready to kick Jay Z, 46, to the curb after she released 'Lemonade', which may or may not have been about him cheating on her throughout her marriage. But a simple change to their relationship has gotten things back on track, according to a new report. Read on after the jump to find out how their time together on the Formation tour is making them closer than ever!

"Jay is making time for Beyoncé and his family more overall," a source told E! News. "Jay has been by Beyoncé side during many of



her shows so far. They have been making time for date nights with each other to some of their favorite restaurants around New York City."

"They went on a romantic boat ride and got to laugh and enjoy the day together," the source contin-

ued. "They are in such a happy place as a couple... Beyoncé and Jay have found love again and it's very obvious to all the people around them."

They really looked so happy together during their first red carpet appearance together since the

Lemonade drama! Jay and Bey walked the red carpet with their darling daughter Blue Ivy, 3, at the CFDA awards on June 6. Beyoncé was the surprise winner of the Fashion Icon Award at the event, and Jay looked so proud to be by her side! *hollywoodlife*

## Jennifer Aniston shoots down rumours: She's not expecting her first child

**N**EW YORK - Jennifer Aniston's spokesperson has slammed reports the actress is expecting her first child with husband Justin Theroux.

It comes after the Friends star was snapped in a bikini on holiday before being spotted covered up in New York with her hubby.

A US magazine ran the bikini pictures alongside the headline: "First Bump Pics, World Exclusive."

While a friend of the couple reportedly told InTouch Weekly: "She's pregnant. She and Justin are ecstatic. Jen has wanted to have a baby with Justin for years."

"Their baby news came at a bad time in her life, too — she just lost her mother, and she and Justin almost broke up. But now this sur-

prise pregnancy has turned the worst of times into the best of times."

However, her rep denied she's expecting: "It is just another total fabrication. Jennifer is not pregnant."

Meanwhile, the couple were recently seen near Justin's apartment in Soho, with Jen wearing a long beige coat and trainers while showing her legs off in a short outfit.

Her bearded husband went for a rough and ready look in a white sleeveless top, black jeans and matching cap. Swoon.

Jen's estranged mother, Nancy Dow, died recently aged 79 after suffering a long illness.

*mirror*



## Mila Kunis pregnant with husband Ashton Kutcher

**N**EW YORK - Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis have announced some very exciting news — they are having another baby.

The married couple are already parents to their 20-month-old daughter Wyatt, and are now expecting another addition to their growing family.

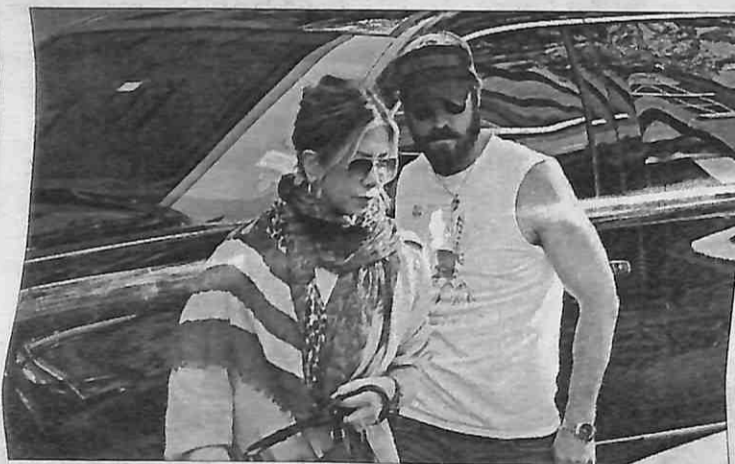
Ashton and Mila confirmed their happy news via a rep to PEOPLE.

The 32-year-old has been outspoken about her desire for a big family, and recently spoke about "the balancing act" required to be "a great partner, a great wife and a

great woman."

She told Entertainment Tonight: "I know when we decided to have a kid, we were ready to no longer be selfish — at least start the process. "Because innately, as humans, we're very selfish people, and we really wanted to have a family." The Friends With Benefits star added: "Having this little human to raise ... it was a balancing act, and then you learn how to be a great partner, and a great wife, and a great woman, and be yourself, and still be responsible for a living child. It's definitely a learning process."

*mirror*



## Beckham turns super fan: Poses with The Stone Roses backstage

**N**EW YORK - David Beckham is usually the one being mobbed for photographs, but he was the fan this week as he posed for a pic with The Stone Roses.

The footballing star, who is married to former Spice Girl Victoria Beckham, attended the Manchester group's reunion gig after they released new music, and he couldn't have been more excited.

He was pictured backstage with the band and his best pal David Gardner as the lads relived their youth.

Dave shared the pic on Instagram, along with the caption: "Yes Yes Yes Yes....Stone Roses !!!! Manchester," along with dancing emojis.

Football loyalties were cast aside as the Manchester United hero and his pal ventured to his home city to watch the 'I Wanna Be Adored' band. They were playing their first

of four gigs at The Etihad Stadium on Wednesday night.

David, 41, posted an image of a Stone Roses T-shirt and Kevin Cummins souvenir book on his Instagram account before the concert. He captioned the snap: "Here we go ...." Back in May, the dad-of-four also posted a smouldering picture of himself wearing a classic Stone Roses tee, ahead of their drop of their single, All For One. *mirror*



## Lil Wayne back onstage in LA ... Days after seizure scares

**N**EW YORK - Lil Wayne's a lil workhorse ... working again two days after suffering TWO scary seizures.

The rapper's currently at the gaming convention E3 in downtown L.A. promoting his new mobile app skating game. He stayed true to his word it'd be business as usual ... despite his private plane making two emergency landings in Omaha, Nebraska.

Noticeably absent from Weezy's hand ... a cup of lean. But look closely ... a friend appears to be double cupping. We're no doctors ... but being near a double cup probably not the best idea. *tmz*

## Mariah Carey has got her wedding dress, not divorced

**N**EW YORK - Mariah Carey's wedding day might be sooner than we think, as she's already got her wedding dress.

The mother-of-two is set to marry Australian billionaire James Packer after getting engaged following a whirlwind romance, and while the details of the happy couple's nuptials remain a secret, Mariah has revealed that she's said "yes to the dress".

Mariah, who recently told Sharon Osbourne that she was on a tough diet ahead of her wedding day, told E! News that the dress has been bought. "I have the dress... It's in a box, darling," she said.

As for the wedding plans, the star — who has a residency at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas — revealed they are well underway despite her busy schedule.

*mirror*

## Robbie Williams puts his \$11m seven-bedroom Beverly Hills home on the market

**N**EW YORK - Robbie Williams has put his Beverly Hills mansion on the market.

The singer, who has reportedly moved to a bigger Beverly Hills estate, is trying to offload his mansion in the guard-gated and celeb-stocked Mulholland Estates enclave in the Beverly Hills Post Office area.

The property is on sale for \$11 million.

The former 'Take That' boy band member turned top-selling solo artist purchased the 10 681-square-foot mansion in July 2002.

Robbie snapped it up from country music star Clint Black and Knots Landing actress Lisa Hartman Black for \$5.45 million. *mirror*

He has made a major U-turn on his life, being saved and now training at the Swaziland College of Theology. With his recent engagement, he caused quite a stir. If you know him from his not so straight forward life, then you are in for a shock since Sikhumbuzo Shongwe is now a changed man. He is about to graduate from the Ezulwini-based Bible School. He is true epiphany; and he is none other than the son of Bishop Dr J.N. Shongwe. Talk about a pastor fathering another pastor. Likewise, Sikhumbuzo has a daughter named Siphosethu Shongwe.

**What does family mean to you?**

They say you can't choose your family but you can choose your friends. Which means family are the only people you have to love unconditionally, irrespective of differences. They are not there for your entertainment but family is where you belong, the heart of society. Family is your foundation, the main influence in what kind of a person you are and aspire to be.

**What does being a dad mean to you?**

It means I have the responsibility to be exemplary in my conduct. Leading by example ensures I provide the proper guidance to my children and society as a whole. It also means I have to work very hard to ensure my children are well catered for.

**What was your relationship with your father like?**

My father has always been the one who expressed his love for his children, even though he is always busy. He has always taken the time to be there when we needed him. I have always looked up to him, supported him because I believe in him. He always tells me the truth whether I want to hear it or not, he is my confidant, advisor and leader. His incredible sense of humour, assertiveness and yet peaceful nature are traits that make it easy to be around him.

**What is your phi-**



# SIKHUMBUZO ON BEING A SINGLE DAD

**Philosophy on fatherhood?**

Fatherhood is a role that requires responsibility. It requires one to dig deep within themselves in order to harness the courage and will to be accountable for someone else.

Being responsible for your family requires that you develop an interest in their welfare and most often than not, put their concerns above your own. The result of raising children that can be a benefit to the family and society is a reward that proper fatherhood provides.

**How do you deal with criticism regarding on how to raise your child?**

I know you cannot please everyone in what you do, so the same goes in raising my child. I am using the Bible as a guide in raising my daughter well. She attends Sunday school and has a passion for singing. It fills me with pride each time I watch her lead a musical performance with other children dur-

ing a church service.

**What are the key ingredients for strengthening a family?**

God's word is a key ingredient of strengthening a family. If families can look to the Word of God for proper guidance, then they can learn and apply all the qualities it teaches, like; love, peace, mercy, unity, tolerance, etcetera.

**When did you realise you were no longer a boy?**

When I found myself having to be responsible for my children. From buying those clothes, paying school fees and looking after their health; that is when it dawned on me that I have finally become a man.

**How would you define a father's role at home?**

A father is the head of the home, as the Bible teaches; thus, he is responsible for providing leadership to his family. A father is more than a provider and protector, but he is also the foundation of which the principles of a home thrive.

**What habits do you have that are not aligned with your core values?**

I may not easily identify them, but I believe my transformation from being an unbeliever and living for Christ is a transformation that is still in process; thus I am not gold yet.

**What are the top three things you stand for?**

Truth, hard work and patience. Truth; as a born again child of God I live by the Word of God and the word of God is truth (John 17:17). Hard work; I believe in hard work, I believe that through hard work I can achieve my dreams. Patience; I am patient because I know good things require adequate time to be achieved.

**What traditions did your father, the bishop pass on to you and for you to pass to your children?**

My father taught me to respect all people, whether rich or poor, dignitary or ordinary. He taught me to listen to people, and watch myself so that I do not develop pride. He taught me that people are a rare resource that is not easily replaced and one can never achieve anything without the help of people, thus I need to position myself in such a way I am favoured by people. He also warned me against the love of money.

**What is the one thing that you wanted to hear your father say to you?**

That he is proud of me; and indeed I want to make him proud of me each day.

**Do you consider cooking and cleaning a woman's work?**

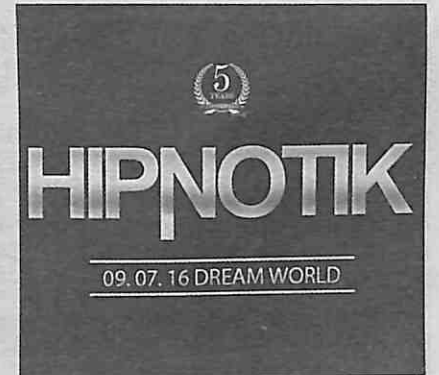
Not really. Actually, I believe cooking and cleaning is essential for a healthy home; thus it should not be limited to one gender.

## Questions that need answers...

**1** Can somebody help us, who started this "Kuyavela yini lapho" thing? Can we make it stop now?

**2** We would really like to know what is really going on with your congregation, is it really necessary to put out there?

**3** To our Hipnotik team who is the one percent that's left? It better be that Nigerian artist you promised us.



**4** Today I think I should vouch for better education when it comes to Swazi artists and copy right, do we really need to manipulate them into meeting our personal vendetta like it was don't to the guy whose painting was deceived into a DVD? Let's educate on copyright related issues.

**5** Masikane do you have a dual citizenship? We all know you are a Swazi dude and that isn't no way to look for fame to try the Zahara route.



**6** It is still a mystery (to me) as to why Simunye Fair was halted. Now that was a festival fully catered for Swazis. Can organisers please bring it back?

**7** Can our entertainment organisers stop being dream sellers? #SoandSo no show.

**8** Still on dream selling, why would these entertainment stables want to discredit themselves/their reputation? They should keep in mind that yes, we are quiet, but we do remember.

# Behind the Scene

ROAD TO MTN JOYOUS 20 LIVE IN SWAZILAND

## SWAZI ARTISTS GEARED UP FOR MTN JOYOUS 20

BY PAMELA ZWANE  
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At least five Swazi artists are set to share the stage with MTN Joyous Celebration on July 9 at their much anticipated show.

The event is billed for the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre hall number one in Manzini. As in previous years, at least five gospel artists will get everyone into the mood for the rest of the night of praise and worship.

These artists are MP Frans T Dlamini, Nothando 'Khululugcobo' Hlophe, Symphony, Mduduzi Nezinceku Zamagawugawu and Redemption Mass Choir.

During the launch of the event in May, MP Dlamini noted that performing on the same stage as MTN Joyous Celebration was a great opportunity for Swazi artists to network with and learn from members of the group. He noted that when an artist mentions they have performed on the same stage as MTN Joyous, their status is instantly elevated and this is one way that the show is giving back to the Swazi gospel scene.

We believe in our local artists and that they will make us proud as a nation. It really excites us to hear some similar songs/hymns by our own artists sung by MTN Joyous Celebration.

Interestingly, there are no opening acts for the group's tour concerts but for Swaziland, the past three years has seen a showcase of local talent on the night. This year's show being an anniversary event, the selected groups include two veteran acts that have shared the stage with MTN Joyous before; MP Frans and Magawugawu, who will both take us on their musical journey over the years.

Performing for the first time with the group will be T55 Talent Search Top Five finalist, Symphony. We believe in giving new artists the experience of performing in front of a large audience. Without a doubt the gospel

Nothando 'Khululugcobo' Hlophe.



artist of the moment is Nothando Hlophe and she will also be performing on the MTN Joyous stage for the first time. Nothando has not only proven to be a hit in Swaziland but is also much loved in South Africa, proof that her talent is among the best in the industry at the moment. She also has a special song with MTN Joyous' Sbu Mthembu. Will she perform it with him? Go to Mavuso on July 9 to find out.

One of the most interesting performances to look out for will be by Redemption Mass Choir. This group needs no introduction as they are one of the most successful mass choirs in the kingdom, having also collaborated with a number of international acts. Their debut performance after an absence from the scene will be at the show so expect something very special from this mixed bag of talented singers.

I have spoken to the artists and they have expressed their excitement about being part of the show.

Frans promised his fans that his set would bring spiritual upliftment and edification. He said fans would be blessed and those expecting things from the Lord shall definitely get hold of them on that night.

"They shall swim in the presence of the Lord and dance like David of old who danced and forgot that he was king. Sharing the stage with such big icons makes our biography really amazing because MTN Joyous Celebration is known worldwide," he assured.

Symphony promised that she would represent the country very well adding

organisers shall not regret bringing her on stage for the show. Nothando 'Khululugcobo' Hlophe also promised that she would be bringing fresh sound, healing, deliverance and true worship. "Am so excited I'll be sharing the stage with big artists and will be learning at the same time," the humble artist said.

Redemption Story promised their fans they were here to stay so there would be no more breaks and they are bringing great music on the night. The Swazi nation is urged to come in their numbers to witness a wonderful night in the presence of God.

We are really humbled to have such artists on the night so really it is a show not to be missed, only once will people get a chance to be a part of the 20 years journey.

We are also thank all the artists that have been a part of the MTN Joyous show in the past and for exhibiting wonderful performances.

Please note we will also be announcing some giveaways before the show related to the performance of the artists. With this being an anniversary year we will also be giving away goodies to the audience on the night. So if you only attend one show this year it has to be this one.

### PLEASE GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY

Before I end this week's column, let me remind and urge MTN Joyous Celebration fans that tickets for the show are already out at the different outlets. It is always good to purchase your tickets early to avoid a last minute rush. This year the prices stand as follows; E220 for general tickets when bought before the show while at the gate they will cost you E250. VIP is retailing at E490. We are selling the tickets at the usual outlets which are MTN Swaziland Service Centres, Destiny Music and Sound stores and Nandos outlets. Gates open at 5pm.

For more information on the show please follow our Facebook page MTN Joyous Celebration 20 in SD as well as MTN Swaziland's official FB page. Let's keep the conversation going on social media, #MTNJ20inSD.

MP Frans T Dlamini.





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# DO WE REALLY NEED AN ALCOHOL LEVY IN SD?

I had missed the news that our government was contemplating introducing an alcohol levy, until I saw and read a news piece this past Friday where retailers are quoted to have been expressing their grave concerns on the proposed move.

As a non-drinker myself, my initial feeling when I read the article was that of indifference, but a debate that ensued with my colleagues at work – surprisingly most of whom are non-drinkers too, made me reflect critically and unbiassedly on what the repercussions of the said levy would have to various stakeholders involved in the entire value chain of the ‘alcohol business’, as it were, in this country.

