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KING VISITS A FOREST CITY

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His Majesty King Mswati III being shown the prototype view of the new green development of mega project, Forest City of Malaysia, which has been described as the first of its kind in the world. (Pic: Len Mohale) **MORE PICTURES ON PAGES 4/5**



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KING WALKS INTO A 'CITY OF THE FUTURE'

**Stories King's Office
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His Majesty King Mswati III was yesterday walked into the future.

The journey took place in Iskanda, Johor, Malaysia where a mega project called the Malaysia Forest City is currently under development.

This is a place where people can live low carbon lifestyles as all buildings are expected to be covered in greenery, just as it would be in a 'forest', all in the name of protecting the environment.

The project is expected to take an estimated 30 years to complete and will cost billions of US dollars.

The king described it as 'amazing'.

This has been dubbed a modern development that will be the first of its kind in Southeast Asia, covering an area of 1 386 hectares.

Built on four man-made islands, the project will feature a lush urban gateway with the largest mixed-use green development in terms of the number of units to be built with a vertical greenery and smart city design theme.

A total of eight industries, including education, healthcare and tourism will be the main economic pillars of growth at the Forest City which will also see the place as a car-free zone with luxury green living that co-exists with smart technologies and amenities.

Designed by Sasaki Associates, the first phase of Forest City, will include modern condominiums and high-rise coastal residences which would be open for global sale. The two to four-bedroom condominiums and high-rise coastal residences are exceptionally



THIS IS GOOD: His Majesty speaking after a tour of the new green development of mega project Forest City of Malaysia which has been described as the first of its kind in the world. (Pic: Len Mohale).

designed and are situated within leafy foliage corridors and car-free avenues with gated security. This will be followed by luxury villas which are soon to be announced.

There are also plans for a high-speed rail service between Singapore and Malaysia.

The king was told that the next phase would include landscaping large ground-level parks and waterfront systems, in addition to an interesting-

sounding rooftop network of interconnected parks and gardens, as well as mangrove swamps and a green corridor. There are four main islands which will be man-made and each of the islands will be interconnected by roads.

Currently, reclamation works are ongoing at the site for the islands. They come in different sizes too which are; Island One - 979 Acres, Island Two - 1896 Acres, Island Three - 405 Acres and, Island four - 145 Acres.

King praises Forest City concept

His Majesty the King has heaped praises on Malaysia for promoting environmentally friendly developments.

Speaking after a tour of part of the first phase of the Forest City development, he said with the whole world grappling with climate change, the need to protect the environment was imperative. "This is why we are so pleased to see that almost all the buildings here display a serious consideration towards the environment as everything is green," he said.

He said the development should serve as a model for many others to emulate.

The government has a stake in the project and the king noted this as a critical partnership necessary to drive economic growth towards achieving sustainable development goals.

"The cost projections are quite substantial which means a lot of investors will need to come in

but it is good that government is there to support this kind of economic activity.

"It is obvious that this area is geared for tourist attraction and developing economic activity for the state. I have no doubt that tourists from all over the world will be attracted to it which will help you realise the desired objectives," he said.

Sectors

The king said Swaziland seeks to work very closely with Malaysians, the government and the different sectors in the various regions in order to enhance trade and cooperation, exchange programmes, tourism and other areas.

"Our coming here has helped plant the seed, now it should bear the desired fruits in the near future. I look forward to future cooperation with the group behind this development as well," he said as he congratulated the designers and architects of the project for a job well done.

SANDF bus crash death toll rises to 11

JOHANNESBURG - The South African National Defence Force says 11 of its personnel died in a bus crash yesterday.

"A total of nine (9) members were declared dead at the scene of the accident. One (1) member passed away en route to the hospital and another one (1) passed away upon arrival at the hospital," the SANDF said.

"There are thirty-one (31) members who have suffered various injuries with three (3) in a critical condition."

All members are from the Department of Defence's Mobilisation Centre in De Brug, Bloemfontein.

The military said the accident happened near Clarens in the Free State.

A total of 42 SANDF members were being transported in

the bus at the time of the accident.

"The cause of the bus accident is at this moment not known and will form part of the investigations. Names of the deceased will be communicated once their next-of-kin have been informed," the SANDF said.

The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, as well as the Secretary for Defence, Dr Sam Gulube, the Chief of the SANDF General Solly Shoke and the Chief of the South African Army, Lieutenant General Lindile Yam, sent their "heartfelt condolences to the families, loved ones and friends of those that lost their lives and wish the injured members a speedy and full recovery from their injuries". *Timeslive*

CEO did not consult me - Ezulwini Town Board's chairperson

By Bodwa Mbingo

Ezulwini Town Board Chairperson Busi Bhembé has come out to state that her board was never consulted before the CEO of the municipality Vusumutiwendvodza Matsebula wrote to the minister of housing and urban development seeking his intervention.

Matsebula wrote to the minister seeking his intervention on his relationship with the board to avoid a situation where their relationship was irreparable.

He also highlighted that what was happening within the municipality could lead them to a commission of enquiry, which could result in the board being fired.

Protocol

However, Bhembé chose not to say much on the matter stating that protocol dictates that as a town board they cannot make any comments on the matter until they meet the minister.

"I really have no comment on the allegations made by the CEO as I was not notified by him prior to his letter directed to the minister recommending the firing of the council. Notwithstanding the serious challenges we are facing as a council in working with the CEO, we prefer to wait for the minister's intervention on the matter. We look forward to the consultations with the minister regarding the said letter and its contents," she said.

On further allegations that the board's finance committee's interference was making it hard for the CEO to execute his duties



NOT CONSULTED: Ezulwini Town Board Chairperson Busi Bhembé.

well, Bhembé also stated that she was not aware what all that is about.

Matsebula, on the other hand said he urged the minister to work on the matter as he does not want their working relationship to be destroyed in its entirety. He said he still had a good working relationship with some of the councillors.

He disputes though that he is demanding the minister to fire the board.

"My letter is only talking about the minister intervening," he said, earlier this week.

About Country Garden Pacificview (CGPV)

CGPV is the master developer and creator for Forest City project, a mixed development comprising residential and commercial properties on four reclaimed island.

Country Garden Pacificview Sdn. Bhd. (CGPV) is a joint venture company between Country Garden Holdings Ltd and Esplanade Danga 88 Sdn Bhd, an associate company of Kumpulan Prasarana Rakyat Johor (KPRJ).

Spans

The project completion spans over a period of 30 years. Since 2015, CGPV has been doing a number of CSR work in Johor according to the Country Garden Pacificview Blog.

The location of this massive project is at the Tuas Second Link and just under the bridge. A local landmark would be between Kampung Tanjung Kupang all the way to Kampung Pok.

NB: Additional information sourced from; Malaysia-asia.com.

Jiva Dlamini wanted out as executor of Phakama's estate

... He has been given until Thursday to step down following a letter that was written to the Master of the High Court compelling him to do so.

By Bodwa Mbingo

COVER STORY

Executor of the late public transport operator and Senator Richard Themba Dlamini of Phakama Bus Service, Isaac Jiva Dlamini has been given an ultimatum to recuse himself from being executor of the deceased's estate.

He has been given until Thursday to step down following a letter that was written to the Master of the High Court compelling him to do so.

Jiva has been accused of taking sides on the matter of his late cousin's four wives and therefore the aggrieved party wants him out as executor of the deceased's estate.

He was therefore summoned by the Master on Thursday after he had been furnished with the letter.

This follows Jiva's statement in the Observer on Saturday where he accused the deceased's first wife Sarah Dlamini (nee Kunene) of greed following her move to get the High Court to nullify Dlamini's other three marriages.

Jiva said it is their view that Sarah's move is motivated by greed to have everything that belonged to her husband for herself with the

other wives not getting anything from the estate.

He said this in reference to High Court Judge Mumcy Dlamini's recent nullification of three other marriages of the former public transport operator after his first wife, Sarah, whom it is said he married through civil rites, ran to court seeking an order to declare those marriages null and void.

He said they feel that this move is motivated by materialism in battle for the deceased's estate.

Seeking

In reaction to that, one of Sarah's children then wrote to the Master seeking her intervention on the matter by bringing them to the round table so as to compel Jiva to step down as the executor of the estate.

Sarah is mother to prominent medical practitioner Dr Futhi Dlamini, Principal Secretary (PS) Tourism Emmanuel Dlamini and NAMBOARD Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Siphephiso Dlamini, businessman Muzi and Makhosazana Dube.

Before his death, Dlamini had nominated his cousin Jiva, who resides at Lavundlamanti near

Siphofaneni, as the Executor of his estate upon his death.

He provided that Jiva should not be required to furnish security for the purposes of Executorship.

High Court Judge Mumcy Dlamini ruled that the late former Senator only had one wife, in terms of the law.

She declared that Sarah and Richard married on August 5, 1960 by civil rites, ending a dispute between her and three other women, who were married by the late businessman through Swazi Law and Custom.

The judge ordered that the Swazi Law and Custom marriage of Richard to Martha Makhanya, Jenneth Sihlongonyane and Cecelia Makhanya was bigamous, therefore declared them null and void.

Jiva in an interview with the Observer on Saturday this week confirmed that he was summoned to appear before the Master's office whereupon he was however disappointed that only one party to the four of his late cousin's marriages was represented.

He said while he had no problem with recusing himself as executor of the estate, but his requirement is that all the other wives should be

represented before a decision is taken on him to recuse himself.

"I have no problem with the ultimatum, but the only problem which I also voiced to the Master is that all the parties should be represented. They should all be in unison that I should recuse myself before I can heed to that. I am being accused of taking sides on the matter," he revealed.

Meeting

When one of the children to the late who is said to have been present in the said meeting was called last night, he politely apologised that he was not going to comment on a private matter.

He said the picture that has been created of their family is inaccurate and would not want to comment.

In the earlier interview, Jiva had suggested that Sarah should have approached the High Court as soon as Dlamini took the other wives if she felt such marriages did not conform to hers.

"Why was she quiet all this time only to come out now and seek the nullification of the other marriages? She should have confronted the deceased while he was still alive or forever held her peace. The problem here is the estate and she is

RULED THE MATTER: High Court Judge Mumcy Dlamini.

showing signs of being greedy. If my cousin was still alive he would have tackled this issue rather than his first wife waiting until he is dead to make her move," he said.

"Loku lokwenteki kumnaketu butulujane nje," he said when stressing that he smells a rat in the way things have unfolded where it pertains to the nullification of the three other marriages.

He further stated that the deceased was very outspoken about not liking marriage by civil rites.



Cop who stole E400 000 fired

By Bodwa Mbingo

The police officer who was reported to have been arrested for stealing E400 000 she solicited from traffic fines at Siphofaneni has since been fired from the service.

Information gathered by the Observer on Saturday can reveal that Sibongile M. Dube has been served with a letter terminating her employment at the Royal Swaziland Police Service (RSPS).

Charged

She had been charged with five counts including theft of E414 120, malicious injury to property and defeating the course of justice. She had also been charged with another count of stealing E1 500 and a second one of defeating the course of justice. The RSPS has since reacted with fury to the actions of the police officer by dismissing her from the service.

In the letter terminating her employment and signed by the National Commissioner (NatCom) Isaac Magagula, 2965 Constable Sibongile M. Dube was dismissed after being found to have on diverse dates between the years 2011 to 2015 whilst stationed at Siphofaneni Police Station as a traffic officer committed: "grave misconduct, to wit; unlawfully and wrongfully detaching and/or destroying a government receipt book, unlawfully and



CONFIRMED: Acting Chief Police Information and Communication Officer (PICO) Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

wrongfully appropriating a sum total of E372 060.00 being Government revenue." It is stated in the letter that subsequently, she was charged for contravening the Schedule of Offences framed under Regulation 20(1) of the Police Regulations as read with Section 12(2) of the Police Act 29 of 1957 as amended. "As you will recall or be aware, you were tried by a Board of Officers and you were convicted on all the counts and sentenced to a fine of E200 each. In addition to the fine imposed upon you, the Board made a recommendation for your dismissal in accordance to Section 22 of the Police Act 29 of 1957 as amended. Through this communication, you are hereby informed that I have confirmed the conviction, but set aside the sentence.

Following the Board's recommendation and in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Section 29(d) of the Police Act 29 of 1957 as amended, you are hereby dismissed from the Police Service with effect from the 19th of August 2016," reads part of the letter.

Instructed

Furthermore and pursuant to her dismissal from the Police Service, she was instructed to return all items of uniform and accoutrements issued to her to the Regional Commissioner of the Hhohho region by yesterday. It could however not be established whether she had returned the said items at the time of going to press last night.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communication Officer (PICO) Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the matter when reached yesterday. She further warned other police officers against deferring from exercising integrity at all times.

"It is imperative that all members of the police service behave and uphold the law. The police service will continue to stem out any elements that are seen to be against the law within the service," she said.

Meanwhile, the illicit activities of Dube were picked up by the office of the Auditor General (AG) which forced the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) to call the National Commissioner to come to parliament to explain the anomaly in the government books of accounts.

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ROYAL ADDRESS: His Majesty speaking after a tour of the new green development of mega project Forest City of Malaysia which has been described as the first of its kind in the world. (Pics: Len Mohale).



ONE TEAM: His Majesty and Inkhosikati LaMbakiza pose with officials of the Forest City Project after the tour.



IMPRESSED: His Majesty speaking after a tour of the new green development of mega project Forest City of Malaysia which has been described as the first of its kind in the world.



WORLD CLASS: The king and delegation shown the prototype view of the project in Johor, Malaysia.

TRIP IN MALAYSIA



WOW: The King and Inkhosikati LaMbakiza watch a presentation of the project. Also witnessing the video are Princesses Sikhanyiso, Temaswati and Maxine.



GIFTS: His Majesty presenting the Sultan with a gift after the visit.



MARVELLING: His Majesty and Inkhosikati LaMbakiza with officials of the Forest City Project after the tour.



SEEING IS BELIEVING: Witnessing the tour were Malaysia High Commissioner Mlondi Dlamini, Chief Khisimisi Mkhathshwa, Foreign Affairs Minister Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze, King's Private Secretary Mbongeni Simelane, King's Office Chief Officer Dr Vincent Mhlanga and Dr Thandi Kunene seated behind.



MAJESTIES: His Majesty and Inkhosikati LaMbakiza were hosted to a private luncheon by the Sultan Ibrahim ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskanda and the Yang di-Pertuan bagi Negeri Jajahan Johor Darul Ta'zim at the Bukit Serene Palace yesterday. Here they pose before departure.



PLEASANTRIES: His Majesty the King and the Sultan exchange greetings before the luncheon hosted in hour of the king's visit.



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Joint House passes 20 international instruments

Stories by Mbono Mdluli

Parliament yesterday passed 20 international instruments, as ordered by His Majesty King Mswati III.

The international instruments were passed by a Joint House of Parliament, which consisted of Members of Parliament (MPs) and senators.

The Joint Sitting, which was supposed to start at 10am, ended up starting after 11am.

Speaker of the House of Assembly Themba Msibi, who was leading the proceedings, started the session by reading the message from the Throne.

The message was summoning both MPs and senators to convene yesterday for a joint sitting to ratify, accept, and accede to the



JOINT HOUSE: Members of Parliament sitting in the joint House yesterday. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

instruments. It was then agreed by legislators that the instruments should be passed because they had been educated about them at the workshop. They were not debated. Acting Minister for

Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Phiywayinkhosi Mabuza then moved that the Joint House ratify, accept, and accede to the instruments.

He did this by reading all of

them. Mabuza is currently acting for the incumbent Minister Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze, who is in Malaysia with the King. They are expected back on Monday.