I might not be privy to figures and all, but it is in the public domain that government is already making tens of millions in taxes from the ‘alcohol industry’, and the industry players involved are paying VAT, and other legal taxes. The levy, therefore, will, without doubt, increase government revenue collected from this sector although at the expense of some serious moral, and even legal, issues that I want to raise herein.

Perhaps, as a serious benchmarking consideration, your readers will appreciate that our regional neighbours South Africa, Lesotho, and Mozambique do not have such a levy in place. Lesotho, actually toyed with the idea of introducing a similar levy in 2011, but sanity quickly prevailed as they measured what the whole value chain involved stood to lose at the expense of what the government stood to benefit. And that envisaged



benefit was going to be in the short-term anyway.

Swaziland’s alcohol, particularly beer, prices are relatively pegged almost on par with South African prices, in spite of the latter enjoying a huge market due to population dynamics and variances between the two countries.

If South Africa, whose economy, by the way, is largely the mainstay of the entire SACU countries, opted not to introduce levies on her alcohol, it then defies logic and triggers industry failure for our government to even consider piling more levies to an already taxed industry.

Actually, this is what will happen to the economy of this country if such a

levy is adopted and implemented: Companies that produce and import alcoholic beverages would instantly effect the levy and pass it to the final consumer. In simple terms, the levy will result in the price hike of beer and other alcoholic beverages in Swaziland.

### Economy

Naturally, any price hike in a challenged economy like ours translates to a decrease in consumption, due to the lack of a corresponding increase in disposable incomes. Now, one can imagine what this means to the entire cycle. Less consumption means there has to be less production, and less production would imply cost-cutting measures for production companies –

e.g. retrenchments, leading to a high unemployment rate.

All this would subsequently reduce the amount due to government as taxes from those companies at the end of the day.

Also, introducing an alcohol levy will instantly result in the emergence of a parallel market (black market), where alcoholic beverages would be smuggled into the country from South Africa and Mozambique since ours would be more expensive than that from those countries. Smuggling of alcohol, I suppose, would be very dangerous considering that most of the smuggled alcohol would not have been health-tested or certified. This would likely impact our already over

stretched health sector. The smuggling of any kind of goods actually sets bad precedence for a country, and eventually results in superficial economic meltdowns.

In fact, the levy might see smuggling syndicates mushrooming, resulting in even further revenue loss by government, as these would bypass all tax collection systems. We have already seen the effects of smuggling cigarettes in the country which tends to create a criminal cartel among previously law abiding citizens.

However, some of my colleagues argued that if alcohol consumption in the country decreases as a result of this proposed levy then there shall be less social ills like crime, drink-driving, and so on. Well, perhaps we should look at it from a holistic and pecuniary point of view. What happens to the thousands who will lose jobs? Not just with the producers and importers but at retailer establishments as well (pubs, bars, clubs, etc.). What of vendors who make a living by selling various items adjacent to or at the said places?

The picture is bigger than what we can imagine with our laymen eyes. It'll end by encouraging government to be wary of insensitive policies that may repel investors from Swaziland, and focus on creating a friendly environment for those already trading, and those who are yet to invest in the country. Otherwise we risk being seen as a high tax state, and hence not attractive to foreign direct investments.



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# POORLY PREPARED PORK CAN CAUSE EPILEPSY

Twenty-five-year-old Isabel grew up in the countryside near Maputo in Mozambique. She’s a pretty woman, went to school for six years and comes from a good family. But her chances of marrying and getting children are slim – because Isabel has epilepsy, a brain disorder characterised by repeated seizures (convulsions); seizures are episodes of disturbed brain activity that cause changes in attention or behaviour.

Isabel developed epilepsy because she happened to eat eggs from a tapeworm in human excrement – from a family member, friends or neighbours. The tapeworm eggs had developed into cysts (sacs containing the tapeworm larva) in her brain. Isabel’s community has no flushing toilets, and not everyone uses the latrines that have been dug. Instead, Isabel and other residents retire behind a bush when they need to go to the toilet while working in the fields or on their way to or from the market or school. This means that the tapeworm’s eggs are found on plants or in the soil, where they can be eaten by pigs or even by people.

When the tapeworm’s eggs develop in the body of a human or a pig, the human or pig develops a disease called cysticercosis.

Humans and pigs with cysticercosis have cysts in their bodies. While this disease results in few significant symptoms in pigs, the cysts will often end in humans’ brains, which a large amount of blood flows through. Cysts in the brain cause neurocysticercosis. From the parasite’s point of view, humans with cysts in their brains or bodies are a dead-end development – the parasite cannot reproduce itself. But if tapeworm eggs or larva reach a human’s intestines, because the human has eaten undercooked pork infected by tapeworm cysts, the tapeworm can reproduce itself.

### Connection

Scientists at the University of Copenhagen’s Department of Veterinary Disease Biology have been involved in researching cysticercosis and have been supervisors for several PhD students from Africa. One of the scientists, Maria Vang Johansen, a veterinary surgeon and a professor at the department’s Section of Parasitology, Health and Development, says the connection between cysticercosis and epilepsy is

extremely well documented.

Researchers who scan the brain of an epilepsy patient very often find both parasite-specific antigens circulating in the patient’s blood – which documents the existence of living parasites – and spherical bodies up to 1 cm in size in the brain.

A recent meta-analysis of epilepsy attributable to neurocysticercosis indicated that more than 30 percent of epilepsy cases in sub-Saharan Africa may be due to the parasitic disease. Arve Lee Willingham from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark writes about this growing concern.

### Disease

“Cysticercosis is emerging as a serious public health and Agricultural problem in Eastern and Southern Africa. Caused by the pork tapeworm, *Taeniasolium*, this zoonotic disease forms larval cysts in humans and pigs that can lead to epilepsy and death in humans. This has resulted to pork unsafe to eat and reduces the value of pigs. It occurs where sanitation is poor, meat inspection is inadequate and pigs range freely, and so is strongly associated with poverty.

People become infected with the adult tapeworm form of the parasite (taeniosis) by eating infested raw or

undercooked pork. Large numbers of the eggs of the tapeworm are shed in the infected person’s stool and can be ingested by free-roaming pigs if people defecate outdoors. Pigs develop the immature larval form of the parasite (cysticercosis) with hundreds to thousands of small cysts, commonly called ‘pork measles’, heart and brain, rendering the pork unfit for consumption. Pigs thus affected usually show no signs of disease.

People can also become infected with the cystic larval form of the parasite *Taeniasolium* eggs either from direct contact with a human tapeworm carrier or from contaminated food and water – thus one does not need to raise pigs or consume pork to become infected with cysticercosis! In humans, the cysts often develop in the brain causing a condition called neurocysticercosis, which can cause severe headaches, epileptic seizures and sometimes death.

Neurocysticercosis is considered to be the most common preventable cause of epilepsy in the developing world, rendering people incapacitated and unproductive, and sometimes leading to fatal accidents as a result of seizures. Although, theoretically, easy to control and declared eradica-

ble, cysticercosis remains neglected in Eastern and Southern Africa, due to lack of information and awareness about the problem’s extent, lack of suitable diagnostic and management capacity, and a lack of control strategies.”

### Connection

Now that researchers have shown the connection between the parasite and epilepsy, can the epileptic patients be treated? Johansen says the answer is yes, but the treatment must be very intensive: hospitalisation with anthelmintic medicine (which is active against parasitic worms), and treatment against both epilepsy and inflammation, plus possible standard treatment with fluids should the patient go into medical shock.

“We believe that treatment with anthelmintic medicine increases the risk of an epileptic seizure, because the dead cysts will release the antigen that triggers a reaction from the patient’s immune system, and it’s this reaction, which is inflammatory, that causes the epileptic seizure,” she says.

This should make us understand, therefore, that if we relieve ourselves behind a bush, rather than use the latrines, we, our families or neighbours risk eating the excrement and any tapeworm eggs either on crops or in pork. We should be careful enough to take all appropriate preventive measures for this known risk. As the adage goes, prevention is better than cure.

## LETTERS

## THE BECKHAM SAGA

Sir,

I wish to commend your news editor for calling a spade a spade in reference to David Beckham's secret visit into the country in the Swazi Observer dated 13th June, 2016.

I also wish to echo Government Spokesman Percy Simelane, *vele akukasihambeli kahle silive*.

UNICEF was wrong not to involve Government in the visit of their goodwill ambassador. There are issues of national security to be considered too. What if other entities or individuals who have no love for our country found out about this secret mission and tagged onto it with the aim of destroying Government property.

For example, what if bombers or terrorists found out that the visit was "secret" and decided to conduct a trail of destruction in the country?

Something like this has happened before. A number of years back a young European man by the name of Skolnik came here with false promises of making a tourism documentary

about Swaziland. He was even introduced to royalty for this purpose.

Lo and behold he definitely did come back and filmed his documentary but guess what it was about? It was called "Without the King" and filled with twisted information about the country's political system and the monarchy. It was also filled with the worst pictures ever seen of "impoverished" Swazis. This man told lies about what he really wanted to do and was given a green light to go ahead yet he produced something that stopped short of destroying the country's international image.

A good question would be did UNICEF act within its mandate by facilitating and conducting a "secret" visit into the country? To quote from UNICEF's mission statement: UNICEF is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential.

UNICEF is mandated by the UN General Assembly. Who is the General Assembly? The General Assembly is 193 countries who are member states of the United Nations

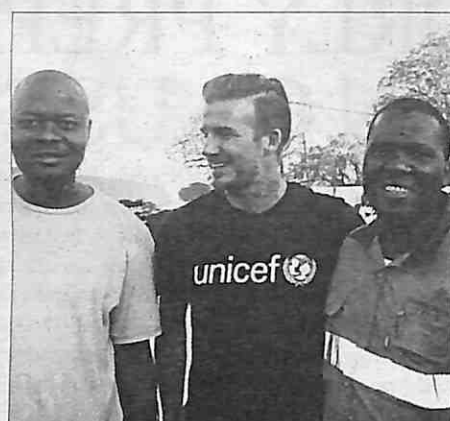
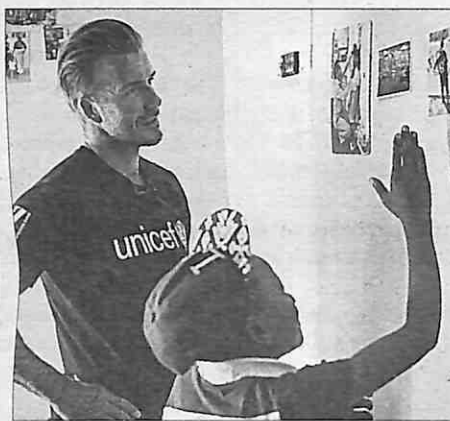
INCLUDING Swaziland. UNICEF provides assistance to countries upon request by those countries because it respects them as sovereign nations in terms of the Charter of the United Nations.

In this "secret" visit's case was the sovereignty of Swaziland respected? Apparently not simply because the visit was "secret" and unknown to Government.

However, a good part of the blame must also be put on Government's shoulders. Where were the Chief of Protocol and the security chiefs in all of this? It is the Chief of Protocol's responsibility to know who will be using the VIP Lounge at the country's international airport. Surely, UNICEF did request to use the VIP lounge even if they did not specifically say who exactly would be using it. Or did they? If not, why wasn't the Chief of Protocol informed when the "guest" arrived? Or was he?

Lokusalako Mr Editor a lot went wrong and both UNICEF and government must come out clear and tell us what exactly was happening.

*Akukasihambeli kahle silive.  
Liyengcayelwa Live Nine BeKunene!*

JOY  
NDWANDWE'S  
ZONE  
LEADERSHIP

Dr Sophie Msiza was an unconventional woman, militant and courageous echoing Ndebele warrior ancestry, *Wathinta Aunt Sophie Wathinta Imbokodo*. Aunt Sophie lived up to her ancestral lineage genealogy *'Mzisa Phala, Mabina Komo ehlab, sibina isikumma inyama siyayidla. Uvovo konyoni inyoni yomsila omude. Umfazi mabele made owa wela iligwa negwa. Wangena esigodweni wabeletha amadoda ethombo elide, amadoda angasabi umsebenzi usaba izandla. Umawela umbonda babuye baraga. Abathwali izandla emhlani, bathwala izandla abandwana baza kulamba. Bathunjwe izzwe bahle umthetho wakhabo, bafane nomzi wamagondwana wona owaphelako banganamthetho. Umthetho ngowakhako, Phahla.* Evident in her hosting the late President Nelson Mandela in Chicago after his release from prison, as Aunt Sophie was the matriarch and sister of the African National Congress in Chicago, USA.

## Common Heritage

My tribute begins on how her family integrated into the Makhubu family in Luyengo under the custodianship of my late uncle Chief Mbutfo Benson, who was adamant on how there cannot be Makhubu exiles in Swaziland. Indicative of the common heritage between South African and Swaziland families, embedded in history, ancestral relations and genealogy. This further affirmed by migrant labourers, hence LaMsiza, as she is fondling known and her family were offered Swazi citizenship. She underwent a legitimisation process through *'kutekwa'* at Luyengo, where she was expected to cry *'kumekeza'* at the cattle kraal.

Of course this unconventional woman found this whole ceremony hilarious, she was laughing when grannies were telling her to cry. LaMsiza was complex yet simple and exceptionally generous, hence she won the hearts of many at the Luyengo. Grannies used to call her name as if she was born there and her unconventional ways became normal, today Luyengo has lost a wife and mother. Even after divorcing the late uncle Don, she continued to be an active member of the Makhubu family, attending gatherings, funerals, sending money, being the resident nurse for the sick in Swaziland and Johannesburg.

The upside is she married into the perfect family for her academic pursuits, the family did not frown when government awarded her a USAID scholarship. She lectured with my mother Dr. Maggie Makhubu the first principle of the Institute of Health Sciences, now UNISWA Faculty of Health Science. Dr Msiza's sisterhood and professional relationship with my mother resulted in us living close to each other, where we witnessed this unconventional woman being actively involved in ANC activities. I recall Uncle Thabo Khabele, driving to collect her either at a police station or somewhere after being released from custody. Evidently the *'kutekwa'* ceremony resulted in her Swazi citizenship, which was strategic for her ANC activities, whilst she was contributing to human development as a health sciences lecturer in Swaziland.

## Service to Humanity

LaMsiza's unconventional militancy and outspokenness was liberating, refreshing, and at times scary. She left no stone unturned and never suffered fools guilt, evident in her passion, commitment and contribution towards the ANC. When visiting her in Chicago as a student in Montreal, she was still militant, had found an ANC family. Her house was busy, comrade Sophie was the operative name, at the same time she was working in a hospital within Chicago. This unconventional woman made Ntombi and I wonder why we came home that Christmas, she made us do community work.

*Liyengcayelwa Live nine BeKunene.*

## THE UNHEALTHY HOMOSEXUAL LIFESTYLE

Sir,

Please forgive us first for not mentioning our names but we are a group of concerned Swazis who have been brought up on traditional family values.

Secondly, we beg your indulgence but we will be writing several letters since our Honourable Members of Parliament of the Kingdom of Swaziland have shown great interest in this subject. Please publish them Sir.

Our main concern is: Are they being told the truth or is the LGBT lifestyle being sugar-coated when presented to them?

We would like to know if the advocates for homosexuality or LGBT, in particular, Save the Children tell their audiences the truth when campaigning for acceptance of this behaviour. We ask this question because of the following facts:

1. The homosexual lifestyle is extremely unhealthy. First, the standards of behaviour among homosexuals are far different than in the heterosexual community in terms of the depravity that is accepted and even expected. Second, the chance of contracting AIDS is significantly higher as well.

2. A habit or behaviour is deemed unhealthy if it has been proven to have debilitating results. Smoking, drugs, alcohol abuse, overeating and other behaviours all fall into this category.

But research has shown that homosexual behaviour has the same results. In the United States, less than two percent of practicing homosexuals live to age 65. Homosexuality deprives men and women of happiness (ask those who have walked away from that lifestyle) and lends itself to the spread of sexually transmitted diseases like colon cancer, gay bowel syndrome, AIDS, etc.

3. If the tobacco companies tried to get on a

school campus to convince children to smoke, they would never be allowed. If the breweries showed up and tried to convince under-age children to start drinking, parents would be up in arms. If health classes started teaching kids to overeat, or shop classes started teaching students how to build bombs, society would be outraged.

4. Why is it that pro-homosexual groups are encouraged to come to schools and teach young children how nice and normal homosexuality is, when in fact it is not? Today children are actually being indoctrinated about the benefits of homosexuality, in spite of the fact it has been proven to be an unhealthy lifestyle.

Save the Children is supposed to protect children and not corrupt them.

Save the Children why are you killing our country?

# TRIBUTE TO DR SOPHIE MSIZA



**Grandchildren tribute at Dr Sophie Msiza's funeral, Ndundwana and Abongile.**

In partnership with the Methodist church, we had to clean a house in Chicago's housing projects. This house was so dirty yet the women living in it were beautiful covered in bling, it's yellow carpet was looking grey, we resisted she insisted, aunt Sophie always won.