BELOW ARE THE 20 INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS THAT WERE PASSED BY THE JOINT SITTING:

1. Southern African Development Community (SADC) Agreement on Tax Matters.
2. Annexures (a) "D" to SACU Procedures to Facilitate the Issuance of Supplier Declaration, (b) "E" to SACU Agreement of Mutual Agreement on Mutual Administrative Assistance.
3. Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty.
4. African Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear, Science and Technology.
5. Amendment to the Convention on Physical Protection on Nuclear Material.
6. Convention on Compensation for Damage to Third Parties Resulting from Act of Unlawful Interference Involving Aircraft (2009).
7. Convention on compensation for damages caused by aircraft for third parties (2009).
8. Convention for Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air (1999).
9. Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (2001).
10. Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment (2001).
11. Decision Relating to the Implementation of the Yamoussoukro Declaration Concerning the Liberation of Access to Air Transport Markets in Africa (1999).
12. Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products.
13. Convention of the East, Central, and Southern Africa Health Community.
14. Southern African Development Community (SADC) Protocol on Trade in Services
15. Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between the European Union and its Member States of the One Part the SADC EPA States on the Other Part.
16. Doha Amendment to Kyoto Protocol.
17. Paris Agreement.
18. WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation.
19. Constitution and Convention of the African Telecommunications Union, Cape Town (1999).
20. SADC Protocol on Science, Technology, and Innovation.

MP Steffen finally gets interpreter

Nkilongo MP Hans Steffen was enjoying the services of an interpreter yesterday in Parliament. He was being interpreted for by Michael Dlamini, who interpreted from SiSwati to English as the proceedings were conducted in the mother language.

This was happening in the House of Assembly when the Joint Sitting was passing the 20 international instruments.

Both Dlamini and Steffen were wearing headsets with an intention of communicating easily in English without disturbing the rest of the legislators, who were participating in SiSwati. After the session, Dlamini was seen talking to the Nkilongo MP, who appreciated the former's work. He was heard telling Dlamini that he had done a perfect job. Steffen has been making the headlines recently for demanding the services of an interpreter in Parliament.

He was arguing that he could not clearly understand SiSwati, hence could not follow some of the discussions in the local language.

PM mourns Dr. Hynd's demise

By Ackel Zwane

Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini has mourned the passing on of distinguished medical practitioner Dr. Samuel Hynd who died on Thursday morning.

In a statement issued yesterday, the premier said "on behalf of His Majesty King Mswati III iNgwenyama, Her Majesty the Queen Mother and Indlovukazi, and His Majesty's Government, I today pay tribute to a distinguished Swazi, the missionary Dr Samuel Hynd, who passed away on Thursday."

He added that Dr. Hynd had a lifetime of 92 years during which he served the Swazi Nation as a man of profound and sincere dedication to helping his fellow human beings.



NO MORE: Dr. Samuel Hynd.

Born in Glasgow, United Kingdom in 1924, Samuel came to Swaziland as the infant son of Dr David Hynd, himself an outstanding missionary doctor with the Church of the Nazarene. After also

qualifying as a doctor, Samuel Hynd pursued a career of great commitment and distinction, serving for many years as Medical Officer to the Royal Family and Medical Superintendent of the RFM Hospital and Clinics of the Church of the Nazarene, and from 1968-1972, as Minister of Health and Member of Parliament. Together with his father Dr David Hynd, he pioneered training for teachers and nurses and served the nation as a true Swazi missionary, speaking SiSwati fluently which brought him more closely to his patients, and being ordained as a minister of the Church of the Nazarene. "Our condolences go to the family of Dr Samuel Hynd as well as the Church of the Nazarene and his friends."



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Country: Swaziland

Project ID: P110156

Bid/Contract Description: Supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of General Equipment

Scope of Contract: Fifty-one (51) Units

Duration: 6-12 Weeks

Contract Signature Date: 25th May, 2016

Lot No. One (1)

Awarded Bidder		
Name & Address* of awarded bidder	Bid price at bid opening	Final bid price
Ithuba Investments Mbabane Swaziland	E414,654.00	E414,654.00

Evaluated Bidder(s)		
Name of evaluated bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Bid price of evaluated bid
Waxola Investments, Mbabane, Swaziland	E275,289.35	E275,289.35
Sindroe Investments Ltd, Matsapha, Swaziland	E516,114.60	E516,114.60
Ithuba Investments, Mbabane, Swaziland	E414,654.00	E414,654.00

Rejected Bidder(s)		
Name of rejected bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Reason(s) for rejection
Waxola Investments, Mbabane, Swaziland	E275,289.35	Did not provide brochures with information about the products as required.
Sindroe Investments Ltd, Matsapha, Swaziland	E516,114.60	Bidder's Price was high

Bid/Contract Description: Supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of General Furniture

Scope of Contract: Four Hundred and thirty five (435) Units

Duration: 6-12 Weeks

Contract Signature Date: 25th May, 2016

Lot No. Two (2)

Awarded Bidder		
Name & Address* of awarded bidder	Bid price at bid opening	Final bid price
Ithuba Investments, Mbabane, Swaziland	E687,753.00	E687,753.00

Evaluated Bidder(s)		
Name of evaluated bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Bid price of evaluated bid
Waxola Investments, Mbabane, Swaziland	E372,706.50	E372,706.50
Ithuba Investments, Mbabane, Swaziland	E687,753.00	E687,753.00

Rejected Bidder(s)		
Name of rejected bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Reason(s) for rejection
Waxola Investments, Mbabane, Swaziland	E372,706.50	Did not provide brochures with information about the products as required.

Percy lashes out at anti-SD based Batswana parties

Stories by Ackel Zwane

Botswana civil society groupings that put to question Swaziland's democracy credentials in hosting the Southern African Development Community Summit meeting have attracted equally unsavoury rebuff from Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane who has labelled the critics as 'imbeciles' and their criticism 'lunacy'.

This follows comments attributed to Vice President of the Botswana Congress Party (BCP), Dr Kesitigile Gobotswang, who told the Botswana Guardian that his party was not impressed by the development.

"Although Swaziland is a sovereign state, the fact that King Mswati III is ascending the SADC chair this August is a matter of great concern to us because the country has thus far refused to embrace the values of democracy. This is an indication that the regional body is not committed to democratic values," Gobotswang is quoted to have said.

"We have no reason to entertain lunacy by political imbeciles from ungraded parties that have never won any elections in Botswana since independence, more than half a century ago.

All we can say is every politician worth his salt knows that unions and political parties are not banned in Swaziland. We have both registered and operating in accordance with our constitution, which happens to be one of the best in the world. If the King is a dictator, then he is a fake one that does not make his critics disappear or die. We have no political prisoners and no refugee camp anywhere in the world, typical of a true democracy," said Simelane.

In his view, the development is a setback for the region because the country is not competent to meaningfully intervene when there is a crisis, especially where democracy is the issue. Dr. Gobotswang said he would have liked a situation whereby geographical location does not automatically qualify a country to be a member of the regional organisation.

"The European Union (EU) has a checklist which a country must satisfy in order to be allowed membership," he was quoted saying. He was joined by the President of the Botswana People's party, Motlatsi Molapisi who went on to rant about how the King was not qualified to hold the position of the chair-

...Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane says country has no reason to entertain lunacy by political imbeciles for condemning Swaziland's democracy credentials ahead of the southern African group of countries meeting here



LAMBASTS: Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane.

manship of SADC.

The Botswana National Front Secretary for foreign affairs, Nelson Ramaotwana, like Gobotswang, notes that all countries, including Swaziland, are free to run their affairs according to their own home-grown processes. He however expressed doubt on the country's abilities to mediate between government and its people where matters of democracy were concerned. He further made the claims that later annoyed Simelane saying "civic right groups, including political parties and trade unions are, for all intents and purposes, banned," who added that the problem with SADC was that some of its members were compromised.

For his part, the Deputy Secretary General of the Botswana Federation of Public and Private Sector Unions (BOFEPUSU), Kethalefile Motshegwa, said he was disappointed that, while the whole world had criticised Zimbabwe for her democratic credentials, the world, including the western powers, seemed to be tolerant of Swaziland. He alleged there was no bargaining council and those who raised their voices about abuse of power were incarcerated, adding that BOFEPUSU will not fold its arms. He announced a series of lobby actions against the country holding the chairmanship.

SD'S ROLE IN ZIM, MADAGASCAR CRISIS

Southern African leaders at a special summit in Swaziland responded to the controversial change of government in Madagascar while also examining an economic recovery plan for Zimbabwe in November 2009.

King Mswati III told delegates of the Southern African Development Community then that the new power sharing government in Zimbabwe had eased political tensions in that country and now its greatest challenge was economic recovery.

"We continue to be happily impressed by the progress made in the formation and operationalisation of the inclusive government," he announced to the leaders. "We are already witnessing the first fruits of Zimbabwean unity."

He also welcomed that government's appeal for USD2 billion in emergency funds to finance economic rehabilitation but not without mentioning that such a programme could not be implemented successfully as long as economic sanctions continued against Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe was very pleased with the King's speech and

blamed western sanctions for the decline of Zimbabwe's economy and social services.

Western governments had imposed selective sanctions against certain Zimbabwean leaders because of what they termed corruption and human rights abuses.

King Mswati III said SADC leaders must also deal with what he called the forced removal from office of Madagascar's President Marc Ravalomanana. "We need to abide and comply with SADC protocols and treaties," he told the leaders.

"However, as history shows, the dictates of life are such that now and again challenges occur, resulting in unfortunate eventualities and problems which are not in line with our protocols."

He concluded the unconstitutional takeover of power by what he called the de-facto regime in Madagascar violated the basic principle and treaties of SADC and therefore was not acceptable. Ravalomanana had resigned two weeks earlier and the military handed power to opposition leader Andry Rajoelina who was then installed as head of a transitional authority.

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International Bank of Reconstruction and Development		SWAZILAND HEALTH, HIV/AIDS & TB PROJECT		2404 3936/ 2404 8840	
Contract Awarded through NCB					
NCB No: MOH/HHATB/LE&F/GSNS/01/2016: GOOD SHEPHERD NURSING SCHOOL					
Project Name: Health, HIV/AIDS and TB Project (HHATB)					
Country: Swaziland					
Project ID: P110156					
Bid/Contract Description: Supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of Lab Equipment					
Scope of Contract: Four Hundred and Forty five (445) Units					
Duration: 6-12 Weeks Contract Signature Date: Re-advertised					
Lot No. One (1)					
Awarded Bidder					
Name & Address* of awarded bidder	Bid price at bid opening	Final bid price			
None	N/A	N/A			
Evaluated Bidder(s)					
Name of evaluated bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Bid price of evaluated bid			
Brookln investments Ltd Mbabane Swaziland	E2,960,580.30	E2,960,580.30			
Rejected Bidder(s)					
Name of rejected bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Reason(s) for rejection			
Brookln investments Ltd Mbabane Swaziland	E2,960,580.30	Did not tender for items 1.6, 1.11, 1.23, 1.32, 1.35, 1.36, 1.37 therefore omitted quoting on these items and as this bid was evaluated and allocated as per Lot, they did not comply			
Bid/Contract Description: Supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of General Equipment					
Scope of Contract: Twenty (20) Units					
Duration: 6-12 Weeks					
Contract Signature Date: 25 th May, 2016					
Lot No. Two (2)					
Awarded Bidder					
Name & Address* of awarded bidder	Bid price at bid opening	Final bid price			
Brookln investments Ltd Mbabane Swaziland	E117,838.74	E117,838.74			
Evaluated Bidder(s)					
Name of evaluated bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Bid price of evaluated bid			
Brookln investments Ltd Mbabane Swaziland	E117,838.74	E117,838.74			
Rejected Bidder(s) None					
Name of rejected bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Reason(s) for rejection			
N/A					
Bid/Contract Description: Supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of Furniture					
Scope of Contract: Three hundred and forty four (344) Units					
Duration: 6-12 Weeks					
Contract Signature Date: 25 th may, 2016					
Lot No. Three (3)					
Awarded Bidder					
Name & Address* of awarded bidder	Bid price at bid opening	Final bid price			
Brookln investments Ltd, Mbabane, Swaziland	E456,967.47	E456,967.47			
Evaluated Bidder(s)					
Name of evaluated bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Bid price of evaluated bid			
Brookln investments Ltd, Mbabane, Swaziland	E456,967.47	E456,967.47			
Ithuba Investment, Mbabane, Swaziland	E510,644.00	E510,644.00			
Rejected Bidder(s)					
Name of rejected bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Reason(s) for rejection			
Ithuba Investment, Mbabane, Swaziland	E510,644.00	Bidder's Price was high			
Bid/Contract Description: Supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of Medical Equipment					
Scope of Contract: Seventy five (75) Units					
Duration: 6-12 Weeks					
Contract Signature Date: 25 th may, 2016					
Lot No. Four (4)					
Awarded Bidder					
Name & Address* of awarded bidder	Bid price at bid opening	Final bid price			
ASDMedical, Mbabane, Swaziland	E371,443.23	E371,443.23			
Evaluated Bidder(s)					
Name of evaluated bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Bid price of evaluated bid			
Brookln investments Ltd, Mbabane, Swaziland	E364,718.96	E364,718.96			
Ithuba Investment, Mbabane, Swaziland	E408,598.50	E408,598.50			
ASDMedical, Mbabane, Swaziland	E371,443.23	E371,443.23			
Rejected Bidder(s)					
Name of rejected bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Reason(s) for rejection			
Brookln investments Ltd, Mbabane, Swaziland	E364,718.96	Did not provide brochures with information about the products as required.			
Ithuba Investment, Mbabane, Swaziland	E408,598.50	Bidder's Price was high			
Bid/Contract Description: Supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of Training Material					
Scope of Contract: Twenty three (23) Units					
Duration: 6-12 Weeks					
Contract Signature Date: 25 th may, 2016					
Lot No. Five (5)					
Awarded Bidder					
Name & Address* of awarded bidder	Bid price at bid opening	Final bid price			
ASDMedical, Mbabane, Swaziland	E371,443.23	E371,443.23			
Evaluated Bidder(s)					
Name of evaluated bidder(s)	Bid price at bid opening	Bid price of evaluated bid			
Sindroe Distributors Ltd, Mbabane, Swaziland	E258,211.70	E258,211.70			
ASD Medical, Mbabane, Swaziland	E504,763.65	E504,763.65			

PARLIAMENT JOINT SITTING



CHAIRING: Speaker of the House of Assembly Themba Msibi leading proceedings during the joint sitting in parliament yesterday. Seated in the centre is Acting Senate President Ngomuyayona Gamedze.



RULES AND REGULATIONS: Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs Phiywayinkosi Mabuza reading the declarations and protocols for the joint sitting to consider.



WE ARE DONE: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini moving a motion to end proceedings of the day.



CONVERSATIONS: Members of Parliament Jan Sithole, Sifiso Magagula, Mkhosi Dlamini, Titus Thwala and Hans Steffen sharing notes before the proceedings of the day.



JOINT SITTING: Members of the House of Assembly and senators following proceedings of the day during the joint sitting.



SHARING VIEWS: Minister Edagar Hillary in a conversation with MP Marwick Khumalo while Deputy Speaker Esther Dlamini looks on.

APPOINTMENT



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MY CHIEF: MP Chief Magudvulela sharing a light moment with MP Mthokozi Kunene.



MY VIEW: MP Bambumuti Sithole had some business to discuss with PAC Chairperson MP Thuli Dladla.



LEADERS: The legislators packing after the end of the day's session.

TRUCK CRASHES INTO PARAMEDICS PREMISES AT MALAGWANE



INSPECTION: A police officer inspecting the scene of accident.

MIRACLE SURVIVAL: This truck with Mozambican registration numbers landed in this position after the driver Alfredo Xavier from Lalgy, failed to control it while driving down Malagwane Hill on Thursday evening. The driver was seriously injured while the passenger escaped with minor injuries. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



IRONIC: The truck ramped into the premises of the paramedics based at Malagwane Hill.



FIRST AID: Paramedics attending to Augusto Tiorenquo who was a passenger in the truck. He sustained minor injuries.



CLIFF HANGER: The truck's rear trailer hanging from above the road.

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PSPF Building
Mbabane, Swaziland
- 5. Closing**

The closing date for submissions is the 26th August 2016. No late tenders shall be considered. The Fund is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

MPs IN TENSE DEBATE OF CONTENTIOUS PUBLIC ORDER BILL

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini

There was intense debate amongst parliamentarians over the contentious Public Order Bill, with some members arguing that it banned freedom of assembly.

The Public Order Bill, 2016 seeks to promote and protect public order, health, safety and morals.

It also seeks to give effect to the fundamental rights of freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom of expression embodied in the constitution of the country.

While the objects of the Bill were good and quite some improvement from the 1963 Public Order Act, Manzini North MP Jan Sithole said the process outlined for people seeking to exercise that right was

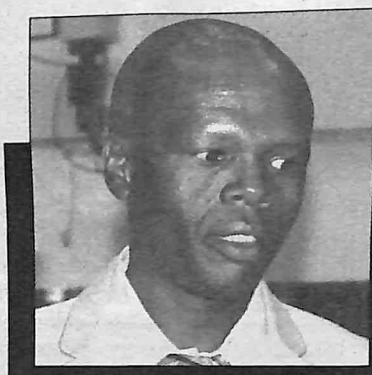
too cumbersome. Sithole said the conditions which people were required to meet before getting permission to hold a public gathering were now more difficult than any time ever before.

"In fact this is banning marches and gatherings," said Sithole, lifting up the Swaziland Government Gazette Extraordinary for the Public Order Bill No.8 of 2016.

Proposed

With the proposed Public Order Act, Sithole said government has prepared a beautiful and attractive pie that was, unfortunately, infused with hot chilies.

Sithole said another concern was the consultations to be made before people or organisations were given permit to hold the public gathering were so wide and unclear the whole



COMPLAINED: Madlangempisi MP Bongani Mdluli and Manzini North MP Jan Sithole.

process gave arbitrary power to the local authority from whom the permission was sought.

Another challenge, Sithole said, was that the objectives which the Bill sought to promote were not



defined.

The applicant seeking permission to stage a public gathering or event would not know the definition of public health, safety or morals, making the whole process subject

to abuse.

"This is a right that must happen but must be protected. Basically, these conditions are an ultimate refusal of the right because they make it inaccessible. It is upon the authority to make the enjoyment of this right possible and control it because it was a fundamental constitutional right. Therefore, its refusal is a violation of the constitution," said Sithole.

Madlangempisi MP Bongani Mdluli said getting permission to stage a protest march now would be more difficult, not that he was promoting the negative aspects of protest marchers.

MP Mdluli said it was clear that the set conditions would result in nobody getting the right to exercise that fundamental human right. He appealed to his colleagues to be honest to themselves on the matter because as the Bill stood, the country would not achieve what it sought to achieve, including readmission to the United States market controlled by the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act. He said the image of the country would remain tarnished. The Bill was eventually passed with amendments.

King has power to issue Executive Orders, PM tells MPs

Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini told the House of Assembly His Majesty King Mswati has a constitutional right to issue Executive Orders as a head of State who enjoys such powers.

The prime minister made the remarks when debating the Public Order Bill that was finally passed with amendments. During the debate, some MPs argued that they could not pass the Bill because it was in contravention of the national constitution in that there was a clause that referred to a national commissioner of police, yet the constitution only made mention of a police commissioner. The MPs argued that to include in the proposed law the title of 'national commissioner' would be in contravention of the constitution.

The prime minister argued that the King issued a legal notice redesignating the title of commissioner of police to national commissioner, using the executive powers vested on him by the constitution. The prime minister further argued that the constitution



CLARITY: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini.

was like a Bible from which one could not just pick a verse and think it fully explains an issue. He said to fully understand a biblical verse there was need to read it with others and the same applied to the constitution.

Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini suggested that the matter be resolved the same way they handled a Correctional Services Bill, in which they faced almost a similar challenge in that whilst the constitution recognised a 'commissioner of correctional services', the Correctional Services Bill now talks of a 'commissioner general'. In resolving that matter, the House took a resolution that Justice and Constitutional Affairs Minister

Senator Edgar Hillary and Attorney General Majahenkhoba Dlamini must seek audience with the King to consult on the constitutionality of the matter.

MP Dlamini said, likewise, the prime minister should join Minister Hillary and the attorney general in consulting with the King on the matter. MP Dlamini said that did not mean they doubted His Majesty's executive powers but all they wanted was for the King to use the same powers to authorise them to make the amendment even though they felt it violated the constitution. In response, however, the PM said there was no need for him to consult on the matter, arguing His Majesty had already pronounced himself through the executive orders he issued in a form of a legal notice.

He argued that there was no point in seeking audience with His Majesty to consult on a matter whose answer they already knew. He wondered what the justice minister was going to consult on about because the King's position on the matter was clear.

'His Majesty must be advised properly'

Manzini North MP Jan Sithole, who had raised the constitutionality of the title of the national commissioner, said he heard the argument by the prime minister but made it clear it did not satisfy him.

MP Sithole strongly argued that parliament was the last institution to allow the violation of the supreme law of the country. Sithole said the constitution stated clearly that any other law in contravention of it shall be considered null and void.

He said the very same constitution placed responsibility to every citizen to ensure the supreme law of the country was protected. Sithole said the King himself was bound by the constitution to exercise his executive powers within the constitution, not in violation of it. MP Sithole said if there was a need for an amendment of the constitution, the King should be advised to do that. To persistently respect the executive orders as the PM insist-



NOTED: Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini.

ed, Sithole said, would lead to more similar pronouncements until the constitution lost its shape.

Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini said the gazettes the PM referred to were themselves illegal because they were in contravention of the constitution.

To clear their names on the matter, MP Dlamini said the best option was to seek advice from the king. Manzini South MP Owen Nxumalo wondered what more advice his colleagues wanted because the PM was there in front of them giving counsel on the matter.

Delayed FPE payment strangling school principals

By Sandile Nkambule

The continued delay on the payment of Free Primary Education (FPE) by government to schools is now frustrating principals as operations at some of these learning places are running at a snail's pace.

Before schools closed for the second term, some were struggling to purchase teaching aids in the form of stationery, chalk and others as the revenue was running dry.

According to sources close to the matter, so serious is the situation that some schools were even having difficulties in purchasing stationery used by teachers to aid the

learning process. The source wondered how they are going to operate when they open for the third term.

The FPE programme was introduced some years back in an effort to make sure there is education for all as some children could not learn due to the fact that their parents could not afford to pay schools fees, while others are orphaned.

Primary education in Swaziland begins at the age of six and under normal progression it is a seven-year programme that ends with external examination, the Swaziland Primary Certificate (SPC) in Grade Seven. This is a national assessment and is compul-

sory for every child to sit for in order to qualify to enroll for secondary school education. All school going age children should access primary education with or without barriers.

However, access to formal education is frustrated by several barriers such as poverty, hunger, and poor progression of children in the system.

Noted

The ministry noted a high repetition and dropout rate in the school system with low enrolments because children could not afford to pay for their school fees and stationery while there is no food at their homes.

The ministry's core mandate is the provision and attainment of quality, inclusive and affordable education opportunities for all pupils of school going age, including the out of school youth.

Interviewed about the current state of affairs, Swaziland Principals Association's (SWAPA) Welcome Mhlanga confirmed the situation.

Mhlanga said they had been making endless follow ups to government through the ministry of education as regards the payment of the FPE but there had been nothing forthcoming.

"In fact last week we approached the principal secretary in the ministry of education who assured us that he has forwarded all the rele-

vant documentation to the Treasury Department, but schools closed without us getting payment," Mhlanga said.

He said it had now become difficult for schools to operate since they cannot even afford to purchase teaching aids in preparing tests, examinations and other essential material.

Contacted for comment on the matter, Principal Secretary Pat Muir, said as a ministry they had now done all the relevant documentation to have the schools paid for the FPE programme.

"As of now as we've forwarded everything to Treasury Department and hope the schools will be paid anytime from now, we have done our part," Muir said.

RIGHT TO REPLY:

MP Hans has ally in Desmond Maphanga

Dear Editor

I write this not because I have anything against my dear friend, editor Ackel Zwane, for I have been through thick and thin with him, and he knows me by all my code names.

This is just simply because the silence by MP Hans Steffens speaks volumes to me, on the subject of Swazis learning Portuguese and Afrikaans and his concerns about ex convicts and ex offenders.

Having heard so much about this gentleman, who I have personally never met I honestly want to believe that he did not mean his proposal in bad faith, when he made such a suggestion. I want to share what my eldest son has taught me, that you attract what you see in the world, to be a pessimist or optimist, and I concur with this philosophy based on a book I once read titled "

The Secret "by xxxx, which some have termed devilish, but I find it brutally practical and confirms that we are indeed God's image and the reality is, you attract what your perception dictates to you. Hon MP Hans Steffens, may be the descendent of the old Afrikaner, whom I personally fought, but that does not mean because he has that blood, he cannot think of anything good and noble for the African and in particular the Swazi.

In fact I prefer the Afrikaner, for you knew where you stood with him for he either liked or disliked you. I take pride in his passion to

give a second chance to the ex convict for everyone has the potential of committing a crime; be it blue or white crime, and hence has to be given a second chance.

I am not sure if when he referred to the Portuguese and Afrikaans school it was only to cater for the rich or to perpetuate colonialism, hence I want to reiterate that this statement depends on what you want to perceive it to be.

I will not say from whom I heard about this gentleman from, but can safely state that he is one of the few who was wrongly sent to prison; nor am I praise singing MP Hans Steffens, but what I heard that what he is trying to do for the ex convicts is very noble, just like a few others, who have and continue to do same.

Again due to the stigma still attached to offenders I will not mention their names.

All we, who work with ex convict, are asking for, is, please give these guys and ladies a second chance, so that they do not keep being the King's guests, because of the stigma we tend to attach to their coming from there and tend to pity their poverty and want them to stay that way; being pitied, despite their trying their level best to stay rehabilitated, hence going back to crime, as a result of challenges that come with being an ex prisoner or ex convict and the prevailing poverty that tends to come with it due to the stigma and attitude, when they are trying to make a descent living, this is more so when institutions that should be providing for such are also struggling just to survive.

I know that we as an organisation (SACRO)

have had tough a time; as we are gradually turning to being reptiles as opposed to mammals due to the scarcity of funding we almost forgot our mandate and just selfishly guarded our survival. This is why we tend to see the positive in what Hon MP Steffens has in mind and what he is doing for the ex offender and we say heads up Sir and keep up the good work and do not be discouraged.

We are so far undertaking an initiative where we want to engage with all those who share our passion and work with the view to see how we can complement each other as opposed to fighting over resources hence have asked our counterparts to please come together and work as one unit starting with a radio programme we did last week together with the Federation of ex Prisoners/Convicts.

We want to urge them to continue with the noble initiative of collecting everyone into a data base which we shall be using to source for appropriate projects.

Thanks MP Hans Steffens for teaching us that we need each other and working as a unit we will conquer recidivism and show that the initiatives by the Commissioner General work if only there would be enough resources to complement these efforts. We need a half way house to ensure that newly released prisoners are better groomed and prepared for their re entry to society in order to get back to the communities they offended.

Moving into another subject that of the victims of the crime, notably the offended individ-



MP Hans Steffens.

ual and community. We are working on putting in place interventions that will need to fill this void for we have realised it exists, however due to scarcity of resources this has been indeed just a vision and mission with just no means to get them realised.

Nonetheless I do not wish to address everything here but the intension is to request for a platform where we can engage with the media one day, funds allowing so that they understand what we are going through and the major role they have to play upon the release of a convict, both young and old.

I need not mention the nightmares we have caused the recently released prisoners by the negative reporting and as such just wish to appeal that please give the ex convict a second chance and may we all learn to forgive just as we were taught by Jesus to try and forgive 70 time 7 times.

I rest my case.

Desmond Lee Nkosinathi Maphanga

By Linda Jele

Different organisations from the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) yesterday marched along Manzini's streets after conclusion of the Southern Africa People's Summit. The summit precedes the SADC Heads of State Summit that will commence on Monday in the country. The different organisation from the entire SADC region yesterday took to the streets of Manzini in a march to create awareness on what had been discussed during the summit.

The Municipal Council of Manzini and the Foundation for Socio-Economic Justice (FSEJ) in Swaziland with the Swaziland Economic Justice Network (SEJUN) were at loggerheads pertaining to the march and this led to the organisations to file an application before the High Court on Thursday evening. The bone of contention was that the Manzini Municipal Council had granted them permission to march along the city's streets yesterday, but later withdrew it on the grounds that it had been instructed by higher authorities.

Judge Mbutfo Mamba dismissed the application by the organisations to set aside the withdrawal. The judge said any party that challenges a local council's decision to refuse permission has liberty to approach the High Court and jump the magistrates court, but there has to be an application made first justifying why the appeal against the refusal was not filed before the magistrates' court as stipulated in the Urban Government Act. He dismissed the organisations' application with costs.

The organisations from the SADC countries, however, continued to stage the march yesterday and they were joined by representatives of international organisations from the United Kingdom, Morocco, France, Denmark, Sweden and Norway. FSEJ Executive Director Dumezweni Dlamini, in an interview yesterday, confirmed that the SADC organisations went ahead with the march around Manzini streets. "We proceeded with the march and it was a huge success and peaceful. The march was organised by the participants of the people's summit where we were discussing health, social and economic issues affecting the SADC region as a whole. The

SADC ORGANISATIONS MARCH IN MANZINI

people's summit also discussed issues of agriculture and democracy in the region and we shared experiences on governance. We also talked about issues that are of concern in our respective governments and recommendations. We will then table our recommendations in the SADC Heads of State Summit," Dlamini said.

He added, "This was not a protest action, but a march where the intention was to create awareness to the people who did not attend the people's summit to share with them. It is just a solidarity march, nothing more," he said.

He said such marches take place every time and everywhere a SADC summit is held and the march was not against the government of the country alone, but it raised concerns of all the SADC countries.

Manzini Municipal Council Public Relations Officer Mathokoza Thwala said he would not want to comment on the issue when asked yesterday.



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WHERE IT BELONGS: This is where the construction of the Nhlango - Gege - Sicunusa road and the picture shows a diversion of cars at Nhlango. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo.)



WRITING ON THE WALL: This is board that shows information about the project.



BED OF ROCKS: This are rocks used to fill up parts of the road.



READY TO BE TARRED: This is part of the road that is about to be tarred.



FAIRVIEW: This is the another view of the construction site.



UPHILL: This is another part of the road where the contractor is still hard at work.

KUKHANYA TO DELIVER E466M SICUNUSA - NHLANGANO ROAD IN MAY

By Bodwa Mbingo

In what has felt like eternity to most that are eager to use this road, Kukhanya Civil Contractors will finally complete and handover the E466 million worth 42.5km Nhlango - Gege - Sicunusa road.

The ministry of public and works and transport has revealed that the road will be ready for use in May, next year. The overall works progress is now estimated at 58.3% complete.

The project road is 37.5km long from Nhlango to Sicunusa and 5km from Gege to the Gege Border Post and the scope of works consists of the construction of 42.5km asphalt surfaced single carriageway road including two reinforced concrete river bridges and eight box culverts, cattle underpasses and ancillary works. Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini in his budget speech earlier this year disclosed that government had set aside E297 500 000 for the supervision and construction of the Nhlango - Sicunusa road.

This has come after most people had lost hope following a halt of the project for some time due to delayed payments during its inception back in 2013. However, Acting Principal Secretary (PS) Vusi Matsebula has disclosed that the latest programme submitted by the contractor (Kukhanya) indicates a completion date of May 2017.

"Factors that contributed to the

delayed completion of the project in 24 months as earlier projected consist of delayed payments during the inception of the project where the Funder (BADEA and OBID) suspended payments of Interim Payment Certificates.

This was due to the involvement of a Portuguese entity, Gabriel Coutto. However, government concluded successful negotiations with the funders to solve this issue and the project is running smoothly without constraints. In as much as Gabriel Coutto is not on site, the Kukhanya/Gabriel Coutto Joint Venture still exists. Kukhanya boosted their capacity by engaging subcontractors for various aspects of the works such as structures (bridges), earthworks, paint hire, etc," he said.