Cleaning this house was a significant lesson on the violence of modernity manifesting in what was unbelievable urban poverty we witnessed. This violence had raptured the souls of these beautiful women such that they lacked dignity, evident in this living space cluttered with dirt. It is not surprising that Malumekazi LaMsiza worked in municipalities, as she continued to relive her Chicago projects passion. This is evident in how working at Ekurhuleni Municipality was not enough, hence she was an ANC councillor at the City of Johannesburg. Upon retirement she was still visiting ANC comrades with the late comrade Busi Dlamini, whom we laid to rest earlier this year.

Once I tagged along, they were listening and helping comrades, and I admired the patience and passion as I was exhausted after these visits. Her passing-on leaves an indelible mark, as LaMsiza left behind liberating, refreshing and yet challenging memories of how unconventional thoughts and actions must become passion. Loving the ANC was all that she did, hating racism and racial intolerance she fought not only during the struggle. But daily as a trip to the mall or hospital or any public space with LaMsiza could shift from a joy to a nightmare, when her militancy is triggered she will see, name and shame racism.

LaMsiza worked tirelessly for the people of Luyengo, Swaziland, the Chicago housing projects and the ANC comrades. She was committed to being of service to humanity, and this is what God asks of us. I paraphrase as in accordance to the Egyptian Ma'at, upon death our hearts will be weighed against a light feather to determine our ability to enter the Kingdom of Osiris. Malumekazi emptied her heart with deeds, actions and passion, as a mother, sister, granny, aunt, nurse, lecturer, community builder, comrade, politician, business person now it is time to enter the Kingdom of God.

**Conclusion**

The above tribute I read at the ANC

Memorial Service on Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> 2016. However I read with interest her obituary during her funeral service on how Dr Sophie Bethiwe Msiza was deported from Swaziland in 1983. I am still searching the National Archives for this deportation order as Swaziland has been vilified on numerous occasions justifiable and at times unjustifiably. Malumekazi LaMsiza held Swazi citizenship and for many years travelled with a Swaziland International Passport, later held a Swaziland National Identification Card and for her contribution in health sciences was a recipient of Swaziland's Public Service Pension Fund.

In my research on this deportation order, I take into consideration that many South African families were ill-treated whilst living in Swaziland, particularly after the demise of King Sobhuza II. However I am also aware that the competitiveness for political appointments and tender awards has resulted in vilifying Swaziland, as this increases the ANC political position or tender awarding scoring points. Hence we all have the responsibility to research and verify these allegations, as Swaziland is engulfed in negative struggle contribution. And yet Swaziland welcomed many families and I lived with some at UNISWA and St Christopher's in Luyengo and Kwaluseni, Mbabane, Manzini, many South Africans continue to consider this country home, which nurtured racial equality and education.

According to Dr. Msiza's obituary by the age of 12 she was already generating her own income by selling wares to mineworkers at the local beer hall to pay her school fees. In Swaziland she work at King Sobhuza II Clinic, Manzini Blood bank, and later was lecturer at the Institute of Health Science. She held a nursing diploma, a Diploma in Phlebotomy, BSC Nursing and Health Sciences, Masters in Health Science, Masters in Health Professions and Doctorate (PHD) in Health Science. Dr Sophie is survived by her daughter Ntombi, her sons Peter and Sibusiso, grandchildren: Johnson, Sicelo, Mlungisi, Abongile, Ndundwana, Serbian, Xavier, Ntando. Olivia, Cloe, Bongwiwe, Litha and her great-grandchild Kwezi. She is also survived by her siblings: Sakhe, Susan and Beauty, and her two brothers Vusji and Bernard.

# Mainstream schooling and students with special needs



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As a big fan of inclusive education, it is wonderful to see as many pupils in mainstream education as can be happy there. Young people will have to function in the wide world soon, and it is our job to try and prepare them for that as best we can, from teaching them their first friendly smile to taking them to their College interview. They have to learn to mix with everyone else, and school should be a relatively safe environment in which to gather most of the skills, understanding and knowledge required to become a socially adept adult.

Children learn far more lessons in school than anywhere else, and largely, they learn about diversity. They realise on their first day at preschool that everyone is different. My children, one in university and another in high school, are very lucky to attend schools which are specifically inclusive to people with special needs.

They have learnt to communicate, to play and work with children who can't hear like they can. In return the children with special needs have learnt how to work best with "typical" people. It works, and it benefits the individuals and makes for a healthier society as a whole.

This is by design, as a family we look out for opportunities to embrace diversity, especially disability, because we have additional needs ourselves. Most people do, they just don't readily admit it, to themselves and to others.

Our own family experiences of people on the Autistic Spectrum have shown us that mainstream education has proven to be not only possible, but beneficial, with our beneficiaries attaining excellent results both academically and socially.

Before having any idea I would ever be linked, socially and professionally, with anyone on the Autistic Spectrum I was continually intrigued by the working of the minds and the various communication methods available to us. I have experienced youngsters both on the spectrum and deaf in inclusive mainstream settings.

For me at least, Inclusive Education has been proven to work. There is no greater work reward than an 18 year old passing an exam when you've been writing or signing or generally just being there for them all year.

I appreciate there are children and young people who will never be able to cope in mainstream education. All the funding in the world isn't going to make it a safe or happy environment for them.

These children are very special and need extra care in order to thrive. Inclusion is about treat-

ing everyone differently. It's about helping everyone to get as far up the staircase they are climbing as possible, even if they may never reach the top.

For over a century the majority of disabled children have been educated in special schools, excluded from their non-disabled peers. It is only in the last of couple years that this has started to change as more disabled children are being increasingly given the opportunity to mainstream education as this form of discrimination is slowly being exposed, questioned and challenged.

It is possible to identify disabled adults who have attended mainstream schools, as opposed to special schools, by factors as simple as their posture mainly because mainstream schools provide disabled children with the same expectations to succeed as their peers, the social skills needed to compete in a non-disabled world which special schools fail to do, and prepares disabled children for the real world.

My preference for mainstream education for disabled children does not mean I disagree with special education, because everyone should definitely get the education specifically suited and tailored to their needs. However, non-disabled and disabled children have the right to be educated together. The criticisms against mainstream education by parents and others stems from the fact that many children are integrated into their schools rather than being included.

Integration is when the child is required to simply fit in with the school and no consideration of their needs being taken into account. This is not proper inclusion, where the school reasonably adapts its policies, practices and teaching methods to accommodate the specific needs of the child. There is always going to be some middle ground where the child must learn how to adapt to the school in the same way they will need to adapt to other situations throughout their life to succeed.

The segregation of disabled children from mainstream education causes immense damage to the fabric of society that can only be mended when all disabled children are fully included into mainstream education as standard policy, not just as a right but as the norm. At the same time, the education system must be responsive to the individual needs of children, disabled or not. Proper inclusion into mainstream schools must be the only 'choice' desired by everyone, for the benefit of everyone.

By no means am I encouraging parents to sacrifice their children with special needs for an ideal of inclusivity. If mainstream appears not to be working for your child, move them to the nearest special school - preferably, one that encourages as much interaction with mainstream schools as possible. I have every confidence that your special needs child can teach other non-visibly-disabled children lessons on diversity.

I have written before on the achievement gap between mainstream and specialised schooling as well as on the unfairness of standardised testing, examining and scoring for differently abled students. I am encouraged by the interest that teachers and officials alike are engaging in this regard. Please see my email address above.





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Let us today sit down and look at the significance of trees to us humanity. Genesis 1:9 talks of God creating seed bearing plants and trees that bear fruit with a seed in it according to their various kinds. Trees play a very important role in our lives as human beings. Trees produce oxygen that supports human life. It seems like there is a strong and deep relationship between trees and human beings. Trees are very close to humans so much so that even the last journey taken by a person, a tree is always in use.

A casket or coffin is made out of trees. *Itolo bekuba netigodvo letisetjentiswako nakwakhiwa indlu yekugcina yemuntfu.* There are many types of trees that are found in this country. Just as human beings, some people have no seed to reproduce. Some trees do not bear fruits. There are trees that live like humans.

The reed for example grows in wet land, it cannot survive without water. A reed grows in stages, and has a tassel on its top symbolising maturity. Human beings also grow in stages and cannot survive without water. There is a very strong connection between reeds and humans. *Emaguma siwakha ngemhlanga, indlu yakagogo siyakha ngemhlanga, umuntfu lofile ulandya ngemhlangamlambo.* It is noteworthy that humans and trees have many things in common.

Humans and trees, both, grow, feed, respire, excrete, move, reproduce, react and adapt to their environments. Humans also share a lot with trees. People have hair, trees have leaves, people have skin, *tihlahla tinemagcolo*, humans have veins, and trees have roots.

The connection between trees and humans is inseparable. A human being has feet, a head, just as trees also have a head and feet. *Indvuku umfana uyibamba enhloko yayo ashaye inkhomo ngetinyawo yayo.* Trees stand upright just like human beings and comparatively not all trees fall down when they die. Some just dry up and die. Swazi people use plants for many different reasons. Some are used for medicine, cultural activities and for religious purposes.

The Swazi traditional religion makes good use of plants. During *incwala*, *umhlanga* and *buganu*, plants are used. Traditional healers make good use of plants when they treat diseases. The survival of a tree solely depends on its roots. It uses its roots to absorb water for growth and sustainability. It is for this reason that elderly people believed that *umntfwana kufanele abhunyiselwe ngetihlati takubo aseseluswane khona atewukhula acinile avikeleke etifeni.* *Kubhunyiselwa kumakhela timphandze tekusima.*

Let us remember that *emaSwati* used to believe that trees were very important within a

# SIHLAHLA

## (A SWAZI ANALYSIS OF A TREE)



homestead. *Kute likhaya lebelakhiwa kungahlanyelwa tihlahla tsite.* Some trees are found in a certain place before a homestead is built there. Those trees are not destroyed. Some are kept for certain purposes. Usually when a homestead is built there would be a tree found in that place. That tree becomes very important because it serves as a reminder of the history of the family.

### History

For years it becomes the pillar that reflects the history of that family. Little do some of us know today that culturally that tree is not supposed to dry up? *Kuba sihlahla selikhaya.* *Nalabalele babona ngaso kutsi impilo isekhona ekhaya.* *Titsa tilwela kuhlamlama sona ngenkhosatana.* *Tisuke tifuna kutjengisa kwedzelela inhloko yelikhaya.* *Umunzane uyasivikela lesi sihlahla ngebafana bakhe (tindvuku letivimba butsa).* He would also plant trees strategically within a homestead. Not all trees that are found within a homestead are consumable.

The process of starting a home involves lots of work and collaboration between the man's father and *mkhulu*. *Mkhulu* has to inform the ancestors that one of their offspring is now leaving the main household. It is for this reason *emaSwati* *atsi umfana ute likhaya.* *Nakakha wakhela uyise ngobe neyise ute likhaya nakasekhona uyise wakhe.*

*Nakacaba umfana umuti weyise uniketwa lihlahla lelitsatfwa esibayeni setikhomo.* The great ancestor would then take care of his father's homestead. Swazis believe that the ancestors are very powerful and can protect or cause bad things to occur when they are not listened to. *Ekhaya leliSwati* you would find many types of trees and all of them are planted for different purposes. *Phayi washimane* is planted for the purposes of preventing bad mouthing. *Angeke umkhulume kabi umuntfu lona phayi washimane.* *Uyesatjwa ngobe phayi washimane umletsela sitfunti.* *Phindze ungumabopha lobopha bonkhe bubi.* The head of the family would also plant *ingoba makhosi*.

This tree stops lightning and it prevents evil spirits from coming closer to that home. *Mkhulu* always planted these trees side by side near the entrance. *Losilina* is another tree that was treasured by elderly Swazi people. Most homesteads even today like planting this tree. *Losilina ucusha imimoya lemibi kantsi futsi sihlahla setinhlanhla.* *Sihlahla lesibamba bonkhe bantfu ekhaya kusukela emntfwaneni.* *Sihlahla lesikhulunyiswako ekhaya.* *Ikakhulu umnumzane welikhaya.* *Siyabikelwa ngako konkhe lokwentekako ekhaya.*

Another tree is *gebeleweni* which is always planted near the gate side by side. This is a tree that stops bad presages and it can show if there is something erroneous.

### Stick

A tree has significant meaning to humans. As December approaches all young men of the kingdom shall carry the sacred *lusekwane* plant *baye enhla nelive*. Each and every one of them shall be seen carrying his own *lusekwane*, his own cross. Biblically Jesus Christ was crucified on a tree. The very same tree that was created by God, ended up being used to crucify Jesus. Jesus carried his own cross to Mount Calvary, just as young men in the kingdom in December they shall carry their own cross. Moses was carrying a stick from a tree when he was called to lead the children of Israel, just as Isaac was carrying wood from a tree when he went up the mountain with Abraham.

Through that tree, Isaac was saved. A lamb was seen just when Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac thus the Dlamini people in Swaziland up till today do not eat lamb because it saved the life of the begotten son. It was seen tied to a tree. The *umntfwana* in Swaziland will never lead the nation in the absence of a stick from a tree in his hand.

The Swazi traditional religion cannot be a religion in the absence of using trees. Traditional healers use trees to treat ailments. Cultural activities in Swaziland also make good use of trees. *Incwala*, *umhlanga*, and *buganu* all make use of trees. Trees during winter dry up. Spring, they begin to bear new leaves. New life begins and it is for that reason that Swazi people through their culture send a girl child to fetch the reeds.

*Lusekwane* on the other hand symbolises the birth of a new era. It is after the *incwala* ceremony whereby Swazi people are free to use new food. A true Swazi would not touch any new food may it be maize, sorghum, beans, pumpkins, peanuts. He waits for the sacred *incwala* to pass so that after he can start eating this food.

# Challenging a child that disagrees with you



## BEING A PARENT

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Parenting can be tiresome to the majority of us, even to the motivated like myself and the many that are out there. This is because even the angelic child we were forever proud of will at some point be in disagreement with our parenting approach and expectations. Nonetheless, that should not in any way put us in dismay and makes us feel little and inadequate as parents because disagreements are there to us light and assurance that there

must be something we doing okay. This article is mainly to encourage us as parents to welcome disagreements on a positive note as we continue to endeavour to be the best in loving our children and fostering a positive relationship with them.

Then the question at play is that how do we go about challenging those in disagreement and what really is the benefit? It is of great benefit to listen to another point of view and anybody who is interested in becoming smarter and learning more absolutely loves to hear an argument opposing their own, especially if the person challenging you is pretty certain about their point of view or their convictions.

Remember that children engage in disagreements with parents because they too are adamant that whatever it is that they believe in stands and is of the utmost importance and of value, so parents in that regard also need to parent smarter in hearing out the concern; lest they (parents) miss the chance too in learning. The more the other person knows about the topic you are debating, the better your chances of gaining insight and sharpening your own point of view for the future. If you were in a war-zone, such an exercise could have been likened to that of saving and gathering ammunition to attack with next time the enemy attacks.



There are dumb and smart ways to challenge. If you come across too strong and too arrogant which usually is the norm to the majority of parents, the other person may do one of two things. He or she may come back equally hard-headed in which case

neither party will give or take an inch. This is the most foolish way to go into an argument. The second thing that may happen is that your opponent (child) will perceive that your ego is prohibiting you from arguing in an adult and constructive way in which case he/she may just walk away from the challenge on the basis that it is just not worth pursuing. In both these cases, you will have won absolutely nothing apart from avoiding a blow to your ego and losing a relationship with your child. A great negotiator once said that you should always leave a 10% gap in your argument so that you can fill that with some of the sound evidence given by the person



In conclusion. Sihlahla simcokwa kakhulu ekhaya. Sisikhonkwane ekhaya. It is very important for us to remember that there are trees that are planted for certain purposes ekhaya. How many Swazis today would agree with me that sihlahla lesikhala lubisi asihlanyelwa ekhaya unless it's for certain sacred reasons? Akukavami ekhaya lapho kunesihlahla lesikhala lubisi khona kutsi bantfu bakhona bevane. Nemali futsi ayihlali kulelo khaya. Is there any elderly person who can agree with me that itolo sihlahla seliphopho besingahlanyelwa ebaleni ekhaya.

There is power in trees such that some trees are not supposed to be found within a homestead like umsihla and umdlebe. Some trees are planted to serve as warnings to young people so that they do not come near that place.

For example sihlahla semsinsi shows that akuhanjwa lapho ngobe sihlanyelwa emathuneni. Umsinsi ungasala uwondvwa endzaweni ube sikhonkwane sekuveta kutsi leyo ndzawo lawutfolakale khona maliba emuti tsite. How many among us today still believe that akusiko konkhe kugula lokutfolakala kumuntfu lokubita kutsi umuntfu aye esibhedlela ayewulashwa khona. Do we still believe that there is sickness that needs timbita from trees? Some sicknesses need a hospital? Whilst others need prayer? There are some sicknesses esintfwini that require only the leaves of the tree and thus the person would be healed.

**Dissociated**

Some require emagcolo esihlahla and others require that they be treated using the roots of a tree. Our grandparents used to live up to 120 years all because they did not dissociated themselves from trees.

How many Swazis today still believe in the use of timbita? Is there any nurse, doctor or scientist who can study scientifically the relationship between imbita yemhlabele and the western medicine that is used uma umuntfu ephukile? The Royal Technology Park needs to open its doors soon. Tinyanga, tingedla bonyankwabi, bogobela kanye netangoma are ready to work hand in hand with scientists to find cures, for diseases affecting the world.

Can somebody answer me here, what happened to lihlungwane among the Mkhonta people? Do the Vilakati people still have liphephetse? Do the Mnisi people still have lijobe? Do the Kunene people kaLofokati, kaMbabane still have lubaba? Do the Bhembe people understand why in their praise name there is a line that says wena lowabhodla ebusweni benkhosi yangete yasho lutfo? What was the science between Bhembe, royalty and sindvwane? Sihlahla semsilinga bekakususelaphi emaSwati kutsi asingeniswa ekhaya? Likhaya lapho khona bantfu bakhona sebase bonkhe baphela emaSwati bekentelani kutsi abeke lihlahla endleleni leya kulelo khaya kute kutsiwe sek-wawalwa ngelihlahla? Leni lihlahla?

you are negotiating or arguing with. It also infers that you are willing to entertain another opinion and, if it's well substantiated, you may accord it a larger percentage, or if it is absolutely solid, you may even consider relinquishing the other 90%. If you refuse to leave the 10% gap you have already made up your mind not to shift your opinion at all, not to learn and to be convinced, in which case getting into the argument is senseless in the first place.

When challenged, it's all too easy to lose sight of the facts and become overly emotional. The reason for this is mostly ego-driven. Remember that the objective is to grow, to learn, to become smarter and to sharpen your tools. Becoming too emotional and attacking the other person on an emotional level is not going to serve you. On the contrary, it is going to detract from your objectives and make you a pitiful negotiator and loser. Remember that the objective is to expand your understanding rather than to win at all costs.



**TOURISM & TRAVEL**  
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**G**reetings esteemed readers of the Sunday Observer, and kindly allow us your time to indulge with you on various tourism and travel related issues, in a bid to continue giving you informed insight of the work of the Swaziland Tourism Authority (STA), and all players in the tourism, hospitality, and travel sector in the country.

Before we go any further, it is prudent for us to give our utmost acknowledgement and gratitude to our former officer, Nokwanda Dlamini-Masuku, a very talented and dedicated young lady, who over the years, has been engaging with you through the Travelling Feet platform, advancing promotion of mainly domestic travel and, in the process, challenging you to explore the beauty of our wonders-endowed Kingdom. Her memoirs were quite engaging, fun, resourceful, and I'm sure you found them quite motivating as we did. Once more, we thank her ever so much for such a job well done!

Through this column, STA is convinced that the journey surely continues, as there is still a lot to explore together. We shall engage in regular and timely updates, feedback news from several international exhibitions we attend and market at, and also use the same space to profile all the establishments (from hotels to lodges, game parks to leisure spots) that we have in the country.

It is our profound wish that we embark on this journey of discovery together, and enjoy the bountiful escapades and experiences that our beautiful Kingdom has to offer. In fact, to quote from one renowned globetrotter Dan Eldon; "the journey is the destination".

This statement stands true to us, as we seek to increase awareness of 'destination Swaziland' to the world. However, we do not take the saying 'charity begins at home' lightly, hence our resolve to promote the country to our people first ahead of anyone else.

As a destination marketing organisation (DMO), STA is involved in several initiatives and activities that are aimed at increasing travel within the country, and into the country. We shall be sharing with you what some of those activities are, and also profiling them in such a way that they get to make sense to you in how they add value to the economy of the country in general. After all, tourism business should really be your business.

In carrying out such a grand mandate, several staff members of STA, tourism industry players, bloggers and travel writers, as well as some of our hosted visitors shall be given an opportunity to write for us, on several and diverse tourism and travel related topics and happenings.

As a result, this, we hope, will make our page assorted in terms

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of both content and tonality. At the end of the day, our principal goal would be informing, educating, and influencing you to engage with our vast tourism offering. You will also be excited to note

that since the page, henceforth, escalates to be known as 'Tourism & Travel', as we holistically appreciate everything and everyone who plays a part in making our hospitality, tourism, and travel sector tick, reader engagement

will get to be of our interest. In this regards, our avid readers, from time to time, would be treated to various prizes and delights, courtesy of both STA and our industry partners. We beseech you to follow these pages closely in the coming weeks, send us your feedback, and be part of us as we embark on this 'royal experience' journey.

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Human Rights  
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# EQUALITY OF ALL HUMANITY

● *Human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights*

The overriding principle for all humanity is that we must be afforded equal justice and treated fairly before the law.

Whenever there are points of disagreement and conflict which cannot be ruled out in human relations, the law is provided to help people settle such conflicts.

Those who administer justice should ensure that they apply their minds accordingly when they are resolving issues arising from conflicts.

In essence, all people are entitled to equal protection against any form of discrimination which happens to be the major course for all obtaining human conflicts.

Those who often incite discrimination against others should realize that all humanity is endowed with dignity.

In other words, we should strive towards established human relations that are administered by law and principles of equality.

There is no greater joy than seeing people protected against any form of abuse and treated fairly.

That is what human rights are trying to advocate.

(See, Article 6 UDHR).

## EFFECTIVE REMEDY THROUGH COMPETENT TRIBUNALS

One issue that should be promoted and upheld is offering effective remedy to people through competent tribunal by a constitutional clause regarding protection of people's fundamental rights. Ideally, this implies that national law should be in-line with the provisions provided for in the International law regarding people's rights.

Ideally, the international treaties present us with best practises, which then calls for domestication of the same so that local laws are fine-tuned to be in-line with acceptable standards. We are to ensure that over and above the Courts, other mechanisms that citizens can access to have their issues attended to are availed to the people.

The Human Rights Commission should not make it almost impossible for citizens to access its services.

Hence the call for robust civic education coupled with advocacy mechanism in almost all regions for citizens to access promptly the services provided. Incitement on people to advance discriminatory tendencies

against others must be discarded. Strengthening of Courts and tribunals in any given country becomes crucial in advancing such a programme. (See, Article 8 UDHR).

## FAIR HEARING

In a world where we are bound to commit some crimes or anything that causes tensions between us as people, we then need to be heard whenever there are cases we have to answer. Ordinarily no people should take the law into their own hands and deal with people suspected to have committed any wrong doing. We have to respect competent courts which have rules of engagement to bring to trial whoever is suspected to have committed any wrong.

This means that any person has a right to fair hearing by an independent entity and impartial tribunal. The assumption is that the rules of engagement will be made known and that people have legal representation whenever such cases are brought before the tribunal.

In a democratic state those who cannot afford the legal representation are often provided with competent lawyers to represent them whose legal

fees are paid by the State. This is based on the fact that every citizen belongs to a civilized community and as such should be seen to have been supported and protected. Even if that person has committed something wrong, when their issues are brought to court or tribunal they must be represented.

It is actually amazing how tribunals and courts, the world over are full of technical jargon needing some form of experience and interpretation. The rights of each individual then ought to be respected regardless of the crime committed. This is where we often miss the point, how can a criminal be afforded legal representation for that matter we always wonder?

Human rights by their very nature encourages impartiality and even belong to prisoners that we may consider the worst, are still entitled to be afforded their rights and privileges. The right to fair hearing is a must for all those who are believed to have committed crimes.

Yes, if they have no monies to hire lawyers to represent them, then the onus is upon the State to provide such services. They are citizens deserving to be treated with dignity and afforded their rights. All human beings deserve to be afforded fairness and equality before the law and citizens have rights to fair hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal including the courts of law.

Ideally, people should be seen to be capable of attaining all that the creator has purposed to fulfill the very purpose for creation.

Human beings should be assisted to discover their full potential, and when they exhibit some shortcomings then the nurturing process can be employed as part of empowerment. Whoever came out with the idea that people from the Western world are superior compared to those from the developing world baffles one's mind when we consider some oppressive tendencies that soon emerge, violating people's rights with impunity.

Perhaps it's prudent to say it loud and clear that people are fully developed beings and as such possess abilities to become the best that we can possibly be and this should not be doubted.

Hence every human being should know beyond any shadow of doubt that they are born equal, endowed with rights and privileges (see, Article 5 UDHR).

## PROTECTION AND EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW

# The phenomenon of Blessers, prostitution, trafficking



**S**ibongile\* is 19 years old and just started at college, studying towards a Bachelor of Commerce degree. She is actually doing very well and often gets the highest marks in her class when assessments are conducted. Along comes Siphon\*, 54 years old, married with four children and multi-millionaire businessman. Sibongile first met Siphon when he had come to her college campus to meet with the administration there to discuss funding for the college sports department.

Their friendship grew to a different level and he started off by winning and dining her at the finest restaurants in town since she had complained that campus food was not very tasty. Next he was buying her gifts like the latest smartphones and a tablet so she could do her assignments with ease. But now things had really blossomed between them and during the first semester vacation they both flew to Doha, Qatar where Sibongile went on a shopping spree of a lifetime. In return she does sexual favours for Siphon who says his wife is boring in that department.

Her mother La-Zwane\* is furious about the way Sibongile is living her life and has threatened to disown her if she does not get rid of Siphon. She even went to the extent of calling Siphon and threatening to expose him through the media. Unfortunately, this has caused the relationship



between Sibongile and Siphon to go sour and Siphon is no longer paying much attention to her. He has now struck up a relationship with Thandi\*, Sibongile's classmate. He has already beaten up Sibongile several times because of her mother's threats. The problem is Sibongile needs Siphon's money to finance the lavish lifestyle which he introduced to her so she will not even report the abuse and she still sleeps with him for the same reason.

Siphon is a "blesser" and Sibongile is a "blessee".

In recent weeks everyone has been talking about the so-called blessers.

This term supposedly originated when several young women posted pictures of themselves shopping overseas, driving expensive cars or wearing expensive clothing. These women would then tag themselves as being

"blessed" on social media. This phenomenon has since gone viral, with many young women looking for older men to sponsor their expensive lifestyles. This of course comes at a price and that is sex.

These men, most of whom are married, may be blessing more than one woman too.

## Concept

It is clear that the age-old sugar-daddy concept has been re-packaged and sold as a brand new concept, called "Blesser" which is spreading on social media like wildfire. It can also be referred to as a modern form of prostitution since there is a "willing buyer" and a "willing seller" involved. The "blessee" is like a commodity.

This is a dangerous phenomenon that could be a catalyst for human trafficking. For example, in the case of

Sibongile and Siphon violence is now the order of the day and Sibongile is suffering. But because she is now a "slave" to Siphon's money she is not willing to report it. Sibongile is more than likely to end up dead. Thandi may also face the same problems in future. Whilst this blesser phenomenon may appear to be attractive to many young women it is actually a no-win situation and it completely downgrades women to the low status of being mere commodities.

Law enforcement agencies both in South Africa and Swaziland already regard this as thinly veiled prostitution and extremely dangerous for participants.

The Royal Swaziland Police have come out clearly to state that this new trend could easily escalate cases of human trafficking and have strongly

condemned it. In fact even pastors have condemned this trend labeling it as blasphemous. Blessings are normally associated with Godly favour, but the term is now being misused.

Human traffickers can easily feel even more free to go about their dirty work if the term is being widely spread through social media. The rate at which this trend is spreading is more than likely to lead to an expansion of the prostitution market and at the same time increase human trafficking.

In the past, sugar daddies were already targeting high school girls and poor students but now social media now fuels the fires and enable the practice to flourish on a wider scale.

In this regard we cannot over-emphasize the importance of parental care in the case of children, in particular girls. Parents MUST know who their children are talking to, especially on social media. The "privacy" label within the home must come to an end. For adult females who think they need "blessers" we encourage them NOT to take this dangerous route lest they face the dangers of rape, human trafficking and even murder.

\*Not their real names

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● Call 999 or 99 99 Police Emergency Numbers

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# SUNDAYOBSERVER WORLD NEWS

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## 'DEATH TO TRAITORS' SAYS UK MP MURDER SUSPECT

**L**ONDON - British lawmaker Jo Cox's alleged killer ranted against "traitors" during a brief court appearance yesterday, as EU referendum campaigning was suspended for a third day in tribute to her.

"Death to traitors, freedom for Britain," 52-year-old Thomas Mair said when asked to give his name at Westminster Magistrate's Court in London after being charged with murder, the Press Association reported.

Both sides in the deeply divisive campaign ahead of a referendum on EU membership on next Thursday have cancelled events amid calls for a less acrimonious political debate.

A member of the opposition Labour Party and former aid worker, Cox was an advocate for refugee rights and immigration and wanted Britain to remain in the European



People light candles during a vigil at Parliament Square, in remembrance of murdered Labour MP Jo Cox. (AFP)

Union.

She was shot and stabbed in the street in a daylight attack on Thursday in her constituency in northern England as she was heading for a meeting with local resi-

dents.

Although the motive is undetermined, some politicians and commentators have pointed to the heated referendum debate, where sensitive issues like national identi-

ty and immigration have featured prominently.

Prime Minister David Cameron and Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn on Friday brought bouquets to a floral tribute near the scene of the attack in Birstall in Yorkshire.

Cameron spoke out for "tolerance" and against "hatred" in British politics, saying the country was "rightly shocked" at the killing of the 41-year-old mother of two.

The murder, the first of a British member of parliament since 1990, has sent shockwaves around the world.

US President Barack Obama on Friday phoned Cox's husband Brendan to offer condolences.

"The president noted that the world is a better place because of her selfless service to others, and there can be no justification for this heinous crime," the White House said in a statement. **AFP**

### BRIEFS

#### Trump's 'Mexican' label against judge brings up slur history

**ALBUQUERQUE** — Presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump referred to a US-born federal judge as a "Mexican" and saw a backlash, even from other Republicans. A black Democratic lawmaker called Republican New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez a "Mexican" during a heated exchange with another lawmaker and was forced to apologise. John Calipari, then New Jersey Nets coach, faced criticism for lashing out at a Latino reporter by calling him a "Mexican idiot." True, the term "Mexican" describes a nationality for a people of a country south of the US. It also has been used as a slur against US-born Latinos as a way to dehumanise them and dismiss them as foreigners, according to scholars and those who've been targeted by the loaded word. **AP**

#### Cops detain elderly village leader

**BEIJING** — Authorities have detained a village chief in southern China ahead of a planned protest over land disputes, nearly five years after an uprising against corruption in the same village drew international attention. In yesterday's statement, Lufeng city police urged residents of Wukan village in Guangdong province to stay calm about the detention of 72-year-old Lin Zuluan. Prosecutors said they had opened a case on Friday against the village leader for suspicion of taking bribes. **dpa**

#### Rape, abuse stalk migrant children

**LILLE** — Migrant children stuck in slums on France's northern coast face a "permanent danger" of sexual abuse or exploitation, the UN Children's Fund has warned, urging the creation of protected areas for minors. "They fear going out at night, after dark, for fear of rape," UNICEF said in a hard-hitting report on unaccompanied children titled 'Neither Safe nor Sound'. The children's "living conditions... the violence experienced on the road, the risks of border crossings, the monetary relationships in shanty towns, and forms of the resulting enslavement, constitute a permanent danger" at all seven sites covered in a recent study, UNICEF said. **AFP**

#### Peru ex-president taken to hospital

**LIMA** — Former Peruvian president Alberto Fujimori, serving a 25-year prison term for corruption and crimes against humanity, was transferred to a hospital Friday after experiencing high blood pressure and pain in his tongue. The 77-year-old has been in and out of the hospital in recent months for a series of health problems. Fujimori had "high blood pressure and severe pain in his tongue, so the prison doctor recommended that he be transferred to the hospital," prison service chief Julio Magan said. **AFP**

#### Four dead in Poland freak storms

**WARSAW, POLAND** — Violent storms killed four people and injured several others across Poland Friday, also leaving serious property damage in their wake, local media reported. A 61-year-old man died, crushed by a tree while driving his car in the central town of Zgierz. His two passengers were hospitalised in serious condition. Two other men also died, crushed by walls blown over by violent winds in the towns of Niechlónin in the north-west, and Zaluski in central Poland. **AFP**

### Man killed while live streaming

**C**HICAGO — A Chicago man was shot and killed while video streaming on social network site Facebook Live.

Wednesday's shooting, taking place just a few days after the Orlando, Florida massacre at a gay nightclub, was a stark depiction of the gun violence that has plagued the United States and fuelled a rise in murders in one of its premiere cities.