Explained

The Acting PS further explained the decision behind awarding a decreased tender of E286 037 550 for the works in the construction of the road instead of the initially recommended E465 990 202 for the full scope by revealing that this was due to financial constraints. He said this scenario also resulted in numerous extension of time for the completion of the project.

"The ministry of public works and transport engaged both the ministries of economic planning and finance on the issue of the budget and it was agreed to award the works at a reduced scope of E286 037 550.57 to be executed in 15 months. It was envisaged that the full

scope of E465 990 202.85 to be executed in 24 months would be restored with a variation order with government raising the shortfall," he explained.

He also revealed that physical works commenced on July 17, 2013 and were scheduled for completion on October 16, 2014. However, due to the problems on the contract award as well as non-payment of contractor, the Acting PS said the contractor was granted an extension of time on the original 15 months project duration.

Project

"The extension of time was from August 2014 to September 2015, which means a signed variation order number was to take the project completion date to July 2016. A variation order was signed and issued to reinstate the project to its original scope of works and the overall works progress is now estimated at 58.3% complete," he added.

Meanwhile, the major bridge structures on this road include the Mkhondvo River Bridge whose structure consists of a 157.3m long incrementally launched reinforced concrete box type bridge with six internal continuous spans each 20.5m long and two external spans each 16.4m long.

The other one is the Ndlotane River Bridge whose structure consists of a 76.5m long, 3 span reinforced concrete deck/precast beam type bridge with 25.5m long spans. The minor structures include 17 box culverts.



MEN AT WORK: These are workers on site at the construction of the Mkhondvo River Bridge.

SFISO NCWANE MOBBED BY FANS

By Nomfundo Sifundza

South African gospel sensation, Sfiso Ncwane had a hard time pulling away from fans yesterday as they grabbed him from side to side, posing for pictures.

The artist, just after an interview at the Swazi Observer offices was received by a crowd of fans who blocked and followed him to his car, creating memories to last on their mobile phones. Ncwane seemed content with the love shown by his supporters as he posed and smiled throughout. The award winning singer says he is currently on a quest to promote his new album through media house visits, performances and giving away T-shirts printed with the album title 'Wethembekile Baba' and a picture of himself. Ncwane says he decided to visit the country before his performance at the Swaziland International Trade Fair stage on September 4 in order to honour his loyal fans and express gratitude to the overwhelming support they have shown him through the years.

"I have received countless calls from music stores in Swaziland requesting



NEW ALBUM: Sfiso Ncwane posing outside his car branded with his new album.

for more of my albums as they quickly fly off the shelves, so I decided to visit the country and witness myself the love Swazi people have for me," he said.

The award winning worshipper claims the title track healed a disabled woman as she listened to the song 'Wethembekile Baba' repeatedly. The woman was reportedly unable to walk and had been confined by sickness for five years but after listening to the song, she was able to walk again.

Ncwane elaborated; "this album is not like any other, there are many testimonies I have received from fans that have been healed by simply listening to it".

The humble singer recalled back to when his music career kicked off, saying he received a prophecy that at some point in time, his songs would heal sick people. "I had even forgotten about the prophecy until I got calls testifying about healing from the songs. I thank God for that," he said.



GIVE US MORE: Ncwane (inside car) being followed by fans into his car yesterday along Betfusile Street where he had parked as he visited the Swazi Observer offices. The SA artist is in the country to promote his new album.



TAKING PICTURES: He helps fans take selfies with their phones whilst others cannot help but drool. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza)

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PEOPLE LIED TO KING DURING SIBAYA'

...Bhekinkhosi chieftom comes out to state that they have never charged people from Ngwazini E5 000 to bury their deceased family members and that those that submitted such to king were far from speaking the truth

STORIES BY BODWA MBINGO

The Bhekinkhosi chieftom under Prince Sibonginkhosi has come out to lambast some citizens of Ngwazini for what has been termed blatantly lying to the King during the recent people's parliament (sibaya) that took place at Ludzidzini Royal Residence.

The area's spokesperson Prince Makhosini Dlamini minced no words in stating that there was nothing factual in most of their submissions before His Majesty the King. He said for starters, at Bhekinkhosi they do not charge any money to residents to bury their deceased relatives hence it is not true that the people of Ngwazini are charged E5 000 if they want to proceed and bury their relatives in the area.

The people's parliament was taken aback when some residents from Ngwazini blasted Manzini Regional Administrator (RA) Prince Gcokoma stating that he was making life difficult for them as he constantly states that their chieftom does not exist hence they cannot access a number of national services. In unison, the speakers of Ngwazini who were mostly elderly women took turns in undressing the prince saying he was stalling development in the area with his stance that the Ngwazini chieftom does not exist. They bitterly complained that their chief was not recognised in the country hence they were being forced to pay at least E5 000 to get permission to bury their dead relatives.

"The life we live is sad because we are told that the Ngwazini chieftom does not exist and our current chief that we know is not registered in the country's book of chiefs.

This is stalling development in our area as for 20 years now we have been suffering," said LaSimelane who also requested the King to look into the matter in her submission during sibaya.

Another speaker, Busisiwe Mkhonta argued that even members of the Royal Swaziland Police Service (RSPS) had taken sides on the matter by joining in the dispute of their chief not being recognised. She said the police treated them badly whenever they mentioned that they are from Ngwazini hence they were even considering leaving the area to seek

refuge elsewhere as it was clear that their area had been erased from the country's map.

Dups Funeral Home was not spared as they were also bombarded with accusations at sibaya. Tenele Vilakati said it was becoming a headache for people of Ngwazini whenever they lost their relatives.

"When we lose our relatives they do accept the corpses at Dups when we take them there. We then take it upon us to continue with the funeral arrangements. In the end they tell us we cannot collect the corpse without some paperwork and this is very confusing because we are not told such a requirement from the onset," she said.

She added that at the end they are told to fork out E5 000 to be allowed to bury their relatives something she said gave them a headache.

Issue

However, Bhekinkhosi chieftom's Dlamini begged to differ revealing that the main gripe in the entire issue is a ruling that was made by His Majesty King Mswati III almost 20 years ago, which clearly stipulated that there is no Ngwazini chieftom and the people of Ngwazini should pay their allegiance to Nyakeni as the area remains part of Nyakeni.

He said the problem here is that these people do not want to heed to the ruling by paying their allegiance to Nyakeni or change to Bhekinkhosi, which is where the issue of the purported E5 000 charge for burial stems from.

"We have never charged people E5 000 to bury their relatives in the area. What happens is that the people of Ngwazini are adamant that they are on their own and should not pay allegiance to Nyakeni and when death strikes they have to report such to their chieftom to get permission to proceed with the burial. Since Ngwazini is under Nyakeni and is neighbour to Bhekinkhosi, some of them decide to come and report such at the Bhekinkhosi Royal Kraal and that is a where the matter of the E5 000 come in. It is only subject to respecting a general ruling that people must pay their allegiances (*kugucula umnyango*) to the authority of Bhekinkhosi if they want to be part of the chieftom. As matters stand people are allowed to bury their loved ones without any charge, but are called upon to later return to the chieftom to pay

their allegiance and that comes with the payment of the customary cow, which at Bhekinkhosi is placed at E5 000," he explained.

He said to further clarify the matter, the people of Ngwazini have an option of recognizing their chief from Nyakeni without necessarily paying the E5 000 to be part of Bhekinkhosi. He said that is because the King's ruling clearly stated that they belong to Nyakeni and all they have to do then is pay their allegiance to Nyakeni to cut the matter short.

Dlamini qualified his statement by offering a brief background of the matter stating that it started with a minor squabble back then between the Mdlulis of Ngwazini and then Prince Jehovah of Nyakeni as this was through livestock. He said even the late King Sobhuza II had attended to the matter, but when he died in 1982 all hell broke loose as the Mdlulis claimed they had land and were the chiefs of Ngwazini. He said most people joined the Mdlulis to pay allegiance to Ngwazini yet some did not know the actual truth to the matter.

Disclosed

"Even King Mswati III started working on the matter and rightfully disclosed at a point in time that he found the late king had already made a ruling on the matter and it was just that the ruling had not been pronounced. That is when the King delivered the ruling through Prince Tfohlongwane, but it was hard to accept by the people of Ngwazini.

They started forming alliances and falsely declared that the King had given them Prince Matatazela as their chief something that was disputed by other Princes. Ever since the King's ruling we have been in and out of court and the copy of the ruling has always absolved us," he added.

He also has expressed worry that some citizens from Ngwazini can just wake up and go speak ill of them by telling the King lies. Prince Makhosini said as the Bhekinkhosi chieftom they stand by the King's ruling and will never bar people from burying their relatives in the area. He said it was also not factual that Prince Gcokoma came alone to remind the people of Ngwazini about the King's ruling stating that he was in the company of Chief Mdlaka Gamedze, Court Presidents Phosho Dlamini and Mhishwa Dlamini, the Manzini Station Commander and other officials.



SETTING RECORD: Spokesperson Prince Makhosini Dlamini.

King ruled there is no Ngwazini chieftom

In what can bring to an end all the talk about the Ngwazini chieftaincy dispute that was reported during Sibaya recently, His Majesty King Mswati III ruled that Ngwazini is under Nyakeni hence there cannot be a chief in the area.

The King made this ruling back in 1997.

This is contained in a letter dated November 4, 1999 where then Swaziland National Council Standing Committee (SNCS) Chairman Prince Tfohlongwane communicated the King's ruling to the Princes of Nyakeni, Nkiliji and Bhekinkhosi. This was a confirmation in writing of the King's ruling that was made and delivered to all parties concerned.

"In his judgement, the King - in - Council ruled that Ngwazini has always been and so remains a part of Nyakeni. The long established and well known boundaries between the areas concerned are as follows: between Nyakeni and Bhekinkhosi the boundary is the river Mahosha; between Nkiliji and Nyakeni and Bhekinkhosi the boundary is Ndlela Kayomi," read part of the correspondence.

Bhekinkhosi chieftom spokesperson Prince Makhosini Dlamini said that is what they have and rely on in dealing with matter that concerns the people of Ngwazini. He said they expect everyone to respect the King's ruling.

'We're fully behind T.V, lokunye bekuluhlata'

When Ludzidzini acting Governor Timothy Velabo Mtetwa

otherwise known as 'TV' said some of the submissions made at Sibaya were not fully mature (*betiluhlata*) some laughed off his observation, but to the Bhekinkhosi chieftom he could not have said it better.

Mtetwa said this before His Majesty the King on the last day of sibaya.

"*Sekutsi letindzaba temu letiningi tato betiluhlata*," he said while implying that some brought matters to the King yet they had not exhausted all the proper channels of addressing them hence they were properly brought to the people's parliament.

Mtetwa justified his observation

by stating that most of the issues were supposed to be dealt with at chieftom level, where the King had headmen, whose job is to listen to such concerns of the people.

Bhekinkhosi spokesperson Prince Makhosini Dlamini said indeed the acting Governor was spot on in his assessment of the submissions. He said some of the submissions especially those coming from Ngwazini were far from the truth and did not have to be made during Sibaya.

"We're fully behind the acting Governor on his assessment of the submissions," he said.

He further hoped that the King also saw that this is a matter that he long decided and should be laid to rest.



BANDLANCANE: Bhekinkhosi Royal Kraal Chief's Council during the press conference held at the Umphakatsi where they clarified that they did not charge people to bury their deceased family members.

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KING'S RULING ON THE STATUS OF NGWAZINI

I have been commanded to confirm to you all, in writing, that His Majesty King Mswati III ruled on the matter of the status of the Area known as Ngwazini. The said King's ruling was made and delivered to all parties concerned in the year, 1997.

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His Majesty King Mswati III, in His ruling confirmed the above boundaries.

Yours truly,

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CROSS-OVER: The foot bridge linking Mavuso Exhibition and Trade Centre and the city center below the bus rank.

RIVER CONTAMINATED WITH HUMAN WASTE

- Filled river used by many as source of water
- River is one of the longest in the country

By Sandile Nkambule

While the country is still trying to recover from the devastating drought that has hit most parts of the Southern African region, the Mzimnene River, which is a source of water to many in Manzini, is now contaminated with human waste.

This comes after burst sewage pipes from a number of business outlets within the heart of the city spilled into the river below the bus rank. So serious is the situation that there is now a stench smell along the river banks and most affected are areas below the old Council Swaziland Churches buildings, now owned by the Lutheran Church. When our news crews visited the area this week, the water was discovered to be literally contaminated with human waste with the stench smell topping it all.

This is the very same river some boiled mealies vendors use below the bus rank. Interviewed about the serious environmental impact caused by the contamination, most of those found at the busy shopping complex above the river, expressed shock that the river was now contaminated, thus a health hazard. "The smell here is unbearable at times



HANDS TIED: Manzini Municipal Council's Public Relations Officer Mathokoza Thwala.

and one can swear there is a sewer system below the river and we wonder what is being done about the situation," said Mandlenkhosi Dlamini, who works within the complex.

The major concern is that some people use the river as their only source of water in some areas since Mzimnene is one of the longest rivers in the kingdom.

According to health specialists, there are a number of diseases causing micro-organisms (pathogens) which when dis-

charged into freshwater environments, can survive for some time, and these pathogens mainly get into the water through human and animal waste. Such waste can get into the water through many different sources. Each time people go swimming or have primary contact with the contaminated water, they risk being exposed to pathogens and risk and eventually getting sick, and such can be ingested through the mouth, the nasal passages or ears. Pathogens are microscopic organisms that cause disease in both human and animals with some more widely known as campylobacter and salmonella, amongst others, which cause diarrhoea and cold and flu like symptoms. Such pathogens are contained in human waste and may enter water ways through untreated sewage discharges, leaky sewage pipes, and septic tanks. When called for comment on the current status quo, Manzini Municipal Council's Public Relations Officer Mathokoza Thwala, said as much as such matters touched on the Swaziland Water Services Corporation, the businesses whose sewage systems were faulty should address such since it affected on the health of people. Meanwhile the SWSC could not be reached for comment, at least by the time this report was compiled.

Hundreds of Swazis benefit from charitable Asian family

By Observer on Saturday Reporter

The Asian family, which takes care of ailing lawyer Sikelela Magongo, also looks after families on a monthly basis while paying school fees for 15 pupils.

Businessman Shabbir Bhagubhai, who has several businesses in the country such as electronic store Chumana, has investments spanning over 25 years.

Bhagubhai has been instrumental in taking care of Magongo for the last three years while ensuring his children remained in school.

Recognising the family's contribution to the country, Abednego Ndzinisa said it was humbling to see the Bhagubhai family assist people without displaying their charitable endeavours. He lauded the good the family has been doing while making a difference in their lives.

Ndzinisa has housed the ailing Magongo for some time now and noted-first hand acts of kindness by the Asian family.

Of note is that the Bhagubhai patriarch lost his mother early this year and as recognition for her contribution to his life, he undertook to have two boreholes drilled in order to reduce the effects of

drought around the area if Luvu.

The revelation of the Asian family's benevolence comes at a time when there has been an outcry from several quarters about small business owners taking over indigenous businesses.

About a month ago, parliamentarians called for Minister Tsandzile to 'close the borders' in order to curb their influx. Several others have been arrested after they were found to be in the country illegally while some are detained for violent behaviour against each other during misunderstandings allegedly emanating from business deals gone sour.

Bhagubhai revealed that they had no intention to interfere with the politics of the country as their focus was business.

He said he always feels a hole in his heart when he hears other people saying Asians take up businesses from Swazis without any contribution to the economy.

Bhagubhai Shabbir described Swaziland as the most peaceful country in Africa. He said the country's people were humble, cooperative and soft-hearted.

"It is our tradition to do good while we are healthy and strong for the Almighty to be good to you when you are at your weakest," he said.