In the Facebook Live video, Antonio Perkins, 28, inadvertently captured his own murder. He can be seen broadcasting selfie-style on his smartphone, when suddenly about a dozen gunshots ring out in quick succession. The video failed to capture who is shooting, and its image is dark because the incident took place at 8:43 pm.

Perkins immediately drops the phone, after which there is only audio as panicked voices can be heard trying to keep the man alive.

"Oh my God!" a woman screams.

"Call the police! Hurry up!" a man says.

"Tony, you're good Tony," says another woman, talking to the victim.

Perkins died from gunshot wounds to the neck and head, according to police, who say they have made no arrests in the ongoing investigation.

Officials say Perkins was a documented gang member, but people who knew the man told Chicago TV station WGN that he was no longer in a gang and he was likely not the intended target of the shooting. **AFP**



### Zika spreading quickly in Puerto Rico

**W**ASHINGTON — The number of Zika infections appears to be increasing quickly in Puerto Rico, US health officials said Friday, sparking fears that thousands of pregnant women, and their unborn children, could be at risk.

So far in the United States, Puerto Rico, a US commonwealth in the Caribbean, is the hardest-hit area, with nearly 1 400 cases reported. In the continental US, a total of 756 cases have been reported. Among pregnant women, 234 women in the continental US have shown lab evidence of Zika infection, with or without symptoms, and 189 others have been counted in the US territories including Puerto Rico.

Tom Frieden, the head of the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, said the rise in infections in Puerto Rico could mean "in the coming months, it is possible that thousands of pregnant women" could be infected.

"This could lead to dozens or hundreds of infants being born with microcephaly in the coming year," he told a teleconference with reporters. More than 60 countries and territories have been affected by the ongoing outbreak. Most of them are in Latin America, the Caribbean and the South Pacific.

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### Olympic Brazil detects ISIS posts in Portuguese

**B**RASLIA — Authorities in this year's Olympic host Brazil detected users exchanging messages in Portuguese linked to the Islamic State extremist group (ISIS) in an online web forum, intelligence services said on Friday.

The warning raised security concerns about the potential existence of sympathisers of the armed group in Brazil, which was previously thought to be relatively free of Islamic extremism.

Pre-Olympic jitters had already risen after a French jihadist warned on Twitter



after deadly attacks in France last November that Brazil was the "next target". The Brazilian Intelligence Agency said in a statement on Friday that it "confirms the existence of a group and its way of operating" online with jihadist messages.

It said the group was found on Telegram, an online messaging application.

"Content relating to extremist ideologies is translated to Portuguese and reproduced in that instant messaging application," the agency said. The group was first detected by the SITE Intelligence Group, a

The mosquito-borne Zika virus can cause the birth defect microcephaly, leading babies to be born with unusually small heads and deformed brains.

Frieden's projections were based on blood screenings done at donation centres in Puerto Rico.

Of the 12 777 tests done from April 3 to June 11, 68 came back positive, or 0.5 percent. But for the week ending June 11, 1.1 percent of the samples tested positive for the virus.

"Although the blood donors do not represent the general population, the increasing prevalence of blood donations that test positive for the virus likely reflects an overall increase in infection in the population at large," Frieden said. **AFP**

non-government group that monitors extremist communications online.

SITE issued an alert saying that people linked to the Islamic State were thought to be spreading messages from the group in Portuguese. Brazilian authorities are on high alert ahead of the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro from August 5 to 21. They say more than 80 000 security personnel will police the Games.

That is twice the number deployed at the last Olympics in London in 2012. **AFP**

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## Ronaldinho was more gifted than Messi or Ronaldo - Deco

**P**ARIS - Former Barcelona midfielder Deco believes Ronaldinho was far more naturally gifted with a football than either Lionel Messi or Cristiano Ronaldo. Ex-Portugal international Deco played alongside Ronaldinho during his time at Camp Nou before both left the club in 2008 having won two Liga titles and the Champions League in 2006.

And Deco feels the Brazilian World Cup winner's ability with the ball at his feet surpasses that of the modern greats, though he concedes both Messi and Ronaldo have used their other strengths to become the world's best.

"Cristiano was young and athletic, very competitive," he said in his role as a pundit for Sony Six. "Messi worked hard to do what he can do with a football now at Barcelona. "Ronaldinho was a natural with special ability. Whenever we gave the ball to him, the moves and goals were from a different world. He was far more gifted than Leo or Cristiano. Goal



Barcelona midfielder Deco and Ronaldinho.

# DE BIASI LOOKING FOR ALBANIAN FIREPOWER

**P**ARIS - After a couple of solid defensive performances in defeats by Switzerland and France, Albania need to discover some scoring form against Romania, their Italian coach Gianni De Biasi said ahead of today's vital Euro 2016 Group A fixture.

The Albanians held their own for long spells in the opening 1-0 loss to the Swiss and conceded late goals in a 2-0 reverse against hosts France, but they created precious little up front in either match.

The Romanians also need to win the do-or-die fixture in Lyon to keep alive any hopes of progressing after a fortuitous 1-1 draw against the Swiss which followed a 2-1 defeat by France.

"I believe we can qualify," De Biasi told reporters as his team,



Italian coach Gianni De Biasi.

who are at their first major tournament, prepared for what Romania striker Florin Andone described as a matter of "life and death".

"I think that if we are able to score the goals that we haven't against Switzerland and France then we could get the three points that may get us into the knockout rounds," said De Biasi.

The 60-year-old De Biasi acknowledged that Albania needed to avoid lapses in concentration which cost them dearly in both defeats.

Of the loss to France in Marseille, he said: "My team resisted right until the end but we didn't defend throughout, especially in the first half and at the start of the second.

"When you don't take your chances and score goals, you don't get big results. My team held up pretty well and we're disappointed to concede a goal a minute from the end."

Romania's Razvan Rat, mid-

fielder Bogdan Stancu, the nation's first player to score twice in a European Championship, and Mihai Pintilii are all expected to shake off minor knocks.

Andone, dropped for the Swiss game after he was substituted against the French, could return to the starting line-up against the Albanians after his replacement Claudiu Keseru had a quiet game against Switzerland.

"We must show the mentality of winners against Albania," Andone told Romania's Digi Sport television.

"It will be very difficult because Albania are a very good team, they run a lot and are very aggressive.

"But we are aware that a victory could send us through so we will give it a 100 percent effort."

Reuters

## Putin condemns 'unfair' IAAF ban

**S**AINT PETERSBURG - President Vladimir Putin on Friday condemned as "unfair" the IAAF decision to extend a ban on the doping-tainted Russian athletics federation, saying he hoped a solution could be found to allow "clean" athletes to compete in the Olympic Games.

"Of course it's unfair," Putin said during a meeting with journalists.

"I'm assuming that we'll have a discussion with our colleagues in the World Anti-Doping Agency and I hope a reaction from the International Olympic Committee," he said of a decision which will prevent Russian athletes from competing in the Rio Olympics in August.

Putin was speaking after the IAAF Council voted unanimously in Vienna to extend a ban on the Russian athletics federation from international competition, but left the door ajar for some track and field

stars to compete in the Rio Games as neutrals.

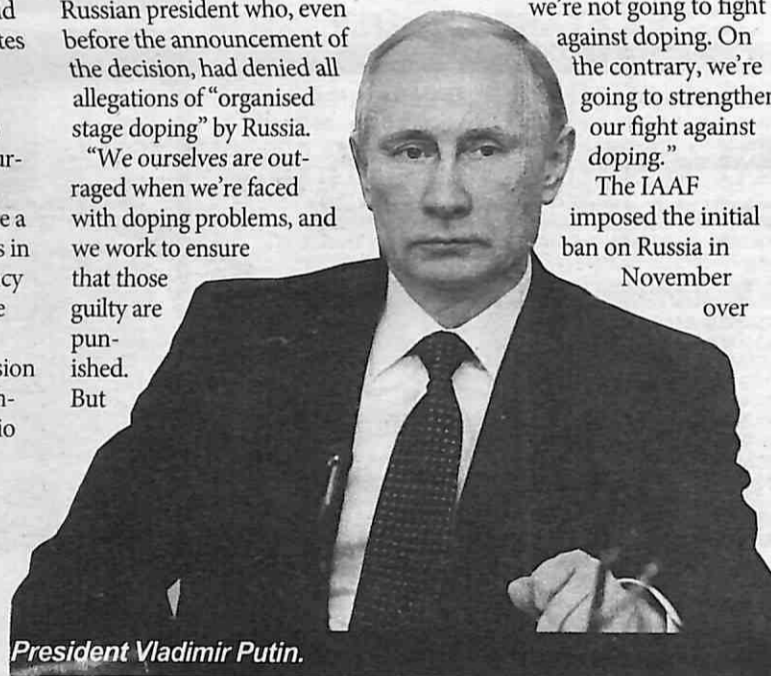
"Responsibility must always be individual and those who have no connection with these violations should not suffer," said the Russian president who, even before the announcement of the decision, had denied all allegations of "organised stage doping" by Russia.

"We ourselves are outraged when we're faced with doping problems, and we work to ensure that those guilty are punished. But

the clean athletes, as they say, why should they suffer? I really don't understand," said Putin.

"I hope we find a solution, but that does not mean that we're going to be offended and say that we're not going to fight against doping. On the contrary, we're going to strengthen our fight against doping."

The IAAF imposed the initial ban on Russia in November over



President Vladimir Putin.

state-sponsored doping and mass corruption, and first extended it in March on the grounds that the criteria set for reinclusion had not been met.

Russia has over the past few months attempted to convince the IAAF that they are conforming to WADA requirements and deserve to return to the world athletics fold.

In recent weeks, Russia has announced the introduction of new anti-doping measures, and recruited "50 foreign specialists" to tighten controls for athletes wishing to participate in the Olympics.

"For the past six months, samples of our athletes have been analysed by foreign specialists. And these samples were analysed in foreign laboratories. Should we not trust them?" asked Putin.

But in a damning verdict, the IAAF said on Friday that the Russian federation was "at least 18-24 months away from returning to full operational compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code".

AFP

## Neymar apologises for expletive-laden rant

**N**EW YORK - Brazil forward Neymar may have apologised for an extraordinary rant at his country's critics but the Barcelona man is an 'idiot' who should have 'shut up', according to World Cup winner Rivellino.

After watching Brazil crash out of the Copa America, Neymar uploaded an image of the national team to the picture sharing site with the caption: 'Nobody knows what you suffer to be there and defend the selection. Wearing this shirt is a pride and you do it with LOVE. Now it appears a lot of a\*\*\*\*\* talk s\*\*\*, f\*\*\*. This is part of football!!!'

Later realising the impact his comments had, Neymar deleted the post and apologised for what he said after Brazil's 1-0 defeat to Peru and the subsequent sacking of Dunga as manager.

He wrote: 'Only five minutes in Brazil was enough to realise my post had a negative impact. I admit it. Apologising to those that have been offended is the least I can do.'

Neymar didn't feature in the Copa America nightmare as he prepares to represent his country at what will be a home Olympics in Rio de Janeiro this summer. His apology continued: 'I wrote it after the result of Brazil against Peru. I was very upset with the elimination and disgusted with the words I heard and read aimed at those players.'

'After all, I am part of that group. Now I must apologise and move on, enjoy the rest of my vacation and begin preparation for the Olympics. That is our goal now.'

Neymar might have backed down and apologised but that's not seen him

escape total criticism.

Rivellino, who was one of the superstars of Brazil's 1970 World Cup winning team, says he should have stayed quiet and even called the former Santos man 'an idiot'.

'It would have been better for him (Neymar) to shut up,' Rivellino said, speaking on TV Cultura program 'Cartao Verde.'

'This is something which has marked his career, it's not good for him. He's an excellent player, but I think his preoccupations have to be more about things on the pitch than off it.'

'I think the biggest idiot in this story is him. You have to construct a story in order to be able to speak. He hasn't won anything, he hasn't given joy to the supporters, so he can talk less.'

Daily Mail

## Real Madrid interested in Barca-target Lemos

**M**ADRID - Real Madrid and Barcelona could be set for an off-season battle after both enquired about the availability of Las Palmas defender Mauricio Lemos, according to club technical secretary Luis Helguera.

The uncapped 20-year-old Uruguayan defender has impressed in his 10 La Liga appearances since arriving at the club from Rubin Kazan on loan.

The move was made permanent only recently, with Las Palmas acquiring the defender for €2.5million.

But that could prove a smart acquisition, with the club report-

edly fixing the defender's contract with a €30m release clause, meaning the deal be a lucrative one for the club.

"Real Madrid have asked us about Lemos," Helguera told Onda Cero.

"The reality is that a lot of clubs have [asked about him], but there's a difference between asking and making an offer.

"Barcelona have made an offer, after that, Real Madrid, as well as other clubs, have asked about him.

"But, as I said, asking and making an offer are different things - they don't have anything to do with each other." Goal

# ENGLAND CLINCH HISTORICAL SERIES IN AUSTRALIA

**M**ELBOURNE - England clinched a first-ever series win in Australia with a remarkable defensive effort, scrapping their way to a 23-7 win in Melbourne.

The tourists led 13-7 for almost the entire second half, thanks to a try from Dylan Hartley and two Owen Farrell penalties, before a breakaway try finished off by Farrell made sure that England would make history.

After the thrills and spills of Sydney this was more of a traditional Test slugfest, boiling over at times and leaving Dan Cole early on with his shirt ripped off his back.

Tries from the two captains Stephen Moore and Hartley were copycat efforts off rolling mauls and from then on it was all about desire. Exhausting enough just watching, both sets of players left everything out there.

Australia had chances to take penalties but opted for the lineout instead - brave at first, but the longer they trailed the more foolish turning down those points seemed.

From renowned tacklers like James Haskell and Maro Itoje to someone whose tackling has been doubted like George Ford, England defence's was remarkable, even when it looked like their legs might give way.

Chris Robshaw celebrated his 50th cap with an outstanding display. Haskell finished with 21 tackles. Australia will feel that Farrell's late try



**Victory, glory and history - with a week to spare. England surged to a first ever series win against one of the southern hemisphere superpowers yesterday, on the back of an astonishing display of defensive gallantry. (AP)**

was burglary, but the truth is England had more than earned it for their work camped in their own 22.

Farrell, metronomic with his place kicking in Sydney, couldn't draw his first attempt around to keep the scores at 0-0.

The pre-match concerns about the AAMI Park struggling with Test level scrums proved to be more than valid, as the two packs churned up dead turf at an alarming rate following the first couple of engagements. Frankly, it was an embarrassment.

If the scrums were a letdown then a scrap which blew up following Robshaw's apparent neck roll on Nick Phipps saw both sides steaming into one another, a lengthy TMO referral resulting in Moore being penalised for flying in off his feet.

Patience was the key to England's

approach on attack and after a bomb from George Ford went unclaimed by the Wallabies waiting underneath, allowing it to bounce, Joseph pounced to secure possession to set up an attack which resulted in England kicking to the corner from a penalty and eventual scoring.

Having set the maul England's second phase gave them the power required to drive forward with Hartley pouncing for the try. Farrell converted to make it 7-0.

A superior kicking game and the outstanding work of Cole in the scrum was allowing England to control proceedings, Farrell adding a penalty to stretch the lead to ten.

Seemingly in a daze Australia desperately needed something to snap out of their lull, and it came from their own maul. **AFP**

## Coates says IOC unlikely to overturn IAAF ban

**M**ELBOURNE - IOC Vice-President John Coates says he doesn't think the International Olympic Committee will overturn an IAAF ban on Russia's track and field federation.

On Friday, the IAAF decided to uphold a competition ban on Russia, ruling the country had not met readmission criteria imposed when it was suspended last year over widespread state-sponsored doping.

Coates, who is also President of the Australian Olympic Committee, said yesterday "we will consider it (overturning the ban) but I'd be very, very surprised ... it's an international federation's right to suspend a national federation and I don't



think we would overturn that at all."

Coates will attend a meeting in Switzerland on Tuesday, a summit called by the IOC to address "the difficult decision between collective responsibility and individual justice" over the Russia situation.

**AP**

## Rio 'broke' ahead of Olympic Games

**R**IO DE JANEIRO - Rio state authorities declared a "state of public calamity" Friday over a major budget crisis in order to release emergency funds to finance the Olympic Games due to begin in August.

The decree authorises the state to "adopt all necessary emergency measures to ration essential public services in order for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games to take place."

"Any institutional instability would hurt the country's image," said the decree, signed by acting Governor Francisco Dornelles.

The August 5-21 Olympics and September 7-18 Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro will be the first to be held in South America.

The events pose "serious difficulties in delivering essential public services and could even cause a collapse in public safety, health, education, transportation and environmental management," the decree said.

Rio de Janeiro state is in financial straits due to the fall in global oil prices, while Brazil overall is floundering through a deep recession.

Police, teachers and other government workers in Rio state have seen pay checks delayed because of the cash crunch. Retirees have protested because

of unpaid pensions.

Brazil's economy shrank 3.8 percent last year, its worst recession in 25 years. The International Monetary Fund and the market are predicting a similar contraction this year.