ASIAN BENEVOLENCE: Shabbir Bhagubhai (c) with lawyer Sikelela Magongo and other families who benefit from the Asian businessman on a monthly basis through food and school fees for their children. (Courtesy pics)



HELPING HAND: Ailing lawyer Sikelela Magongo accepts a wad of cash from Asian businessman, Bhagubhai Shabbir. Seated and watching proceedings is Magareth Ndzinisa.



CONTAMINATED: A section of the Mzimnene River below the Lutheran Church building.

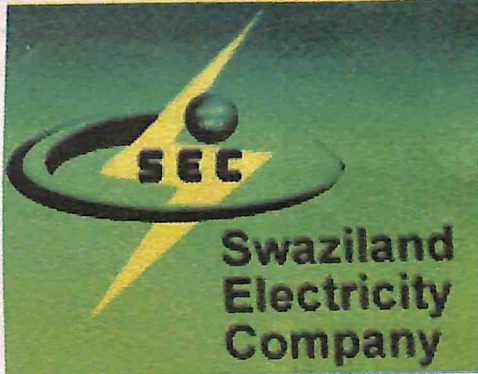
SEC UPS GAME FOR TIGHT NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

By Ackel Zwane

As the nation braces to host four major national events, the Swaziland Electricity Company has assured the nation of a safe passage during the extra-ordinary load emanating from the activities of hosting the Southern African Development Community Summit meetings, the Umhlanga, the Swaziland International Trade Fair and the bikers.

Sifiso Dhlamini, Marketing and Corporate Communications Manager, says SEC has done everything possible to ensure there are no disruptions to power supply during the forthcoming national activities. This includes maintenance of all distribution lines and transmission infrastructure in key areas. Maintenance teams are ready to deal with any unexpected incidents that may arise during this period.

"The company has not implemented its load



shedding strategy for the last two months and according to our projections there will be no need to do load shedding this month, the reason being that we have generation available to mitigate the peak loads at Ezulwini Hydro Power, Edwaleni and Maguduza Hydro Power."

He assures that further additional electricity was available on baseload basis from



READY: SEC Marketing Corporate Communications Manager Sifiso Dhlamini.

Ubombo Sugar Limited as per the Power Purchasing Agreement, adding that, moreover, the situation at Eskom was favourable at the moment. "However, we shall keep monitoring the situation and appropriate action will be taken to avoid power interruptions during the forthcoming national events."

100 Bangladesh villagers injured after TV show dispute

DHAKA - A brawl broke out between villagers in eastern Bangladesh arguing over the plot of an Indian fantasy television serial, leaving 100 people injured, police said yesterday.

The villagers had gathered at a restaurant in Habiganj district on Wednesday night to watch Kiranmala, a famous Bengali-language show about a warrior princess who saves mankind from evil, when the dispute erupted.

Police fired rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse the crowd as the argument escalated throughout the night, with angry viewers vandalising the restaurant in Dhol village and attacking each other with sticks and knives.

"Two men got involved in an argument over the story of the episode, which later turned into a group skirmish," local police chief Yasinul Haque told AFP.

"During the fight, the angry mob vandalised the restaurant and continued the fight on Thursday morning," he said.

At least 100 people were injured during the brawl in the village 176 kilometres north-east of Dhaka, Haque said, with 15 requiring hospital treatment.

Several Bangladeshis blasted the government on social media for allowing the broadcast of Indian television channels which they claim "spread degenerate culture" in the Muslim-majority nation.

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UNITED NATIONS

Terms of Reference Consultancy to undertake a review of UN harmonised rates and operational policies of the United Nations System in Swaziland.

Background

The UN system in Swaziland has begun to implement the new UNDAF 2016-2020. In order to effectively support programme implementation and increase service delivery, the UN requires to undertake a comprehensive review of its operational policies and related costs in order to improve its competitiveness and relevance in the local market. These service areas include but are not limited to the following: consultancy work, cost of conferencing support services, conference/ workshop facilitation support, cost of data collection/surveys and analysis, transport and accommodation rates for implementing partners as well as various fees and allowances for national counterparts and/or implementing partners when they attend residential workshops in the country, costs of conducting field visits as well as policy for use of national counterparts for consultancy services.

Objectives and Description of the Assignment

- To review the present UN Harmonized Rates Policy document taking into account the various elements of the list of services contained in the current policy.
- To conduct a survey of related services in order to establish benchmarks from comparators in the market
- To prepare a detailed analysis of service rates and practices currently used by comparators in the market
- To identify market related pricing that will strengthen the UN's competitive bidding for the services outlined in the UN Harmonized Rates Policy.
- Propose a new UN harmonized rates policy and operational procedures in support of programme implementation.

Expected Deliverables

- A consultancy report
- Revised UN Harmonized Rates Policy and Procedure Report

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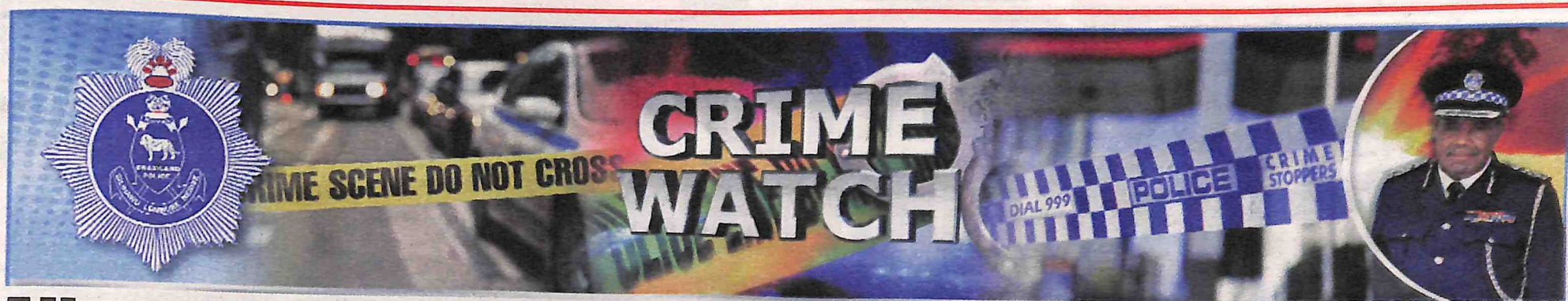
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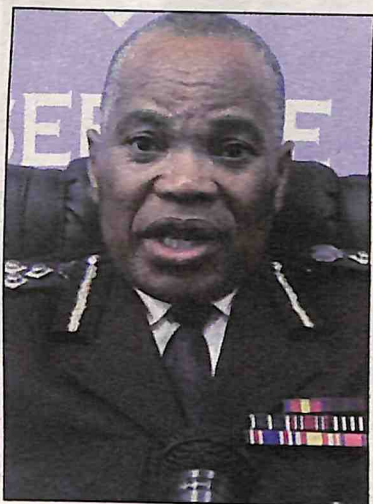
Applications should be marked "UN Harmonized Rates" and sent to the: Resident Coordinator, UNRCO 5th Floor Lilunga House, Somhlolo Street Mbabane or by email to registry.sz@undp.org. The closing date for applicants is the 30th August 2016. Qualified women candidates are encouraged to apply.



All set for SADC summit - police ready to maintain law, order

The Royal Swaziland Police Service is all set and ready for the next coming weeks that will be one of the busiest in the country's calendar providing security and maintaining peace.

The country will host the SADC 36th ordinary Heads of State and Governments Summit which will run from 22-31 August 2016, the International Trade fair and the annual reed dance during the month of August. With the three events running concurrently, the country will be a hive of activity. The annual reed dance has become a tourist attraction and thousands of people will be descending into the country. The police service will be all out to ensure that the three events run smoothly while also ensuring the safety of everyone that will be in attendance. Police officers will be deployed all over the country to ensure the safety of the



nation and all visitors in the country during the period.

The SADC meeting will see about 15 Heads of States coming into the country for the summit and His Majesty King Mswati III will be assuming chairmanship of the region.

Acting National Commissioner of Police, William Dlamini said the police service was ready for the busy month of August especially the SADC summit as it was a landmark event for Swaziland. He said the police were prepared in all sectors to ensure peace and stability while maintaining order during the summit together with the other security forces. He said for Swaziland hosting an event of such magnitude was a great milestone hence the need for a collaborative effort from every Swazi. He pleaded with the nation to work with the police at all times to make sure that at the end the summit will be an astounding success.

"The police service is ready for the summit, we will be maintaining peace and order throughout the event and we would like to plead with the nation to cooperate with us as we go about executing our



duties," he said.

The police service is not only ready for the summit but also to provide security during the International Trade Fair and the annual reed dance. During the trade fair, the police service will also have an exhibition stand where services such as fingerprints taking will be availed.

Dlamini said the summit, reed dance as well as the International Trade Fair, will also see the volume of traffic on roads and highways increasing correspondingly.



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He said the onus lies with all stakeholders in the traffic accident prevention value chain, including all road users, to ensure that there is free flow of traffic and that road crimes are minimized to avoid injury and death of people on the roads. He further urged Swazis to remove livestock on the road to avoid fatalities.

He said during the reed dance and international trade fair no dangerous weapons will be allowed into the designated venues and security will be tight.

KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE

How to boost your home security

- Open front windows catch a breeze
- Lock back doors and windows, while working in the garden
- Keep wallets, purses, and other valuables out of sight
- Install burglar proofs on all your doors and windows
- And don't overlook the door that leads into your house from the garage
- Choose the right locks.
- Remember to pull apart your house keys to stay with you when your car is valet-parked or on routine service.
- Beef up existing window locks by mounting ring bars or fixed metal grilles.
- Secure window air conditioners with sturdy screws through wood or metal framing elements so burglars can't push them in. Make sure the added barriers won't violate fire-safety codes or manufacturer warranties.
- Keep your property in good light.
- Light up areas around doors, windows, and blind spots. Install lights high upon exterior walls and or poles so that they can't easily be disabled.
- Fence and plant trees wisely
- Tall plants or high fences (Vegetation) can provide cover for



criminals. Trim tree branches that might aid access to windows, roof, or shield skylights. Gravel beds or crush stones around the house make it easier to hear anyone lurking outside.

● Organise your neighbours.

A neighbourhood watch cannot cost anybody, anything but some time which is worth it. Staying connected with neighbours is simple. Create an e-mail list. You can also use these tools to coordinate agendas for meetings with police groups and archive meeting minutes.

● Add an alarm System.

This is a modern way of communicating with neighbours and the police. Some central-monitoring

systems will call your cell phone if they can't reach you on your landline. Radio-based alarm systems that use dedicated UHF frequencies can be used as a backup or as a stand-alone solution that eliminates the need for landlines. Switching to an Internet-based phone service? Make sure it's compatible with your alarm.

NB: Malkerns Neighbourhood Watch Scheme known as Malkerns Security Association make use of this method of communication. A neighbour who under invasion press a panic button alerting the other members of the community triggering prompt action and reinforcement.

● Pets like Dogs Parrot and Geese are an added advantage

These guys also do the job in alerting you when there is a visitor in your premises or passing.

● Avoid talking about travelling on social networks.

Stop bragging about your trips, and refrain from discussing details on social networking sites before you go. Giving details such as dates of departure, places to be travelled and a date of coming back can put your home or property at risk.

● Avoid programming home addresses.

Avoid programming your home address on your car GPS because if your car is parked in places like air-

ports. Thieves may easily know you are not at home and when they steal your car and turn on the GPS and press home, nothing can stop them from driving straight to your home and do as they feel on your property using your very own car.

Furthermore the thief may have an added luxury of opening your gate and garage door with your car built-in remote and loading up your own car with your belongings.

● Unplug gate operators

It is proper to unplug garage door opener, as it may be very easy for someone to purchase a universal remote garage door remote control and find the frequency that your garage door operates on.

● Properly Brief someone looking after your property

A house sitter, even one who visits occasionally, can help keep up appearances at home. Firstly it must be someone you have adequate information about background and where to find should that person disappear.

When you leave that person in the house make sure they are properly briefed on alarm systems or any other system like sprinklers, routine visits such as time of mail arrival, trash collection, or street cleaners. It is wise to thoroughly brief the person staying behind or a thief may come on a pose as one who has been sent by you to collect an item, fit or to visit while you are away.

eNdlinilembi Prince Hynd spits fire at detractors

By Ackel Zwane

ENdlinilembi Chief Prince Hynd has issued a stern warning against detractors who refuse to obey His Majesty King Mswati III's directives and a ruling of the Supreme Court that he is the rightful chief of the area and all subjects must pay allegiance to him.

He was also reacting to outbursts by dissident subjects of so-called Gebeni during the recent Sibaya, people's Parliament, making unfounded allegations against him much against both the King and the courts' rulings regarding his legitimacy and jurisdictions in the area.

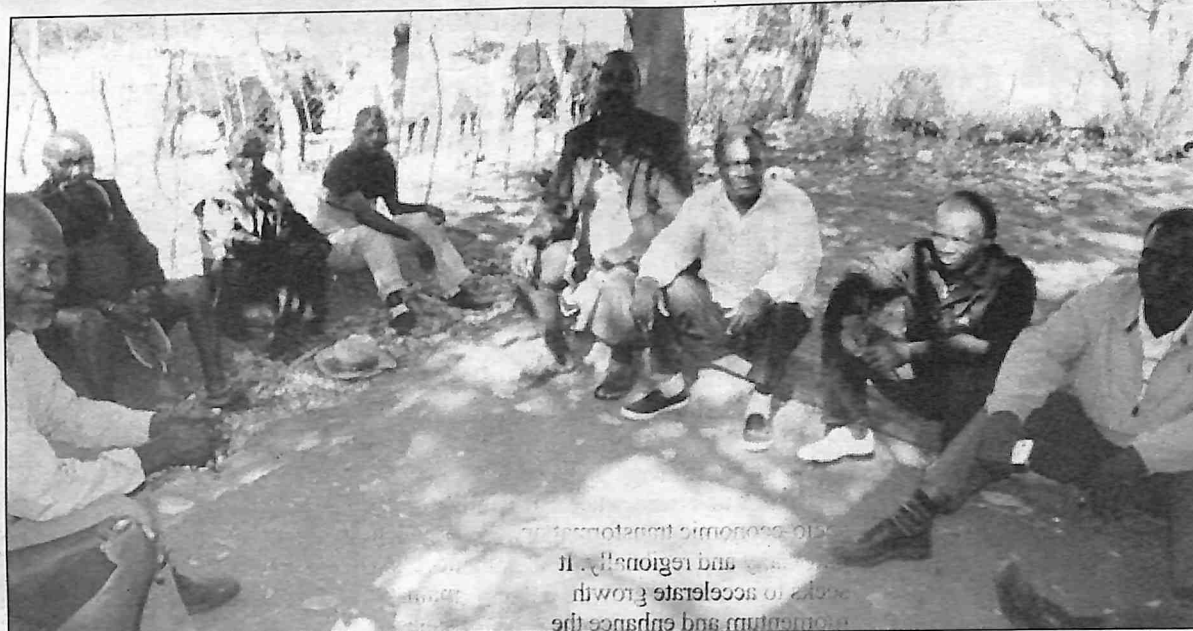
Evicting

"As per my principles I had not considered evicting people because we all belong to the King and country. However, this was only subject to respecting the ruling that people must pay their allegiances to the authority of eNdlinilembi, *kugucula umnyango*. As matters stand I cannot live with people who do not pay allegiance to this chiefdom because they pay allegiance to other chiefdoms, that means they do not belong here."

He added that the dissident subjects were only a handful under the command of one Kunene who has always regarded himself as the Indvuna of the area by appointing himself.

The prince argues that the highest authorities of the land, that of the institution of the King and the Supreme Court, clearly state that he has no such authority.

His band of followers are accused of destroying homes belonging to



TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY: eNdlinilembi members of the inner council.

new settlers or other residents resettled in the territory they claim to be theirs in Gebeni.

"I am now forced to take other decisions such as effecting evictions because if people cannot respect the ruling of the King and that of the courts then they are not worthy to be in our midst."

Personally

The prince further said he never at any time ran to the courts but his detractors, saying instead he personally appealed to the King against the entire band of men who called themselves members of the Gebeni Inner Council, a body that is non-existent by any authority in the entire eNdlinilembi under which Gebeni is ruled.

"I have all along been lenient with them considering the amount of damage they have caused, the next

action I will take we see them only having themselves to blame."

At the centre of the persistent exchanges is the railway line which will require certain identified residents to relocate and be eligible for compensation but if these do not respect the authority of Prince Hynd they might not be assisted by that traditional authority.

Compensation

"I can't vouch for them for compensation if I do not know them, officially."

The prince said the Kunene rebel leader was only misleading the people and by so doing packing his own belongings out of the area, *utibophela yena umtfwalo*.

He expressed appreciation that members of the Royal household of the Gebeni area were not behind the resistance by the Kunene band

of men.

To exercise his authority he said he would refer to Swazi culture and custom to enforce authority adding that those who went to peddle lies before the King and the nation at Sibaya were only bent on tarnishing his name because throughout all the defiance campaign the name Hynd had not featured.

Distracted

"I'll stick to the rules and ensure governance of this area by the rule of law, I will not be distracted by dissidents."

Also present were Liqoqo (Swazi National Council) members, former Prime Minister Mabandla Dlamini and Mandla Dlamini, Secretary of the Liqoqo Council.

Princes Mbombo and his brother Mahlobo have, for the past six years, given Prince Hynd a torrid

time over the status of eNdlinilembi where they were allocating land, calling meetings and re-settling subjects of their own at eNdlinilembi.

However, a ruling last June by the King stipulated that the duo could only exercise such rights of resettling subjects at the Kuhlushwana Royal Residence in the Shiselweni region, where their mother (Inkhosikati) was allocated land, not eNdlinilembi where the rightful chief is Hynd Dlamini who is also a prince.

It would seem Prince Hynd, over-stretched his generosity when he announced that he had no problem with those who were already allocated land but had been misled into believing that they were not under him. He opened both his hands shortly after the King's ruling was announced.

As per Swazi custom Hynd presented the King with a beast and handed it to Manzini Regional Administrator Chief Gcokoma.

Atrocities

This was to mark an end of atrocities especially because relations were at their all time low with some residents being forced to bury their loved ones under the cover of darkness in fear of retribution for paying allegiance to one of the parties in total defiance of the other faction.

Prior to the recent final order, in June 2011 a directive from Liqoqo was issued to the effect that "Endlini Lembi area was allocated (Liphakelo) to Inkhosikati LaMatsebula and currently Prince Hynd is the Chief of The area."

Prince Mbombo and Prince Mahlobo belong to Inkhosikati LaMatsebula who was allocated at Kuhlushwana, Lavumisa area, Shiselweni region and therefore they do not have a right to allocate land and call meetings at Endlinilembi area and that they can only exercise such rights at Kuhlushwana Royal Residence, Lavumisa area."

Faculty of Consumer Sciences opens its doors

By Ackel Zwane

The Faculty of Consumer Sciences has announced opening of its doors beginning this month, the start of the first semester.

In a statement issued yesterday, the faculty announced that "it pleased His Majesty and Chancellor of the University of Swaziland, King Mswati III, to launch the Faculty of Consumer Sciences in May, 2016 on the occasion of the official opening of buildings at Luyengo Campus. The University Council had earlier statutorily approved the establishment of the Faculty of Consumer Sciences to come into effect from July 1, 2016. The University of Swaziland is happy to announce that the new Faculty will open its doors to new and old students at the beginning of the first semester this August, 2016." The occasion for the effectuation was realised at Luyengo yesterday.

The Faculty of Consumer Sciences formerly known as the Department of Consumer Sciences earlier known as the Department of Home Economics at the University of



DOORS ARE OPEN: UNISWA Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane.

Swaziland was established in 1974 as part of the Faculty of Agriculture at the Luyengo Campus.

It developed over the years and increased student enrolment, programme offering and graduate output. The Department began offering degree programmes in 1993, and

from 1995 to 2015, 785 graduates have been produced.

It offers the following programmes:

- Bachelor of Science in Consumer Science;
- Bachelor of Science in Consumer Science Education;
- Bachelor of Science in Food Science, Nutrition and Technology;
- Bachelor of Science in Textiles, Apparel and Design Management;
- Master of Science in Consumer Science Education (under the Institute of Post Graduate Studies).

The Faculty is comprised of three departments, these being:

- Food and Nutrition Sciences;
- Consumer Science Education and Community Development; and
- Textile and Apparel Design.

The student enrolment stood at 351 in the 2015/2016 academic year. The staff complement for the 2016/2017 academic year is two Associate Professors, nine lecturers, four technologists and one technician. There are plans to increase the number of programmes as the faculty develops further.

Two girls die after circumcisions

FREETOWN - A teenage girl died after undergoing a botched female circumcision in Sierra Leone, police said on Thursday, just days after the death of a 10-year-old girl in Guinea.

Female genital mutilation (FGM) is widespread in the neighbouring West African countries, with about 90% of women in both countries undergoing circumcision.

Teenager Fatmata Turay died after she was circumcised in an initiation ceremony in the village of Mabolleh in north Sierra Leone and three women involved, including the girl's aunt, have been arrested, police said.

"There will be an investigation into the circumstances which led to the death of this girl," said vice minister of

social affairs Rugiatu Turay.

The death comes just days after a 10-year-old girl in Makpozou, a forested area in the south of Guinea, died in similar circumstances, according to the country's social action ministry.

The child died in a circumcision camp for young girls, the ministry said.

Guinea's government urged communities that practise FGM to "stop sacrificing the girls", and said it was committed to the fight against the "vile practice". Female circumcision is common in West Africa, where it is considered a female rite of passage and where practitioners can earn up to \$50 per girl.

Sierra Leone recently ratified a 2003 African Union protocol that seeks to ban FGM.

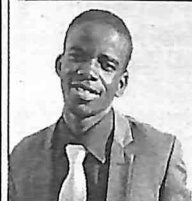
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SADC INDUSTRIALISATION WEEK SIGNIFICANCE

BUSINESS ON SATURDAY

WITH:

Manqoba Makhubu



● The theme for the industrialisation week is, 'Resource Mobilisation for Investment in Sustainable Energy Infrastructure for an Inclusive SADC Industrialisation for the Prosperity of the Region.'

Next week Tuesday marks the beginning of the Southern African Development Community Industrialisation week to be hosted by the kingdom as part of the SADC Summit, which is trending this month.

The three-day programme to be staged at Esibayeni Lodge, is expected to feature different sub-programmes on various topics towards the industrialisation drive within SADC.

Formulated

The aim of the industrialisation week is to popularise the SADC Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap 2015 – 2063, which was formulated in the context of existing national and regional policies during the August 2014

Summit held at Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

The SADC strategy was anchored on three pillars: industrialisation, competitiveness and regional integration. It is also aimed at optimising the use of Africa's resources.

This is quite critical given that the some of the problems hindering the industrialisation of SADC countries include, amongst other factors, lack of capital to invest in machinery, high lending costs from financiers, inadequate infrastructure and limited industrial capacity.

Therefore, the strategy envisages substantial quantitative shifts in industrial structure, manufacturing, production, exports, particularly those in the medium and high technology categories, while doubling industrial employment.

Some of the specific quantitative goals of the strategy include;

- To increase regional growth rate of real GDP from four percent annually since 2000 to a minimum of seven percent a year.

- Doubling the share of manufacturing value added (MVA) in GDP to 30 percent by 2030 and to 40 percent by 2050, including the share of industry related services.

- Increasing the share of medium and high technology production in total MVA from less than 15 percent at present to 30 by 2030 and 50 by 2050.

- To increase manufactured exports to at least 50 percent of total exports by 2030 from less than 20 at present.

- To increase the share of industrial employment to 40 percent of total employment by 2030.

The strategy is also transformational in terms of socio-economic transformation nationally and regionally. It seeks to accelerate growth momentum and enhance the comparative and competitive advantage of the economies of the region, diversify and broaden the industrial base, enhance productive capacity, develop regional value chains which are capable of interacting with global value chains, export diversification, natural resources beneficiation, increase regional trade, and to build collaborative partnerships between governments, private sector, civil society, and development partners as a compact for industrialisation.

One of the strategic interventions includes strengthening small and medium scale enterprises. This talks to developing an integrated strategy

for SME development to provide support for operational capacity and use procurement policy in order to mainstream the SMEs into the economy.

Other key interventions are macroeconomic policy convergence, accelerated regional industrialisation, whereby national policies and plans are drawn in line with the SADC regional industrialisation, removing binding constraints, frontloading industrialisation through diversification in production of goods and accessing of markets, mainstreaming gender and youth issues.

The implementation of the strategy is divided into three phases.

Phase one began in 2015 and will end in 2020, phase two will run from 2021-2050, while the last phase will run from 2051 to 2063.

Despite its regional approach, the implementation of the Industrialisation Strategy is the responsibility of Member States, whereas, the development of regional infrastructure is a shared responsibility by Member States.

Member States are to make savings and invest on infrastructure development through domestic sources to fund industrialisation based on the regional priorities.

SECOND SABF CONFERENCE

The first Southern Africa Business Forum (SABF) Conference took place in the margins of the SADC Heads of State Summit, on August 11-12, 2015 in Gaborone, Botswana.

During the first SABF Conference, a Savuti Declaration emerged and was presented to the SADC Heads of State Summit.

The Savuti Declaration detailed the findings of the Southern Africa Business Forum and commitment of the private sector to act towards regional economic integration in the SADC region.

Six working groups were established to address key challenges which private sector firms experience when doing business in the SADC region.

The six working groups were Trade Facilitation, Agro-processing, Industrialisation and Regional Value Chains, Transport Corridors, Energy, and Water Sector.

During the second SABF Conference, a Declaration is expected to be formulated as an outcome of the meeting to be presented to the Heads of State.

The event is also intertwined with an exhibition aimed to exchange information, build relationships and develop new markets, which also forms part of the SADC Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap 2015 – 2063 core pillars.

About 20 SMEs for Business to Business Learning Sessions

About 20 small and medium enterprises will have an opportunity to benefit from the Informal Business to Business Forum and Learning Sessions.

Small Enterprises Development Company (SEDCO) Managing Director Dorrittong Matiwané said their objective is to link SMEs with partners from the SADC region.

"SEDCO's role is to awaken, promote and support entrepreneurial talent with a vision and prime focus to create jobs and sustainable employment within the Small, Micro and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMMEs), and hence make meaningful contribution in the larger socio-economic development of Swaziland.

"SMEs are very important in the growth and development of the region, in terms of output, creating job opportunities, and advancing the value chain of goods and services," said Matiwané.

Through the estate development programme, SEDCO nurtures small and newly-established businesses.

The company provides sheltered and protective environment so that businesses have the best chance of survival during the most difficult times and after start-up. This includes rented office and workshop space at subsidised rates, business coaching and mentoring services.

"However, a lot still needs to be done in terms of infrastructure development to enable more businesses to move away from trading under trees to formal trading structures. There is also a need to link them with regional and global partners, so that they can fully benefit from continental and global trade agreements."

- Opening of the SADC Industrialisation Week
- Meeting on Infrastructure for Industrialisation: Pre-market sounding of selected SADC PIDA infrastructure projects

- Advancing Industrialisation: Informal Business to Business (B2B) and Learning Sessions
- High Level Private Sector Engagement with Ministerial Task Team
- Closing.

- Tours to selected companies in the minerals sector, agricultural sector – sugar industry, food and beverages industry, forestry industry and infrastructure projects (water sector).



CORRECTIONAL IMBALI, THE EPITOME OF SWAZI CULTURE

His Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase has heeded to the Royal command by releasing a cohort of enthusiastic maidens to take part in the upcoming national Reed Dance.

Preparations for the national ceremony are already at an advanced stage with the young female officers camped at Matsapha Correctional Staff College.

His Majesty King Mswati III summoned all maidens to the royal residence on August 23 for the commencement of the Reed Dance, known as Umhlanga ceremony.

Propelled

The commissioner general says the swift response to the call by Their Majesties was propelled by the high value that the department holds for culture.

Besides this, he also highlighted that culture was one of the tools the department uses to rehabilitate people in conflict with the law.

He added that the Reed Dance ceremony played a pivotal role in nation building as well as contributing to economic growth.

Ntshangase said the Reed Dance was a spectacular event which attracted throngs of people from within and beyond borders hence it was imperative for the girls to



uphold high discipline values.

Speaking on the currently ongoing rehearsals, Ntshangase said the issue of respect within His Majesty's Correctional Services could not be debated as the maidens were expected to exhibit the highest level of discipline, particularly because they were from a discipline service where discipline, respect, loyalty and taking of lawful orders were the most observed values.

Participate

He encouraged the young girls to set out not only to participate but also add value to the whole ceremony by delivering to the best of their ability.

An excited group of correctional officers have expressed their exhilaration to form part of the many young Swazis to attend the national event, which will be held at

Ludzidzini Royal Residence.

The officers said they were enthusiastic to be part of the ceremony on such a highly favoured year where His Majesty and the nation will be hosting guests from within the SADC region and abroad.

Some of the girls highlighted that even though they had been attending the ceremony for the past years, they still loved every bit of it.

However, some shared that they would be attending the Reed Dance for the first time and were excitedly waiting to experience and learn more about the ceremony. Characterised by songs and dance moves composed for this year, the event promises to usher a record that has never been witnessed in the history of Swazi culture.

Umhlanga Reed Dance is a cultural ceremony that encourages young girls to preserve their chastity until they are ready for marriage.

Each year during the month of August, thousands of Imbali converge at Ludzidzini in readiness for the event, which lasts for a week.



DISCHARGED TROOPS:
Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase.

IMBALI SPEAK ON PREPARATIONS

Nqobile Dladla

It encourages me to be part of His Majesty's Correctional Services' Imbali because of the excellent delivery that the girls strive to achieve each year. We have been preparing for this event and are more than ready to deliver

according to Their Majesty's expectations. We also promise to exhibit a high level of respect and lift the departmental flag high owing to the fact that Umhlanga is one of the cultural activities that teach us about respect.

Mphile Maphosa

This will be my second year attending the ceremony as part of Correctional Imbali and I have already learnt a lot about my culture. We promise to deliver in accordance with the expectations as we are proud Swazi girls.

Sibusisiwe Dlamini

This year's ceremony is one that will be recorded in the books of Swazi history. I will be attending the ceremony for the 15th time and as Imbali from HMCS we promise nothing but the best. All our efforts will come to fruition on the day when we display before Their Majesties and international guests.

Weziwe Dlamini

I am very proud to be Imbali and a member of His Majesty's Correctional Services. I can attest that having started preparations about a week ago, we are now set to impress before the nation. This will be an opportunity to showcase our prestige as young girls as well as upholding the values of our beautiful culture. There is quite a lot that we learn through the ceremony and are also grateful to the commissioner general who upholds high regard for culture in the department.

Nosmilo Vilakati

It is one thing to learn about culture and another to be part of it. I am eagerly waiting for the event and we promise to display a high level of respect, more especially because the country will be hosting international guests. I believe this ceremony will play a mammoth role in portraying the good country that Swaziland is.

Sphehile Bhembe

We are geared up for the event and we promise nothing but the best in front of Their Majesties. I started attending Umhlanga three years ago and I look forward to more years.



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Dear delegates!

The 36th SADC Summit which the country hosts from Monday will be like no other.

We are aware that there is a section of society that would like to project a certain image of Swaziland to the outside world - a Swaziland that is not democratic, oppressive and all that jazz.

That's their choice.

We believe that Swaziland will emerge from this Summit stronger and the region having a better understanding of what this country is all about.

When His Majesty King Mswati III accepted the position of Vice Chairman of SADC last year in Gaborone, Botswana he then invited the regional leaders to witness the much talked about Reed Dance ceremony.