Amnesty International expressed concern at the cuts to social services, which could affect the training of security agents to work in the crime-ridden slums known as favelas.

The decision to cut services and security ahead of the Olympic Games "is not only a shock but is also incredibly worrying, especially given the bad history of police killings and murders,"

Amnesty's Brazil Director, Atila Roque, said in a statement.

Rio's state budget shows a \$5.6 billion shortfall for 2016. Royalties from oil - the state's main revenue-earner - are projected to collapse from \$3.5 billion in 2014 to just \$1 billion this year.

Dornelles has called the situation in his state "tragic."

He urged the national government to step up, and pressed authorities to look at what public assets could be sold off to raise cash.

After much pleading, Rio received nearly \$300 million from the federal coffers to extend its metro network to link the main Olympic zone of Barra da Tijuca with the chic Ipanema district. **AFP**

## All Blacks romp to victory

**W**ELLINGTON - New Zealand outscored Wales to remain unbeaten in the second of the three-match Test series when they won 36-22 in Wellington yesterday.

The win not only means that the All Blacks are 2-0 up in the three-match Test series after winning the opening Test in Auckland last week, but this victory also extends the All Blacks winning streak against Wales to 27 matches, the last time New Zealand lost to Wales was in 1953, and wraps up the series.

The home side outscored the visitors by five tries to three with Israel Dagg, Ben Smith, Beauden Barrett, Waisake Naholo and Ardie Savea getting over for the All Blacks, while it was Alun Wyn Jones, Liam Williams and Jonathan Davies who dotted down for Warren Gatland's men.

New Zealand flyhalf Aaron Cruden added one conversion and one penalty before being stretched off, before replacement Barrett slotted three con-



**Beauden Barrett (centre) celebrates scoring his only try as New Zealand dominate a hearty Wales side. (AP)**

versions, which along with his try took his personal tally to eleven points. In similar fashion to last week's loss, the visitors matched the two-time world champions once again in the opening 40 with the score level at 10-10 as the teams headed into the tunnel in Wellington.

However, like last week, it was the power of that All Blacks bench and a step up in class which allowed the home side make amends for a rather lacklus-

tre first half performance.

Wales kept out a wave of resilient attacks from the All Blacks in the opening ten minutes deep inside their own half

These attacks laid a solid platform for the current world champions to gain the upper hand over their opposition. However it was the visitors who got the first points of the match when Biggar converted a penalty which handed his side a brief 0-3 lead. **AFP**

## US attempt to overturn Jones red card

**H**OUSTON - The United States on Friday lodged a protest against the red card issued to Jermaine Jones that looks set to rule the key midfielder out of their Copa America Centenario semifinal.

US soccer announced the protest against Jones's red, and a yellow card against striker Bobby Wood, which also leaves him suspended for the semifinal, in a posting on Twitter.

Jones was given his marching

orders early in the second half of Thursday's 2-1 quarterfinal victory over Ecuador following a confrontation with Manchester United's Antonio Valencia.

The 34-year-old was issued with a straight red card after raising

his hands towards Valencia's face during the skirmish although replays suggested he barely made any contact with the Ecuadorian wide player. US coach Jurgen Klinsmann later described Colombian referee Wilmar Roldan's decision as a "disgrace." "Unfortunately we lost Jermaine for that incident which is an absolute joke," Klinsmann said in

a press conference.

"Because I was right there - the fourth official made the decision, not the referee, he didn't see it. He followed the decision of the fourth official. It's a disgrace, a decision like that."

The United States face either Argentina or Venezuela in Tuesday's semifinal in Houston. **AFP**

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Russia	vs	Wales	21:00	Croatia	vs	Spain	21:00

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2	Switzerland	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4	2	Croatia	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
3	Romania	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1	3	C. Republic	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
4	Albania	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0	4	Turkey	2	0	0	2	0	4	-4	0

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2	Wales	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3	2	R. Ireland	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
3	Slovakia	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3	3	Sweden	2	0	1	1	2	-1	1	
4	Russia	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1	4	Belgium	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0

Group C										Group F									
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1	Germany	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	4	1	Hungary	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
2	Poland	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	4	2	Iceland	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
3	N. Ireland	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	3	3	Portugal	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
4	Ukraine	2	0	0	2	0	4	-4	0	4	Austria	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0

# UEFA CHARGES CROATIA SOCCER BODY

PARIS — UEFA formally opened a disciplinary case against the Croatian soccer federation yesterday for racism and fan disorder at a European Championship match. Play was stopped for several minutes late in Croatia's 2-2 draw with the Czech Republic in Saint-Etienne on Friday when firecrackers and lit flares were thrown on the field from one end of the stadium where its fans were sitting.

Croatia fans then fought among themselves as players appealed for calm. UEFA's anti-discrimination monitors said Saturday they also reported hearing fans sing far-right songs and displaying offensive banners at the stadium.

UEFA said the charges against Croatia related to racist behavior, crowd disturbances, throwing of objects on the field, and setting off fireworks.

The Croatian federation faces at least a five-figure fine when UEFA's discipli-



Croatia fans throw flares onto the pitch.

nary panel judges the case tomorrow. It is the second round of charges involving Croatia fans in France. UEFA charged the federation over flares being lit and a fan running on the field to celebrate a goal with Croatia players in a 1-

0 win over Turkey last Sunday. That case will be judged on July 21. Croatia has a track record of disruptive fans at the European Championship. AP

## Loew prefers old 16-team Euro to bigger version

PARIS - The old 16-team Euro finals was better than the new expanded 24-team format because there were more big clashes from day one of the competition, Germany coach Joachim Loew said yesterday.

European soccer's governing body Uefa introduced eight more teams for Euro 2016, which led to the introduction of an extra last-16 round. As a result, some of the third-placed teams now join the top two from each group in the knockout rounds.

Previously, only the top two from the four groups advanced straight into the quarterfinals.

"The 16 teams was ideal. It made for great matches from day one," Loew, in charge for Germany for his third Euro, told reporters.

### Introduction

"This is a different situation and a return to the old system is obviously not possible anymore. So we have to accept that."

The introduction of more teams has meant some smaller, less powerful footballing nations such as

Iceland and Albania have also qualified, arming themselves with populous defences.

After 21 matches, only one team, Spain, have managed to score three goals in one game.

"There are teams playing ultra defensively. But they do that well. The smaller nations like Albania or Wales are defensively very well schooled. They see their chance in that, so that is why we had only up to two goals per game until yesterday's Spain win (3-0) over Turkey." Reuters

## Conte surprised as Italy march on

PARIS - Italy coach Antonio Conte admitted his surprise on Friday as the beaten 2012 finalists continued their dream start to Euro 2016 by marching into the last 16 of the competition.

An 88th minute strike from Brazil-born striker Eder, one of Italy's most disappointing players in an otherwise forgettable opening period, handed Conte's men a 1-0 win over Sweden after star striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic failed to spark for the Scandinavians.

In doing so, Italy ended a 16-year wait to win their second game at a major finals — the last time they managed to do so was at Euro 2000 when they reached the final only to fall to David Trezeguet's golden goal winner for France.

Italy, looking to rebuild after two consecutive group stage exits at the World Cup, now have two straight wins after their impressive 2-0 victory over highly-fancied Belgium in Lyon.

But even Conte admitted even he was surprised at his side's positive start.



Italy coach Antonio Conte (c).

"That was a great win," Chelsea-bound Conte said after the game. "We won a really difficult and physical game in tough conditions. "Sweden were, in technical terms, very tough to deal with in the first half, but we came out after the interval with a bit

more zip to our game and we didn't concede anything to them.

"The lads were a little nervous, but that disappeared. No one would have expected us to be in this position after our first two games."

Reuters

## Turkey coach slams booing of Turan

NICE - Turkey coach Fatih Terim had harsh words for Turkish fans who booed star player Arda Turan during his side's 3-0 defeat by Spain in Nice on Friday.

"Whatever happens that shouldn't happen," he told media at the Stadium Nice after the Group D tie.

"I think the expectations were very high for the team, but nobody deserves that, we need to enjoy being here".

### Impact

After Spain scored the last of their three goals in the 48th minute, Turkish fans booed the Barcelona player whenever he received the ball.

"Obviously it made an

impact on our team," Terim said.

Spain fans chanted Turan's name in response to the booing and in solidarity with the embattled 29-year-old who has been capped 92 times for Turkey, but has received criticism at home for his performance during Euro 2016.

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## RAKITIC APOLOGISES FOR 'STUPID' CROATIA TROUBLEMAKERS

**P**ARIS - Ivan Rakitic has apologised on behalf of the Croatian national team after the crowd trouble that marred their 2-2 draw with Czech Republic in Saint-Etienne on Friday.

Croatia were winning 2-1 at Stade Geoffroy-Guichard when a volley of flares rained down on the pitch, prompting fighting among the Croatian supporters and causing referee Mark Clattenburg to briefly halt the game.

A banner was held up by a small group in the end where the incident took

place, with a group of dissidents opposed to the Croatian Football Federation [HNS] believed to be responsible.

After the restart, Croatia's players, who pleaded with the troublemakers to stop, were clearly distracted and conceded an equaliser from the penalty spot in the final few minutes.

### Atmosphere

Barcelona midfielder Rakitic said he believed the vast majority of the team's followers would condemn those responsible.

"We just have to say sorry to UEFA and the Czech

Republic, and all the people around the world who are following this tournament," he said.

"We will try to play the next match in a better atmosphere. I hope UEFA can understand this. In the next qualifiers we'll have to play a couple of matches in empty stadiums [due to previous incidents], and it's because of these stupid supporters."

Rakitic reluctantly acknowledged the disturbance contributed to his team surrendering what had appeared to be a relatively comfortable lead. **Goal**

## ...MODRIC'S FITNESS A CONCERN

**P**ARIS - Luka Modric's fitness remains a major concern for Croatia ahead of their crucial final Group D game against Spain.

The Real Madrid midfielder was substituted after 62 minutes of his side's 2-2 draw against Czech Republic on Friday, a move which head coach Ante Cacic later attributed to tiredness and muscle tightness.

Cacic was then forced to deny claims by the team doctor that Modric would miss the Spain game through injury, insisting that his substitution had been purely precautionary.



But the 30-year-old was a notable absentee from Saturday's training session, along with Vedran Corluka, Domagoj Vida, Ivan Perisic, Marcelo Brozovic and Mario Mandzukic.

### Withdrawn

Croatia were leading the Czechs by two when Modric

was withdrawn and subsequently lost control in midfield, conceding twice in the final 15 minutes.

Victory over Spain in Bordeaux on Tuesday would see Cacic's men progress as group winners and they will be desperate to have Modric available. **Goal**

**N**ICE - It has been a long time coming but Spain look as if they may finally have solved their No 9 problems following Alvaro Morata's two goals in the 3-0 win over Turkey.

The relief was palpable on the face of 23-year-old when he broke the deadlock with a majestic header after the criticism he suffered for his performance against the Czech Republic.

"Two years ago, I was watching on the television and now I'm here," he said. "The most important thing about this group is the atmosphere and that is reflected on the pitch."

Even in their most triumphant years, Spain have struggled to find a centre-forward and during Euro 2012, they famously played without a recognised striker as Cesc Fabregas was deployed as a so-called "false No 9."

Since then, coach Vicente del Bosque has decided that he needs at least one forward but has struggled to find the ideal candidate for what is a notoriously difficult role in a team dominated by midfield-

## Morata may finally have solved Spain's No 9 problem



ers.

During the Euro qualifiers, Morata, Paco Alcacer and Diego Costa were all used but none did enough to win the position outright.

### Role

Alcacer finished as top scorer with five goals but missed the trip to France after a loss of form for Valencia, while Costa's below-par season for Chelsea and a hamstring

injury in the run-up to the tournament cost the Brazilian-born striker his place.

Morata has played an important role for Juventus although his scoring rate is modest, with 12 goals in all competitions this season. But he is an unselfish striker who can dribble, lead counter attacks and hold the ball up.

**Reuters**



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To facilitate effective implementation of the project, SWAGAA is extending an invitation to individuals interested in applying for the position of SWAGAA Project Manager to forward an application.

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- A detailed Job Description is available upon request from the SWAGAA Finance and Administration Office.

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- Post Graduate Degree in Social Sciences, Social Development, Public Health or any other related field
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# 'DOWNS TO RELEASE DOLLY FOR RIO GAMES

## Larsen mum on Gamildien deal

**C**APE TOWN - Golden Arrows coach Clinton Larsen has remained coy on whether the club would sign former Ajax Cape Town midfielder Ruzaigh Gamildien.

The media has reported that Abafana Bes'thende are interested in the 27-year-old, but Larsen claims no final decision has been made.

Arrows need to rebuild their squad following a mass exodus of loan players including Mwape Musonda, Philani Zikalala, Gladwin Shitolo, Ryan Chapman and Rodney Ramagalela. Gamildien is looking for a new home after being released by the Urban Warriors.

"I did speak to the player but I cannot confirm that he will be joining the club right now," Larson told Goal website.

"I actually spoke to him a while ago, when the season had just finished to basically find out what was he doing after I heard reports that he had been let go by Ajax.

"And that was as far as it went. I haven't contacted him further. So we are just looking at all possibilities, we are looking at different players in terms of where we need to strengthen but there has been no follow up from the club.

"The fact is Arrows have lost almost 10 players. We had nine players or so on loan last season at Golden Arrows and they have all returned to their clubs."

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## Chiefs reportedly closing in on Chirambadare, Katsvairo

**J**OHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs are reportedly close to signing Zimbabwean duo of Edmore Chirambadare and Mitchel Katsvairo.

According to media reports in Zimbabwe, the two players have already agreed personal terms with Amakhosi and they could be unveiled at a press conference in the next few weeks.

Furthermore, Chirambadare and Katsvairo have reportedly stopped training with their current club Chicken Inn.

Chiefs are in the process of refreshing their squad after releasing almost 15 players at the end of last season.

Chirambadare and Katsvairo's agent Gibson Mahachi has already confirmed talks between his clients and Amakhosi.

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Kaizer Chiefs target Edmore Chirambadare.

**C**APE TOWN - Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane has revealed that Keagan Dolly will be released for the Olympic Games in Rio.

Mosimane, however, stated that Dolly would not be made available for the national team friendlies ahead of the Olympics in August. Sundowns will need their star player when they compete in the CAF Champions League against ES Setif in their group stage opener yesterday.

"I want Keagan to play at the Olympic Games. He must play in the opening game against Brazil. It's very important - the whole

world will be watching," Mosimane told The Sowetan.

"But Owen [Da Gama] must understand that Keagan has to play the Zamalek game before that match. Then it's a win-win situation. Then he'll miss our last two games of the Champions League group stage. And those are crucial games for us.

"Also I played football in Europe. How can I deny Keagan the opportunity to see the world? So we will make sure Keagan will be there for all the Olympics. All I'm asking is: 'Don't talk to us about friendly games'."

South Africa will face Brazil in their Group A opener at the



Keagan Dolly will be released for the Olympic Games in Rio.

Mane Garrincha Stadium on August 4.

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## Pirates, Polokwane City swap deal on the cards

**P**OLOKWANE - Polokwane City and Orlando Pirates are currently locked in negotiations with a view of brokering a deal which could see Thobani Mncwango joining the latter.

The lanky centre forward is coming off his best



ever season in the Absa Premiership having netted 13 goals in 22 starts for Polokwane and he has been linked with Bidvest Wits, Bloemfontein Celtic and Pirates.

Goal has since learnt from an insider at Pirates that the new Bafana Bafana international could leave Rise and Shine as part of a swap deal.

"Talks are still on going between the two clubs and a swap deal remains a possibility because

Polokwane are interested in a few Pirates players," the source told Goal. "The club wants to beef up the striking department in the next few months and Mncwango has been identified as one of the targets," the source added.

Pirates defender Tshepo Gumede has been linked with both Polokwane and his former side Platinum Stars in recent times after struggling for regular game time during the 2015/16 season.

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## Bhengu set for SuperSport exit

**P**RETORIA - Phumelele Bhengu's agent, Lizwe Mthethwa has confirmed that the striker will leave SuperSport United ahead of the 2016/17 Premiership season.

The 26-year-old joined Matsatsantsa from National First Division side Thanda Royal Zulu at the beginning of the 2015/16 campaign.

Despite winning the NFD golden boot, after scoring 22 goals in

the league for Thanda in 2014, Bhengu struggled to adjust to life in Pretoria, making just three substitute appearance in all competitions for United.

Career

Although he can not reveal the name of the club, the agent can confirm that Bhengu will now look to revive his career elsewhere.

"Bhengu is leaving definitely and we know where he is going,"

Mthethwa told KickOff.

"At this point in time I can't reveal the club because we need to meet him first and explain the situation and agree the personal terms and the way forward."

The former under-20 international faced competition from Jeremy Brockie, Kingston Nkatha and Bradley Grobler for place in coach Stuart Baxter's starting eleven.