Just like our politics, the reed dance has been demonised all over the world and presented in a manner that is foreign even to the very people who practice and enjoy this culture.

With all the 14 other SADC Heads of States and their officials here, they will witness firsthand what the Reed Dance is all about and not what they have been fed by some propaganda machines within and outside of Swaziland.

Witness

Many European and American guests have in the past visited the Kingdom to witness the Reed Dance and left humbled by the humility and beauty of our culture. We hope our guests will not be disappointed but will be swept of their feet by this spectacular experience.

The reed dance festivities start on Tuesday, August 23 and finishes on Monday, August 29.

Swaziland, irrespective of the labels given, remains the only country in Africa that is still steep in traditions and the only one where the King is still central to the lives of its citizens.

Politically, like all systems, we are not claiming to be perfect but we constantly look for solutions to ensure that our people's concerns and aspirations are met.

WELCOME TO SWAZILAND

...we are a proud nation



I say this because ahead of this Summit, His Majesty the King gathered the Nation to the Cattle Bye (Sibaya) where he addressed them about the summit and further urged them to express themselves on things that are of concern which may have a bearing coming to this important meeting of States.

People from all walks of life, for six days, had their say on political, social and economic issues.

Noted

It was noted that whilst many spoke, from the very old to the young, prominent multi-party advocates missed the opportunity.

SWADEPA leader, Manzini North MP Jan Sithole remains the only prominent figure that sees value in contributing to nation building exercises commissioned by His Majesty the King.

His voice is heard within the structures, but the many others who have lobbied the international community to put pressure on the country to unban multi-parties have continued to shun such an open forum.

It is such conduct or behaviour that continues to worry the majority of Swazis as to whose mandate are they pushing when they don't want to be party to locally engineered platforms to influence the change they so desire.

Impression

Such people want to create an impression that Swaziland's participation in SADC and other global bodies is misplaced just because we don't endorse a particular political system.

Each country chooses its own political system and no one should impose it's own

upon anyone unless that system totally contradicts with the values and objectives of such structure.

Swaziland chose for close to 400 years to be a Kingdom. Our political organisation therefore will differ from countries that are republics.

Being a Kingdom does not mean we don't have to respect political systems of other countries. We accept that they have chosen their systems because it best represents their people and Swazis should also be respected.

We are also alive to the fact that what also influences the choice of a particular political system is the political economy of that particular nation, for instance the size (both land mass and population), the tribes, and language.

It may be argued that a unitary political system instead of a multi-party based political system is not suited for a small country like Swaziland with a singular language and homogenous small population.

The question then is what is the noise all about?

In most cases, just like in any multi-party system the issue is on the effectiveness of the system in delivering services to the people.

People will always disagree on the forms of service delivering, but it may not necessarily mean that it needs complete overhaul, unless it is an extreme case.

Concern

Like the many people who spoke at the cattle bye we noted that their major issues of concern were on service delivery by the government.

Systems can best perform by change of guard. In Monarch's you change the government, whilst in multi-party systems, even the entire leadership changes hands.

So as we welcome our delegates we need to reflect that Swaziland just like many other countries of the world has its fair share of service delivery issues and governance remains work in progress.

We remain a peaceful nation and one that prides itself in culture and one that remains rooted in traditions. The institution of the Monarch remains a unifying figure and pillar of the Nation.

We hope what you will see or hear is nothing that you are not used to in your various countries.

The reason we have SADC is that as countries we need to explore ways and systems that would contribute to positive development and well-being of the region.

We take it that all those who are raising issues of concern are doing so for the betterment of the region.

Welcome to Swaziland!

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Dealing with Diabetes



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Gastro paresis is a disorder affecting people with both type 1 and type 2 diabetes in which the stomach takes too long to empty its contents (delayed gastric emptying).

The vagus nerve controls the movement of food through the digestive tract. If the vagus nerve is damaged or stops working, the muscles of the stomach and intestines do not work normally, and the movement of food is slowed or stopped.

Just as with other types of neuropathy, diabetes can damage the vagus nerve if blood glucose levels remain high over a long period of time. High blood glucose causes chemical changes in nerves and damages the blood vessels that carry oxygen and nutrients to the nerves.

Causes of Gastro paresis in Diabetes

Gastro paresis is caused by damage to the vagus nerve, which regulates the digestive system and makes muscles function. Diabetes is a leading cause of gastro paresis, accounting for about one-third of cases. Damage to the vagus nerve keeps the muscles of the stomach and intestine from functioning properly. In gastro paresis, food remains in your stomach because it is not processed and pumped through the intestines.

Other causes of gastro paresis include:

- Viral infections.
- Abdominal surgery with injury to the vagus nerve.
- Drugs such as narcotics and some antidepressants.
- Amyloidosis (deposits of protein fibers in tissues and organs) and scleroderma (a connective tissue disorder that affects the skin, blood vessels, skeletal muscles, and internal organs)

Symptoms of Gastro paresis in Diabetes

The symptoms of gastro paresis linked to diabetes include:

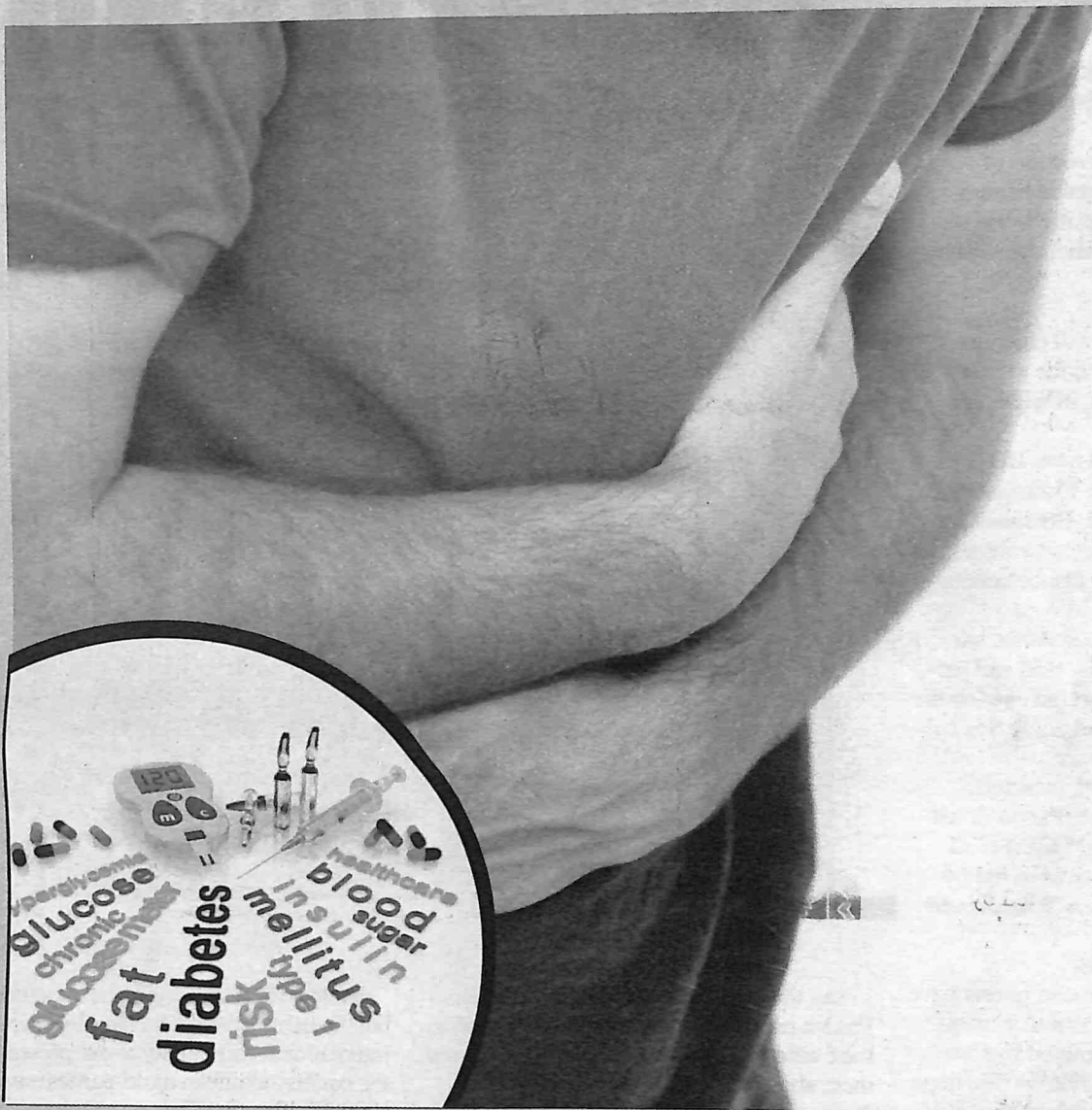
- Heartburn or reflux (backup of stomach contents into the esophagus)
- Nausea
- Vomiting undigested food
- Poor control of blood sugar
- Feeling full quickly when eating
- Abdominal bloating
- Poor appetite and weight loss

Complications of Gastro paresis in Diabetes

If you have diabetes and gastro paresis, you should be aware of the following complications:

- Food that stays in the stomach for a long time can spoil, which can lead to the growth of bacteria.
- Food in the stomach can harden into a lump called a bezoar. Bezoars can cause blockages in the stomach that keep food from moving into the small intestine.
- Gastro paresis can cause additional health problems for people who have diabetes. When food finally does leave the stomach and enters the small intestine, there is a rise in blood sugar levels. Gastro paresis can make it difficult for the person with diabetes

DIABETES AND STOMACH ACHE



● According to American Diabetes Association, if you have diabetes and your doctor suspects gastro paresis, he or she will review your symptoms and medical history with you. Your doctor will also perform a physical exam and may order certain blood tests, including blood sugar levels.

to control his or her blood sugar levels consistently.

In severe cases, daily vomiting may occur.

Diagnosing Gastro paresis in Diabetes

According to American Diabetes Association, if you have diabetes and your doctor suspects gastro paresis, he or she will review your symptoms and medical history with you. Your doctor will also perform a physical exam and may order certain blood tests, including blood sugar levels. Your doctor will want to make sure an obstruction is not the cause of your symptoms. Tests used to diagnose gastro paresis may include:

Barium X-ray: You drink a liquid (barium), which covers your esophagus, stomach, and small intestine and shows up on X-rays. This test is also known as an upper GI (gas-

trointestinal) series or barium swallow.

Barium beefsteak meal: You eat a meal with barium in it, and the doctor uses an X-ray to watch how your stomach digests the meal. The rate of digestion will tell your doctor how quickly your stomach is emptying.

Radioisotope gastric-emptying scan: You eat food that has a radioisotope (a radioactive substance) in it, and then lie under a scanning machine that detects the radiation. If the scan shows that more than half of the food is still in your stomach after 1.5 hours, you have gastro paresis.

Gastric manometer: A thin tube that is passed through your mouth and into your stomach measures the stomach's electrical and muscular activity to determine how

quickly it is digesting food.

Electrogastrography: This test measures electrical activity in the stomach using electrodes placed on the skin.

Ultrasound: This imaging test uses sound waves to create pictures of body organs. Your doctor may use ultrasound to eliminate other diseases.

Upper endoscopy: This procedure involves passing a thin tube (endoscope) through your esophagus to examine the lining of your stomach.

More on this topic next Saturday!

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WRITER'S NOTE



WITH: Phumelele Mkhonta

REST... If there is one 'activity' that I will do this weekend is just that, rest. This is literally the last weekend before it goes down in the country.

Imagine this, next week until September, 5 we will have local and international music gurus gracing the country. Here are some of the artists who will grace the country in the two weeks; saxophonist Denzel Erasmus, Riky Rick, DJ Tira, Hotstix, Nasty C, Emtee, Kwesta, Heavy K, DJ Fresh and the list goes on. So basically sleep will be rumour and I advise people to sleep this weekend because you will surely miss this for quite some time.

Talking about shows, L&E had the greatest privilege of having a one on one with the legendary Sipho 'Hotstix' Mabuse and DJ Tira and they shared on their love for Swaziland and how Swazis are supportive, catch that on Page 5.

Gospel sensation, Shekinah, spoke to us on her history with music and her future prospective. This being a woman's month we applaud Sheki for representing.

Talking of woman's month, we will be have our first Power Clique Conference today at Woodlands in Ezulwini featuring DJ Zinhle and former Generations 'Priska'. My wish is for everything to go according to plan thus inspire and motivate women; both young and old. Slay women slay!!!

Enjoy this read, am out!

■ After more than four decades...

VETERAN MUSICIAN MSHIKISHI MNDZEBELE STILL STANDING

Despite having turned 61 years on July 27 and thus qualifying to be amongst the country's senior citizens, Mbhaqanga music legend Mshikishi, aptly called 'Gorilla Man' Mndzebele, is certainly not one to retire or tire up anytime soon.

Many would have thought it was time for the 'mkhulu' to bid his throngs of followers or the microphone farewell but such thoughts have seemingly not crossed the mind of this gifted artist in Mndzebele.

He certainly is one who's seen the rough and tough times of this industry having earned peanuts throughout his career. The younger generation is living off their talents nowadays but Mshikishi entered the music industry at a time such was unheard of.

Just like a voice of one crying in the wilderness, he for sometime bemoaned the paltry pay given to local artists at the expense of foreign ones who got decent rewards.

No wonder despite his toiling and sweating over the years, he still rides public transport to Ntandozi, his home area, as opposed to owning an automobile.

These storms of life he weathered just like an oak tree that survived all kinds of weather. But the good news is that parliament recently passed the Copyright Act, something that would see artists living off their talents through earning decent income from airplay and the likes.

Now he released a 10-track album **Overtime** that was recorded in Mtubatuba, SA.

Evidently he subscribes to the notion that 'our greatest glory is not in ever falling but in rising every minute we fall'. Hence he's remained standing despite the odds which were stacked heavily against him in years gone past.

Yes, indeed winners never quit and quitters never win.

Coincidence

It is no coincidence that Mshikishi vowed last month in an interview with this publication not to stop doing what he likes best; being behind the microphone and entertaining the masses.

The energetic Mndzebele said he was married to the art thus would stick around until he breathes his last on mother earth. This means he would also benefit from the Copyright Act after all since he'll still be rocking them.

His new 10 track album mainly speaks to all the years he's been around and his musical experiences.

It contains the track *maSwati* ('monarchical democracy'), which promotes the tinhundla system of governance as a flagship for the country and urges the nation to embrace same.

"We should be proud of our system and



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promote it as a nation," Mshikishi said. He also congratulated His Majesty King Mswati III on assuming the SADC Chairmanship and enactment of the Copyright Act.

Entertain

"As Swazi artists I plead that we be given space to entertain His Majesty's guests during the Summit as one way of marketing ourselves to a wider audience because many countries would grace the auspicious occasion," he said.

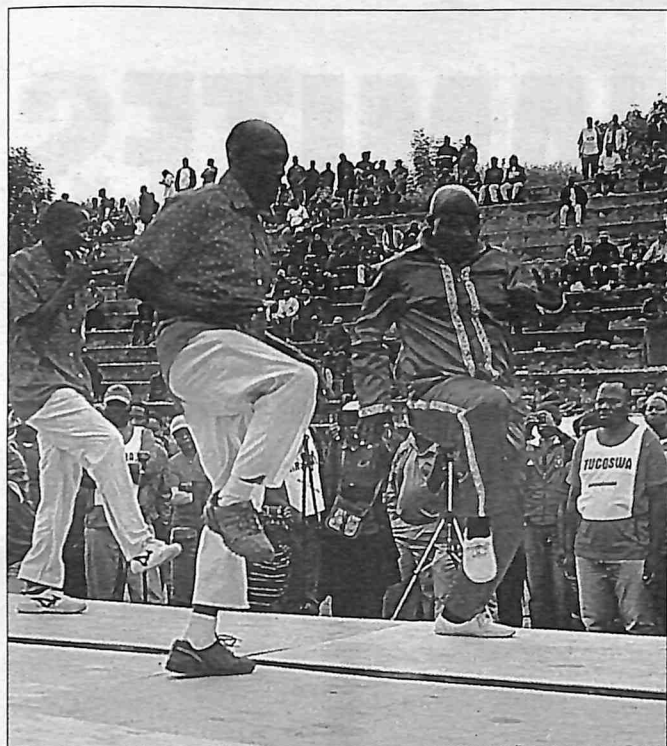
Mshikishi emphasises he'll stick around

for longer, quipping that he'll continue delivering even if he were to be confined to a wheelchair or suffer any form of disability for music was his passion. Tracks are; Mahlalela, Dwalaza, Lucolo and Umona amongst others.