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## Chipeta grateful to Chippa United ahead of move

**C**APE TOWN - Defender Eric Chipeta tells Goal that his decision to join Ajax Cape Town was influenced by Khama Billiat and Willard Katsande's history with the Cape side.

After spending two seasons with Chippa United, Chipeta signed for the Urban Warriors and is expected to join his new teammates when preseason kicks-off in a few weeks.

He tells Goal that his desire to seek new challenges was a major drive in his decision to join the MTN-8 champions.

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"I think the desire to grow and seek new challenges which will help me improve my game was the driving force behind my decision to sign for Ajax," Chipeta told Goal.

"I am coming from a good club, going to another good club and I

am looking forward to the new challenge that lays ahead me.

"I keep on thriving for new challenges and I believe Ajax will offer just that.

Teams

"There were other teams interested in me, even though other teams were also interested in my services but my heart told me to choose Ajax and I am looking forward to the new challenge.

"Obviously, I will be ever grateful to Chippa United, they gave me the opportunity to play and settle in South Africa.

"They helped adjust to South African football and I learnt a lot of things through them.

"I think they are also a club that has developed a lot over the years. I am truly thankful to them for all they have done for me."

The 25-year-old Zimbabwean international also revealed that he consulted compatriots Willard

Katsande and Khama Billiat before deciding to join the Roger de Sa coached outfit, he was optimistic that he will have more influence at the Cape club than the duo.

"Their [Billiat and Katsande] history with Ajax was also a huge influence because those guys played huge roles for Ajax and for me it's just a matter of maintaining that standard and trying to surpass what they achieved at the club by helping Ajax challenge for honours and win more trophies.

"I intend to help the team keep many clean sheets whenever I play."

Billiat spent three-seasons with the Urban Warriors before joining Mamelodi Sundowns and Katsande only spent one season there.

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## Mbatha hopes for change of fortunes

**P**RETORIA - Lindokuhle Mbatha tells Goal that he is hoping for an injury free stay upon his return to Mamelodi Sundowns in the new season.

The speedy winger has recently exercised the option he had on his contract with the Brazilians despite not seeing much of game time since his injury ridden move from Platinum Stars.

Mbatha spent the second half of last season on loan at Mpumalanga Black Aces where he managed to get some game time under his belt.

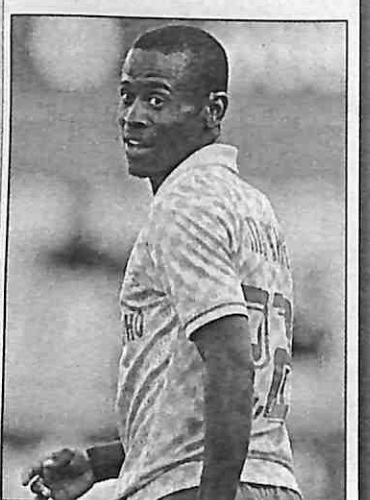
"I obviously had a renewal option and I exercised it because I believe I still have a lot to offer the club," Mbatha told Goal.

"I think with the few games that I played at Aces I did well and upon my return to Sundowns for pre-season, I am crossing fingers that I do not go through the same thing I went through last season.

"I was very unfortunate last season because I got injured during pre-season, and I believe that was the reason I did not feature for the club."

Mbatha only featured 10 times for Pitso Mosimane's men in his one-and-a-half season at Chloorkop.

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Lindokuhle Mbatha.

# LEICESTER PREPARE £10M BID FOR MICHAEL KEANE

**L** EICESTER - Michael Keane as the Premier League champions look to strengthen their squad for next season.

Keane, 23, has been identified as the ideal recruit to challenge established centre-backs Wes Morgan and Robert Huth.

Leicester are expected to make their offer for the 6ft 2in defender in the next 48 hours as Claudio Ranieri looks to add a British spine to his side.

Keane, a stand-out performer in Burnley's promotion from the Championship, had a loan spell at the King Power Stadium for 2012-13 season.

Head of recruitment Steve Walsh has a fondness for bringing in former Manchester United



Leicester City are lining-up a move for Burnley's highly rated defender Michael Keane (left).

acamey players, with Danny Drinkwater, Danny Simpson and Matty James already at the club.

Keane has two years left on his

contract and would be expected to push Morgan and Huth, who are both over 30, for a starting berth given the club's domestic

and Champions League commitments.

Meanwhile, Leicester chief Aiyawatt Srivaddhanaprabha is confident Jamie Vardy will turn down Arsenal and stay with the Premier League champions.

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## Leicester City chief confident Vardy will turn down £20m Arsenal move

**L** EICESTER - Leicester City chief Aiyawatt Srivaddhanaprabha is confident Jamie Vardy will turn down Arsenal and stay with the Premier League champions.

The club's vice-chairman is in regular contact with Leicester manager Claudio Ranieri as they discuss summer transfers and their striker's situation ahead of next season.

Arsenal met the 29-year-old's £20million release clause before Euro 2016 began but Leicester have countered their offer by telling Vardy they are prepared to pay him more than £100 000 per week.

The England international could have signed a deal before flying to France for the summer tournament but wanted to delay his decision until after the European Championship.

Vardy will get the final say on whether he stays or goes but Leicester are already planning for next season on the basis that their star striker stays.

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Vardy was an unused substitute in England's 1-1 draw with Russia but scored against Wales in their 2-1 win on Thursday.

The Football Writers' Player of the Year scored 24 goals to lead Leicester to the title last season and signed a new contract in February, when the release clause was inserted. *Daily Mail*



Jamie Vardy.

## Willard Katsande can never rest at Kaizer Chiefs

**JOHANNESBURG** - Kaizer Chiefs star Willard Katsande says he can never feel assured of game-time at the Soweto giants. Katsande cleaned up at Amakhosi's annual awards in May - winning Player of the Season, Players' Player, Fans' Player, Online Player and four player-of-the-month awards. However, the tough-tackling Zimbabwean is mindful of the consequences of complacency. 'Even if I played well in the previous match that doesn't mean I should go to training at 50 percent,' Katsande told the June edition of KICK OFF Magazine.

'It is not like that especially when you are playing at Chiefs, you don't know what tomorrow holds for you.'

'You just need to give it your all because every match is a cup final.' *Kickoff*

## Lukaku helps Belgium batter Ireland

**P** ARIS - Belgium rediscovered their most blistering form to batter group E rivals Ireland 3-0 thanks to a brace from Romelu Lukaku and an Axel Witsel header yesterday.

The victory of the world's second-ranked team was in stark contrast to their limp defeat in their opening Euro 2016 match against Italy.

Despite dominating the opening half, it still took until the opening minutes of the second period for Belgium to take the lead when Lukaku finished a counter-attack by rifling a shot into the far corner.

Ireland had a brief positive spell but Witsel made it two for Belgium with a pinpoint header after 61 minutes, and Lukaku completed the rout with a simple finish after another counter-attack nine minutes later.

With Italy having beaten both the Belgians and Sweden to win the group, the victory puts Belgium in second place on three points with the Irish and Sweden stuck on a point apiece. *Reuters*



Romelu Lukaku.

## Thiago Silva, Costa, Casemiro, Prass - Brazil's Olympic hopefuls revealed

**R** IO DE JANEIRO - New coach Rogerio Micalle has submitted his preliminary list of 35 for Rio 2016 and the final 18 could yet see a sensational return for the PSG defender.

Paris Saint-Germain defender Thiago Silva could be set for a sensational return to the Brazil squad following reports that he was named in the 35-man preliminary squad for August's Rio Olympics.

The 31-year-old defender has not represented his country since June 2015 when he was banished by former coach Dunga following his handball in Brazil's Copa America quarter-final exit to Paraguay.

The rocky relationship between the two began immediately upon Dunga's appointment. Dunga had been unim-



Thiago Silva.

pressed by what he perceived as a lack of leadership shown by the defender at World Cup 2014.

Injured for the first set of friendlies, he was stripped of the armband as Neymar was named Brazil's new captain.

Thiago Silva took to social media to vent his frustrations, revealing not only was he not consulted but that he only discovered he'd lost the captaincy when he read the news in the

media.

The former Seleccion captain is one of a series of names reported to have made new Olympic coach Rogerio Micalle's 35-man preliminary squad.

Neymar has already been confirmed in the squad and sat out of this month's Copa America Centenario in United States in order to captain the side in Rio. That leaves two overage slots left in an 18-man squad that is otherwise restricted to under-23 players (born on or after January 1, 1993).

One is increasingly expected to be filled by Bayern Munich's Douglas Costa, who says he believes the German champions will allow him to compete in Rio after missed Copa America with a muscle injury.

*Goal*

## Zverev beats Federer in Halle semi's

**H** ALLE - Teenager Alexander Zverev caused a major shock as he beat eight-time winner and top seed Roger Federer in the Halle grass-court semi-finals yesterday.

Error-strewn Federer's vulnerability on his favourite surface could perhaps be explained by a back injury that made the 34-year-old miss last month's French Open, but this was not the build-up to Wimbledon that the Swiss ace wanted.

The 19-year-old Zverev triumphed 7-6 (7/4), 5-7, 6-3 to reach only his second ATP Tour final after being beaten by Dominic Thiem on clay in Nice last month.

The German could yet meet world number seven Thiem, 22, in the final again this time as the Austrian faces another home player in Florian

Mayer in yesterday's second semi-final.

The veteran Federer, a 17-time Grand Slam winner, won the last three Halle Open tournaments but he met his match in the spirited world number 38.

Just over a week before the start of Wimbledon, it was the second semi-final defeat in a row on grass for the world number three after Thiem beat him in Stuttgart last week. Federer hasn't won a Grand Slam since Wimbledon in 2012 and given the form of world number one Novak Djokovic, Federer's current level would unlikely see that run come to an end.

The 1.98m (6'6") Zverev is already guaranteed to improve his career-high ranking in Monday's new list to inside the top 30.

He took the first set on a tie-break having lost just four points on serve and firing 14 winners. Federer earned the first break of the match at 5-5 in the second with a sublime drop shot before finishing off the set with two service winners. But a backhand error from Federer gave Zverev the crucial break in the sixth game of the deciding set.

Federer was unable to battle back from there and he fails to reach the final in Halle for the first time in his last 11 attempts.

Zverev finished with 39 winners and eight aces while saving six of seven break points. It was Federer's first defeat to a teenager in almost 10 years, since current world number two Andy Murray beat him at the Cincinnati Masters in 2006.

*AFP*

# KWAMAGOGO 10KM RACE



Champion of KwaMagogo 10km race Ntokozi Dlamini of Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) crossing the finishing line at Trelawney Park in Manzini yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



More than 500 athletes at the starting point of KwaMagogo 10km race.



Minister of Tourism Jabulani Mabuza and Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala among the runners.



Winners in men category posing with Minister of Tourism Jabulani Mabuza, Golden Foot Club officials and other sponsors.



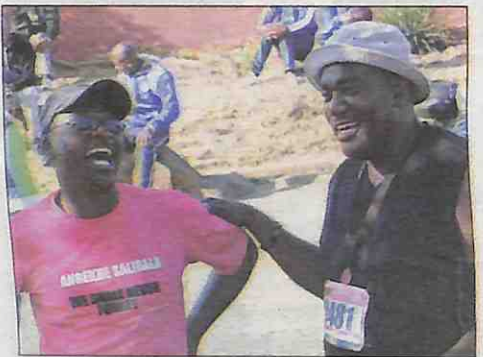
Minister Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala presenting medals to the winners.



Golden Foot Club Tubungu branch athlete Charles Carmichael with Swaziland National Youth Council Chairperson Fisiwe Vilane.



Co-ordinator Tokky Hou doing a count down before Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director A.T Dlamini gets the race started.



Senior Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli with Swazi Observer Chairman of the Board Sithofeni Ginindza.



Runners in full sprint.



Winner of the Ntokozi Dlamini flanked by his runners up Melusi Sihlongonyane and Veli Dlamini.

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# PLS DEVELOPMENT PRIZE PRESENTATION



PLS Reserve League 2015/16 season champions Young Buffaloes posing with their E12 000 cheque presented by Football Association Vice President, Nichodemus Nicodemus 'Ace' Mashwama and the PLS Chairman Victor Gamedze, to coach Mbongwa Dlamini during PLS Development prize presentation held at the Esibayeni Lodge on Friday. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)



PLS Reserve League joint top goalscorers, Tony Dlamini and Mbabane Swallows Innocent Mkhabela, posing with their trophies, together with Mazibuko and Mkumane. The duo also shared the award with Green Mamba, Linda Dlamini and Xolani Mhlanga from Malanti Chiefs.



PLS Chairman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze making his remarks.



PLS Reserve League 2015/16 Player of the Season and Top Goalscorer, Royal Leopard striker, Tony Dlamini posing with his trophies.



Swazibank Cup 2016 Under-20 Player of the Tournament, Likhwa Manyatsi of Young Buffaloes, accepts his E10 000 Bursary from Gamedze, Mashwama and PLS Executive Member Sicelo Mkhonta.



Young Buffaloes' Mndeni Lukhele accepts the Best Goalkeeper Award from PLS Administrator Ncamsile Mkhonta.



Mbabane Swallows Reserve side official Fana Khumalo listening to remarks together with player Innocent Matsebula and team Doctor Mangaliso Masilela.



Royal Leopard PRO Frank Hurube was part of the gathering.

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## COSAFU CASTLE CUP PREVIEW

# SIHLANGU ON A ROLL

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

Zambia vs Sihlangu  
Sam Nujoma Stadium, 4pm

**S**OCCER - The nation's pride, Sihlangu Semnikati, will be looking to cause one of the major upsets in a COSAFA Cup tournament at the expense of four times champions Zambia this afternoon.

This will be during a crunch quarterfinal encounter slated for the Sam Nujoma Stadium in Windhoek, Namibia.

The Harries 'Madze' Bulunga-led side have had one of their best performances in the history of the regional showpiece following their good run in Group A where they finished at the summit of the log with seven points.

The team has been on a roll and need to go into this game with a positive attitude after sailing through to the last eight, ahead of favourites Zimbabwe.



Sihlangu will look to continue their good run when they take on Zambia this afternoon.

Today, the stakes are against the local boys as they will be up against a 'Chipolopolo' squad made of local players and further minus the services of their coach George Lwandamina who is held up at his club, Zesco United, continental commitments.

Despite coming as underdogs into this tie, Sihlangu cannot sit back and be a slaughtered sheep by the highly rated opposition after proving the

region that they are no longer pushovers nor whipping boys.

The local side will be oozing with confidence in this affair, which will prove the continuous resurgence of Swazi football at the international scene.

Unity and the never say attitude is the morale booster for Bulunga who has outshined seasoned coaches in Calisto Pasuwa.

Sihlangu have not lost a game in

### Probable Sihlangu line-up

1. Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza
2. Sifiso Mabila
3. Sikhumbuzo Ntimane
4. Siyabonga 'Msholoz' Mdluli
5. Machawe Dlamini
6. Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu
7. Wonder 'Samba' Nhleko
8. Mxolisi 'General' Lukhele
9. Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa
10. Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst
11. Tony 'TT' Tsabedze

the last four they have played and will be looking to continue with the same form when they meet the Zambian side.

Bulunga will be expected to carry the hopes of thousands of Swazis who will glued on their screens hoping for another victory from the nation's pride. Beating Zambia today will set the team up with a date with neighbours South Africa. The home grown Bulunga has developed hard fighting troops since taking over from Valere Billen by managing to get the best out of the 'golden boy' in Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst who has attracted international offers following his sterling

performance.

The lanky attacking midfielder has netted five goals during the tournament and will obviously be looking to add to his tally. The return of seasoned winger Wonder 'Samba' Nhleko will be vital on the flanks against the inconsistent Zambia.

The team will, however, be without left back Sanele Mkhweli who is suspended due to yellow cards. Sihlangu will have to ensure they make use of their scoring chances, a factor that has been a drawback for the locals as they have missed numerous and glorious chances in the Group stages.

# In Sihlangu we Believe!!

## USDF's Ntokozo Dlamini defends KwaMagogo crown

STORIES BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**A**TLETICS - Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) runner Ntokozo Dlamini successfully defended the KwaMagogo 10km race

Championship title yesterday. The athlete clocked 30.45 minutes to outshine over 500 athletes that took part during the race held at Trelawney Park in Manzini.

The athlete took home E1 500 for his achievement while Melusi Sihlongonyane and Veli Dlamini came second and third after crossing the line in 30.58 and 30.59, respectively.

Dlamini attributed his success to hard work and proper training ahead of the race when sought for comment afterwards.

"I am very happy to have defended the crown but it was not easy due to the competition I faced from my teammates. I am looking forward to continue dominating this race. This victory has given me confidence after

Name	Club	N.O	G	Category	Time
1. Ntokozo Dlamini	USDF	463	m	10	30:45
2. Melusi Sihlongonyane	USDF	456	m	10k	30:58
3. Veli Dlamini	USDF	376	m	10k	30:59
4. Michael Ndaba	Slojos	562	m	10k	31:02
5. Ntokozo Mavimbela	USDF	408	m	10k	31:06
6. Amos Thwala	USDF	373	m	10k	31:43

### Ladies Category

Name	Club	NO	G	Category	Time
1. Nomvula Ntshalintshali	USDF	381	F	10km	40:48
2. Sibongakonkhe Dlamini	USDF	386	F	10Km	41:24
3. Winile Mnisi	R.S.P	294	F	10km	41:31
4. Samukelisiwe Tfwala	R.S.P	-	F	10km	42:19
5. Nobuhle Mamba	RSP	-	F	10km	42:26
6. Zethu Tfwala	USDF	380	F	10Km	43:00

coming from an international race in the Zululand Marathon where I finished in the top five," he said.

### Outclassed

Also taking the championship title in the female category was USDF 'Golden Girl' Nomvula Ntshalintshali who outclassed defending champion Winile Mnisi. The athlete recorded a time of 40.48 minutes to snatch the crown

Coming second was Ntshalintshali's teammate in Sibongakonkhe Dlamini

who clocked 41:24 minutes while the seasoned Mnisi, who made a comeback after an injury, came third at 41.31 minutes, ahead of Samukelisiwe Tfwala also from RSP who completed the top four on 42.19 minutes.

"I am delighted to have won the race after performing badly in the last edition.

I worked extra hard to change my fortunes around and am looking forward to next year's competition," said Ntshalintshali.

## 'Cruiser', 'Buy Cash' take part in race

**A**TLETICS - Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'cruiser' Ngcamphalala and his Tourism and Environmental Affairs counterpart, Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza were amongst over 500 athletes that took part in the KwaMagogo 10km race.

### Urged

The sports minister said he was impressed with the number of people that took part in the race and further urged the nation to consider taking part in road races as it provided good exercise.

"We are very happy to be part of this great event, which is part of the

Shukuma initiative that encourages Swazis to take part in such as they promote living healthy," he said.

"It is also encouraging to see such gatherings as it not only promotes sports but tourism.

### Future

We have people from different sectors of society thus hope more of such events would be staged in the future," Mabuza said

Meanwhile Minister Mabuza invited athletes to the 'Buy Cash' 21km race to be held in Pigg's Peak on August 2.

"We will be launching an annual 21km race in Pigg's Peak on June 27.

The race will be organised by Golden Foot and we are inviting the public to come in great numbers," he said. KwaMagogo Chairman Elias Masilela thanked the government and all their stakeholders for contributing towards the annual race.

### Success

"We are very happy with the continuous success of this event and through the support of the Swazi Government, Manzini Municipal Council, Golden Foot Club and other sponsors the 2016 edition was a huge success as we are celebrating 'the widows of the struggle,'" he said. Other sponsors included Phela Live Wellness Centre, Nedbank Swaziland and African Alliance.

## Buffs' Likhwa E10 000 richer, snatches Player of the Series award

**S**OCCER - Young Buffaloes Under-20 striker Likhwa Manyatsi has earned himself a E10 000 worth bursary after being named the Swazi Bank U-20 knockout tournament Player of the Series.

The striker was decorated during the PLS Development Prize Presentation held at the Esibayeni Lodge on Friday.

The army side's goalkeeper Mndeni Lukhele also had reason to smile on the day after walking away with the E2 000 Best Goalkeeper's award.

Five players shared the E2 400 top goalscorer award after netting three goals in the Sidlala Kanje Edition of the tournament. These are Mbabane Swallows defender

Innocent Matsebula, Royal Leopard's Tony Dlamini, Green Mamba's Linda Dlamini and Malanti Chiefs' Xolani Mhlanga.

Interviewed after receiving his prize, the Lamawandla High School pupil said he was over the moon following his achievement.

"I am very happy that I have won the award.

This, I couldn't do on my own but it was through hard work from my teammates who all supported me throughout the tournament. I am very with this bursary, which will go a long way in my education," he said.

Worth noting during the prize presentation was there was no representative from sponsors of the tournament, Swazi Bank.

## FA, PLS happy competitiveness in development league

**S**OCCER - Premier of Swaziland (PLS) Chairman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze has expressed happiness over the level of competitiveness in the development programme.

Making his remarks during the PLS Development Prize Presentation at the Esibayeni Lodge on Friday, the chairman said the organisation together with the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) were yielding the fruits of investing in development football.

### Development

"We are very happy with the progress made in the development league and judging by the high standard among all the teams in both the reserve league and the SwaziBank Cup Under-20, we are on the right track.

The chairman said the prize pre-

sentation was meant to celebrate the fruits of investing in the juniors, who would represent the country in future international competitions like the COSAFA Castle Cup where Sihlangu is enjoying a good run in the tournament.

He then congratulated army side Young Buffaloes for winning both the Reserve league and the SwaziBank Cup Under-20.

### Structures

"We are happy with Buffaloes' success in development as this shows the team has proper structures looking at the number of competitions they have won over the years. Together with the Football Association we have laid a good foundation for local football and are all committed in seeing the country doing well in the game," Gamedze further said.



# COSAFSA CASTLE CUP



## 'MADZE' SINGS BADENHORST'S PRAISES

STORIES BY QONDILE NTIWANE

**S**OCCER - National team Sihlangu coach Harris Bulunga has described reported Kaizer Chiefs target Felix Badenhorst as a "gem" saying he deserves a return to the South African Premier Soccer League (PSL).

The coach made these remarks during an interview with South African online publication KickOff.Com.

"He's a gem. His main strength is his heading ability and composure in front of goal.

"I believe he deserves the chance to play in a professional league, so I am

### We won't underestimate Swaziland - Zambia assistant coach

**S**OCCER - Zambia national team assistant coach Aggrey Chiyangi has noted that they will not underestimate Sihlangu when they meet in the COSAFSA Castle Cup quarterfinals this afternoon.

#### Departure

Interviewed by one of the publications before their departure on Friday, the coach noted that the game against the locals would not be an easy one.

hoping the stories that are coming out concerning teams interested in him are

true so that he can go out there and gain experience of rubbing shoulders with other professionals. That will obviously benefit my team."

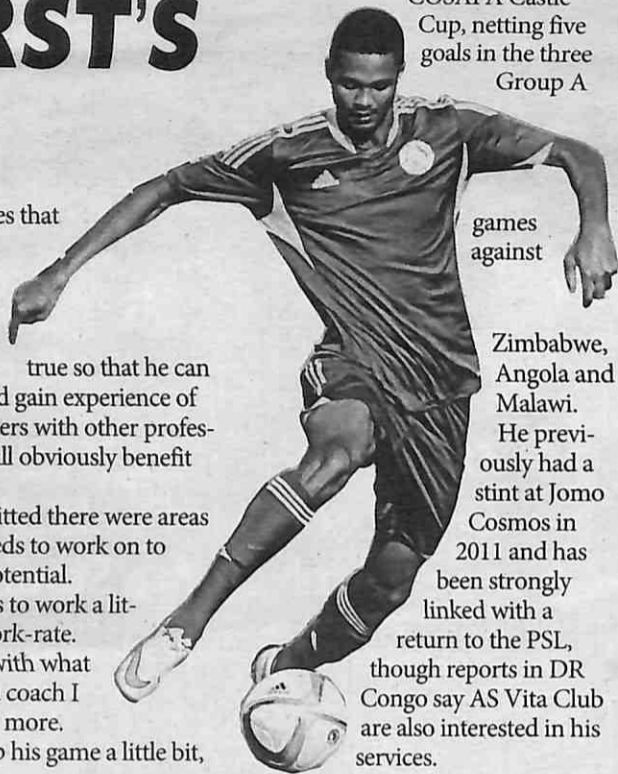
Bulunga admitted there were areas Badenhorst needs to work on to reach his full potential.

"He still needs to work a little bit on his work-rate. We are happy with what he does but as a coach I always demand more.

So if he can up his game a little bit,

he can lift the team to even greater heights," he added.

Badenhorst has been in inspired form for Sihlangu in the COSAFSA Castle Cup, netting five goals in the three Group A



games against

Zimbabwe, Angola and Malawi.

He previously had a stint at Jomo Cosmos in 2011 and has been strongly linked with a return to the PSL, though reports in DR Congo say AS Vita Club are also interested in his services.

"We are not going to underestimate any team especially Swaziland as they are not minnows in football. We will treat them like big boys," he said.

#### Passage

The coach stated that in as much as they would like to make it to the semi-finals of the regional tournament, it would not be an easy passage against the Harries Madze Bulunga-led charges.

Chiyangi said they will not relax

but would give the game their all. "The team is ready as we have been preparing for the tournament.

We will prepare for Swaziland like we are playing any team in Africa. We also know that Swaziland is excited to reach this point and will be out to prove a point that they can beat Zambia in this game," he said.

The two sides will battle it out in the first quarter-final clash of the day at the Sam Nujoma Stadium this afternoon.

### Over 60 golfers for Royal Swazi Open

BY SANELE JELE

**G**OLF - Over 60 golfers took to the greens during the first day of the Royal Swazi Open at Ezulwini yesterday.

The tournament, played in a medal format system, attracted golfers from different divisions.

Leading the pack at the end of the tournament played over 18 holes was Sifiso Vilane on a gross of 69 who was followed by Jamie Pennington on a gross of 73.

Interviewed yesterday, the golfer who was part of the squad that represented Swaziland in the Zone VI Games in April, said he was optimistic that he would win the tournament come today.

"I always play to win and will use that same attitude even this time around.

Yes, the competition is tough but in the end, it will boil down to those who have done their homework," he said.

Meanwhile Pennington said he was

hoping for the best during the tournament.

"It's been up and down for as because even though I have started on a high, I haven't been taking good shots. I am, however, hoping to correct this at the end of the tournament," he said. Tournament organiser Bheki 'OB' Macwele said they were impressed by the turnout recorded.

"The turnout has been great as we have a field of 64 golfers contesting in this tournament.

The main purpose of this Swaziland Golf Union (SGU) sponsored tourney is to assist the golfers to sharpen their skills," he said.

## Vovovo thump Invaders 4-0, through to Soka finals

BY SANELE JELE

Vovovo..... (1)4  
Invaders..... (0)0

**S**OCCER - Newly promoted National First Division outfit, Vovovo, are through to the finals of the CHAPS Soka Nawe Challenge after thrashing Mvutjini Invaders 4-0 yesterday. The Super League Champions proved their superiority over Invaders during an exciting encounter played at the Prince of Wales Ground.

The Southern Zone Champions will now face the winner between Horo Spinners and Skom Boys who will be contesting for the finals in the Northern Zone which will be between Horo Spinners and the winner in the game pitting Skom Boys against Vultures who will battle it out this afternoon.

It was braces from Banele Mkhabela and Mxolisi Tsabedze that ensured the Hhohho Super League Champions proceed to the last stage of the E150 000

sponsored tournament. The match, watched by over 500 spectators, started on a high note with both teams displaying good performances. Mkhabela opened the deadlock just four minutes before the halftime break after a goal mouth scramble. He benefitted from Invaders poor clearance and rattled the net from close range, to ease the pressure and frustrations from his team. The second stanza was a different ball game all together as the Edwin Matsebula-led charges showed

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their superiority over the Botsofo Jele-led side. They scored three goals in a space of less than 25 minutes to record an emphatic win over the disjointed Mvutjini based team in the second half. Mxolisi Tsabedze

scored in the 50th and 63rd minutes in a similar fashion. He took advantage of the ball watching defenders and won two square balls to give his side a healthy lead. Banele Mkhabela completed his brace two minutes later, to seal the big win for his team.

## Ecstatic Vovovo coach full of praises for his charges

BY SANELE JELE

**S**OCCER - Promoted Hhohho Super League Champions Vovovo coach Edwin Matsebula had nothing but praises for his charges after their 4-0 victory against Mvutjini Invaders yesterday.

Interviewed after the CHAPS Soka Soccer Challenge Hhohho Southern Zone finals played at the Prince of Wales Ground, the coach said he would work hard to win the championship title in this tournament.

"My boys are starting to gel after being together for two seasons now. I will be going to watch the Northern Zone finals tomorrow as this will help me in my

game plan for the overall finals. "It is my wish to win this tournament and I am confident the team can do it," he said.

Meanwhile Invaders' Assistant coach, Junior Chansa, attributed their loss to a failed game plan in the second half of the game.

"We started the game very well as we managed to play as a unit. The problem started in the second half as we failed to stick to the game plan, which was to contain them. I think we then played individually and got punished, especially by their counter attacks," he said.

The coach, however, praised his charges for playing well and making it to the finals of the tournament.

### Mighty Observer XI through to Media Tournney semi-finals

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

**S**OCCER - The mighty Observer XI are through to the semi-finals of the Sibonelo Savings and Co-operative Media Tournament after finishing second in Group A.

The team settled for a 1-all draw against Swazi TV in their second game of the tournament and went down 1-2 to Times of Swaziland.

Scoring for the mighty Observer was Paradise

Mamba in the first game while Wandile Mkhonta netted for the team in the second game.

They will now face VOC in the next games of the tournament to be played next weekend at a venue still to be confirmed.

Also making this stage of the tournament were the Times of Swaziland and The Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services (SBIS) who will battle it out in the other semi-final clash.

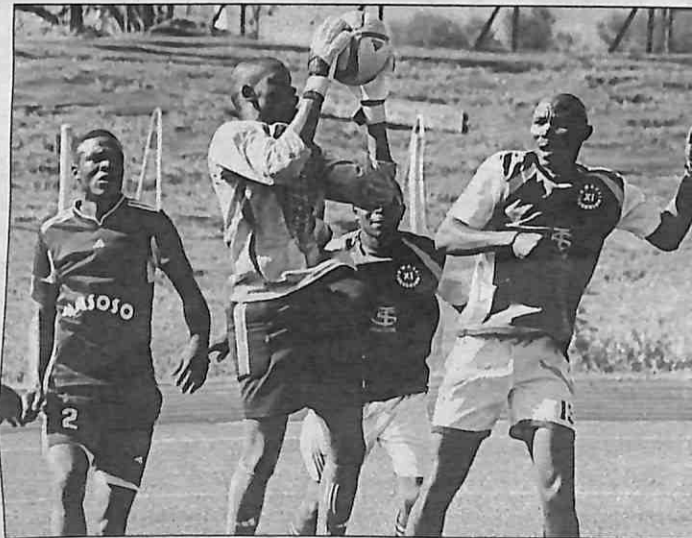
Speaking after the games

played at the Somhlolo National Stadium, Swaziland Sports Journalist Association Chairman Lwazi Dlamini said they were happy with the attendance recorded on the day.

"The turnout was impressive and we are happy. Everything went well as we had a few glitches but are hoping for the best in the semi-finals next weekend," he said.

#### The semi-finals fixture

Observer XI vs VOC  
Times of Swaziland vs SBIS



Times XI goalkeeper Makhosonke Mkhonta making a save during their game against Observer XI during the Sibonelo Media Tournament at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

RESULTS

Iceland	EURO CUP 2016		Hungary
Belgium	1-1		Ireland
	3-0		
South Africa	COSAFA CUP - PLAY OFFS		Lesotho
	(1-1)		
Namibia	(4-2 penalties)		Botswana
	1-1		

FIXTURES

Switzerland	Tonight: EURO CUP 2016		21:00
Romania	vs France		
	vs Albania		21:00
Zambia	COSAFA CUP		15:00
Congo DR	vs Swaziland		
	vs Mozambique		18:15

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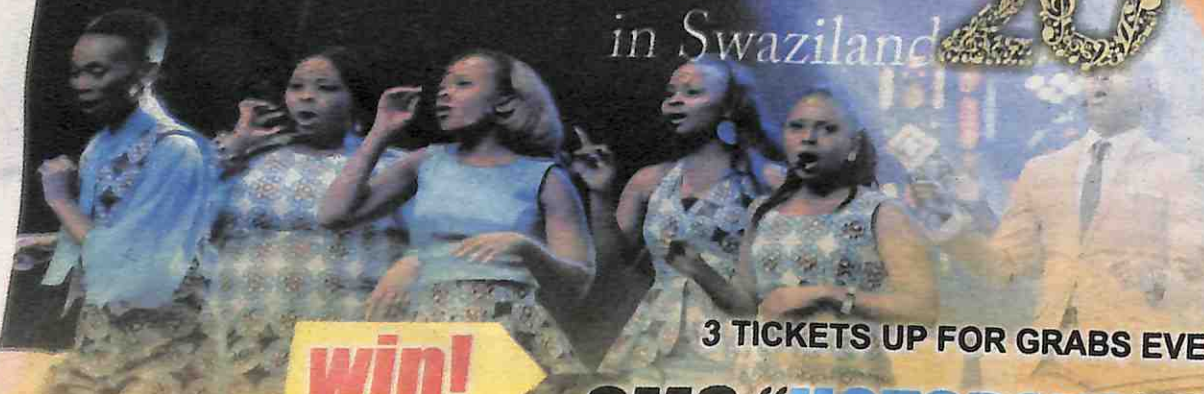
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