Material

It indeed has not been smooth sailing for Mndzebele who had to rely on the Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services (SBIS) in part for recording his material.

Only two of his albums were recorded in



Mshikishi
Overtime

1. Lalele (V. Soko & M. Mndzebele)
2. Imvho (V. Soko & M. Mndzebele)
3. Dwalaza (B. Zikalala & A. Gina)
4. Yini Umuntu (M. Mndzebele)
5. Lulo (D. Kunene & B. Zikalala)
6. Tikhundla (M. Mndzebele)
7. Khula Misa (M. Mndzebele & D. Kunene)
8. Overtime (V. Soko & M. Mndzebele)
9. Umona (M. Mndzebele)
10. Stimela (M. Mndzebele & B. Zikalala)

Produced by: M. Mndzebele & B. Zikalala
Engineered by: Mr Pro
Recorded @: SPM Studios (Mthunzi) SA
Mixed @: SPM Studios (Mthunzi) SA
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ABOUT MSHIKISHI

- Has been in the industry for the past 42 years, having kicked-off his career through dancing in bars in 1974, even though he did not indulge in alcohol.
- Later discovered by a South African band called Emagugu Esimanjemanje, which was popular at the time, who introduced him to stage performing.
- The band toured Zimbabwe, where a young Oliver Mtshali watched him perform.
- After the tour, Mshikishi returned home in 1976 to share the art with his people and has been rocking the masses since then.
- Despite being in the industry for over four decades, he's only released seven albums to date.
- Other albums are; the debut 'Wayengekho Ubaba', 'eBhunya' (bahollie), 'Interstate', 'Selimathunzi', 'Solomon' and 'Maye Mhile'.
- Collaborated with the Prodigal Sonz in their 2013 album titled 'Singumliba' for the track Yiba nami baba.

- Bestowed with Inyatsi Construction Traditional Artist of the Year award in 2013 during the National Arts and Culture Council Awards at Kwaluseni, UNISWA Sports Emporium
- In 2010 was decorated with an honorary award by the Mawane Manana Arts Foundation for his contribution to the arts industry in Swaziland.
- Immediate past president of the Swaziland Arts and Music Association (SWAMA)
- Has been vocal about the meagre pay given to Swazi artists during shows or corporate events with a huge chunk of the cake given to foreign equals.
- Shared the stage with equally great legends such as the Soul Brothers
- Used to grace the once popular six to six shows hosted by the International Trade Fair in the 80s until early into the millennium.
- Famously known for his peculiar dance moves hence the nickname 'Gorilla Man'.

SA whilst the rest were done locally. But SBIS itself was not specialising in recording artists but merely extended such gesture for its various programmes such as *umboloho*, *umgubho* and *ummiso*. The station would do this for archival purposes not promoting local artists per se. To demonstrate how challenged the industry has been, Mshikishi's album of 2010 was recorded at the relatively unknown Ingongoni Studios

in Luyengo area. When he turned 60 years last year, Swaziland Arts and Music Association (SWAMA) President Lutfo Dlamini and friends hosted a befitting party for him at S&B Restaurant where over E20 000 in cash, a goat and several gifts were dished out to the legend. There goes the stalwart, a living legend and veteran of note again; so pretenders make way for him!
(By Njabulo Dlamini)



SA Celebrity News



CELEBS IN INTERRACIAL MARRIAGES



Hlubi and Kirsten Arnold.



Precious Kofi and Mr Schamel.



Sonia Bonneventia Pule and Matthew Booth.



Lira and Robin Kohl.



Zolani Mahola and Nicholas.

WE ARE WOMEN

KNOW YOUR FRIENDS

It is an undeniable fact that we depend on each other as people for livelihood; we are nurtured by our parents at a tender age then slowly become independent and tend to ourselves.

This clearly shows that we depend on each other. That being said, we need friends to survive in this life. There are things we go through, especially we women, that need to be shared and it does not matter if we get advice or not. Some things we cannot share with our colleagues, boss, teacher, husband and parents; we just need friends.

Sometimes it is not all about sharing problems or whatever; we also need someone to go out with and do fun stuff with. There are different people with different talents; so to say, we need different kind of friends for different aspects of our lives.

According to Rodale.com, Inc, these are the type of friends that we need:

1. A childhood friend

Longtime intimates are special for many reasons. They knew you and your family while you were growing up and likely have many memories and stories of you that no one else does. "These friends remind you that you are still the person you've always been," says Rebecca G. Adams, PhD, a leading friendship researcher and sociology professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Nurture these ties by starting a members-only website—groups on Yahoo, Google, or Facebook are free and make it easy. Use them to plan vacations or share links to digital photo albums. Or keep things low-tech—just stick a card in the mail now and then, and stay in touch with phone calls.

2. A spiritual friend



A study from Duke University Medical Centre found that people who regularly attended religious services or engaged in activities such as prayer, meditation, or Bible study had a 50% lower risk of dying over a six-year period than others of the same age and health status. That's not to say it's easy to forge a connection in a room of 300 worshippers or while meditating on your own. Seek more intimate opportunities at a local church or temple: Volunteer in a canned food drive campaign, or attend a lecture series. Or try a neighbourhood yoga center or community college; they often offer spiritually meaningful courses.

3. A younger friend

Research shows that an essential element of a happy life is to nurture and feel useful to others—by cooking a wholesome meal, say, or passing on what you've learned through experience. For many women, that itch gets scratched by raising children. But mentoring younger friends (from the office, for example) can give you that same feeling, Blieszner says. To maximise the benefits of this friendship, let advice flow in both directions. A younger confidante can explain the social networking site du jour or offer a fresh take on current events.

4. Your partner's friends

The more a couple's family and friends intermingle, the happier spouses are after even just one year of marriage, found one study that examined the social circles of 347 couples. "We were surprised," says researcher Kenneth Leonard, PhD, a professor of clinical psychology at SUNY Buffalo. "Including your spouse in your network of friends is nearly as important for marital happiness as making them feel they are a part of your family."

5. Yourself

So, how does one befriend herself, exactly? It starts with self-knowledge, says Pamela Peeke, MD, an assistant clinical professor of medicine at the University of Maryland. "Getting to know yourself is an amazing adventure," she says. "Think of what makes you fall in love with someone: how genuine, sincere, and caring they can be; the unconditional love they offer, no matter what. Doesn't that describe how you should feel about yourself?" Peeke recommends you repeat the following mantra as a reminder: *I love and honour myself as I do the other important people in my life*. To give yourself the TLC you deserve, write down seven things that make you feel happy and healthy (cooking dinner, talking to a friend, running, reading a book), and make sure you do at least one every day.
(By Phumelele Mkhonta)

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH SHEKINAH

DYNAMITES COME IN SMALL PACKAGES

Cover story

She might strike you as any other lady (if not a teen) but this woman here has a dynamic voice that blows roofs away and sends crowds to deep worship.

Shekinah Motsa is a young Swazi God fearing lady from the small town of Mankayane with only one sibling, her little sister. Both her parents still alive. She is a good and proper PK (Pastor's kid). Shekinah, also known as Nkazi, will be launching her very first album next week Saturday. She is also one of the leading artists from the Swazi Viols of Praise project due for release next Saturday. She is passionate about her music and currently serves as a full time worship team member at Jesus Calls Worship Centre in Mbabane, having also been part of the worship setup at Mbabane AEC a few years back.

She is currently pursuing a BCom degree with the University of Swaziland and also holds a Diploma in Business Administration from the Institute of Development Management, and also holds a Certificate in Banking and Risk Management from UNISA.

She is a subject of interest and has put an emphasis on this women's month; that YOU can also make it despite the saying 'It's a man's world'.

Here is what the beautiful talent had to say:

When did you discover your talent/love for music?

Whilst doing Grade Seven, sharing the stage in church with old time friends Sebenle and Sphindzile. These two ladies played a huge role in me discovering my talent.

Past that, I really didn't feel like I was any exceptional. What really got me here are the people around me that loved what I had, believed in it and nurtured it.

In investing in your talent, briefly tell us on your musical highlights and how it all came to being?

It has to be the Swazi Viols of Praise live CD recording at Esibayeni Lodge on the February 27. That night still rings fresh in my



Isaiah 40:31 – “but those who hope in the Lord, will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”... That's a scripture that keeps me going and believing more in God.

memory because all was just perfect. The organisation of the event was top notch, the sound and lighting was brilliant, all the artists put their best foot forward, and the crowd was the best. It remains one of the best moments in my music career thus far. I really can't wait for it to be released to the public officially.

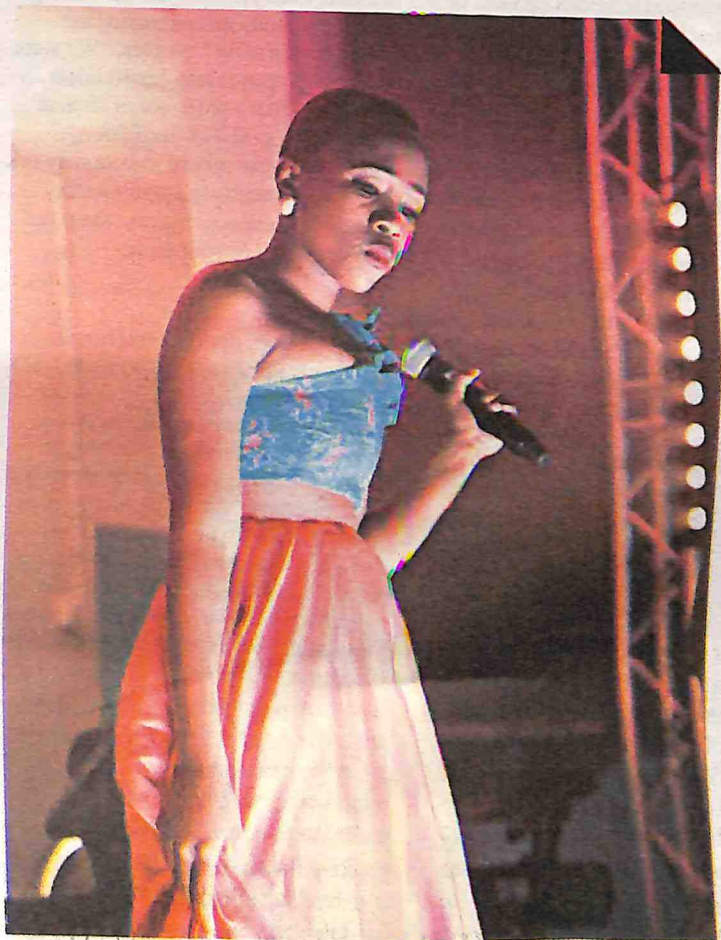
This moment actually was a culmination of all the great memories that I have had since joining the Women in Praise auditions last year and being part of the preparation process.

Before that, when my church Jesus Calls Worship Centre recorded an album a few years back, I had to lead a song for the first time in front of a big audience and is a day I will never forget.

What motivated your first ever headline show and what are we to expect? Which song do you hold dear and what message does it convey to you?

I still go back to the people around me, they have played a big role in my musical journey, and even helped build the little confidence that I now have. And while still growing in God and musically, I learnt that God uses all in different ways that we spread the gospel. Some were given the gift of preaching the word, some minister through dance but entrusted with a voice to minister in music to his people.

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POETRY CORNER

P.O.E.T
(Person of Extraordinary Thinking)

...By Bayanda Mhlanga

LOVE ME NOT

I implore of you to love
Me not for the battered heels
Of my grimy feet, I'm walking
Dead like a beheaded zombie
My gravely green eyes still
Struggles laboriously in the
squelching
Tears of life.

Love me not for my ghost
Smiles but the blazing tears
Gushing down my elongated
face.

I tenderly ironed the silky sleeves
Of thy veins like a crispy clothing
But you pillaged my heart strings
And the burned them like acid.
Though entombed me with
authority
Like a subordinate.

Love me not for the leaking
Pipes of my heart but the
Soothing warmth and grant you
Like a flamboyant further coat.
You were my bunker against
Gruesome and maniac hurrleins
Whizzing like devilishly whistling
bullets
Your avarice is the rapture.

DIARY OF A WORKING SINGLE MOTHER

Tragedies that shaped my life

Dear Diary

I hope you remember though when you think of me that I once made you whole.

I hope on the mention of my name even the first letter, you do get reminded of the girl you turned into a woman.

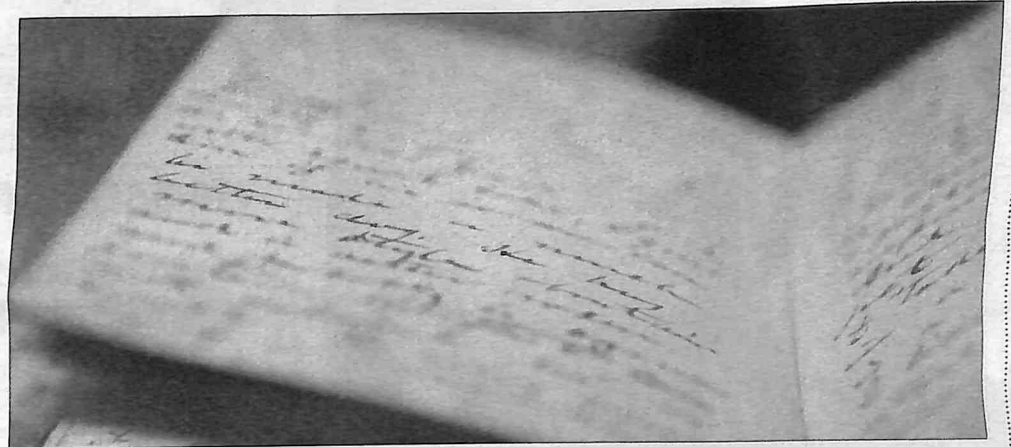
Be reminded of the sweet memories, sprinkled with cinnamon and as you sweat, you whispered things to me.

Even if you do not remember any of those words any more, I do hope, you do remember the eyes whose innocence you took.

For me, it was my first encounter down that road, at 23 years old. I thought I could handle anything and you came took pledges I made 10 years earlier and threw them into River Nile. Without knowing you were leaving me with a part of you that would mean the world to me.

Do you even think of those moments and feel lucky? Or it was another trophy, so many you have lost count?

Do you ever think, I might have gone through a lot as my eyes cry in pain echoed



your moans of pleasure?

Come back now, find me where you left me and take me back where I was. Put everything to what it was before you came and shattered it into pieces. I do not care even if it is a mosaic, but just paint me beautiful once again.

Process

You found what you were looking for, as I totally lost myself in the process. The forest you put me in is too thick and my way back

has been impossible, as blue as I am.

My trust you took with you, walked away from me as I bled in agony. Before long I came back looking for you, but you went on another hunting spree.

Some of that was meant to be taken but perfect timing makes it even sweeter. Can I again be granted with the opportunity to choose for myself and decide to give it away before you come and rob me of my precious innocence?

Youth on the move...

VINTAGE WEAR INFILTRATES MBABANE



In the recent weeks, Mbabane has been awash with youngsters who had a very unique and strong sense of style.

Vintage and unique clothes have been worn and some displayed at the Corporate Place Food Court where people had the privilege of mingling with the young fashion gurus.

The brains behind this initiative are three young men; Mlandvo Thusi, Mncedisi Kunene and Bonisani Masuku and they have labelled themselves Swazi Styled Collectives.

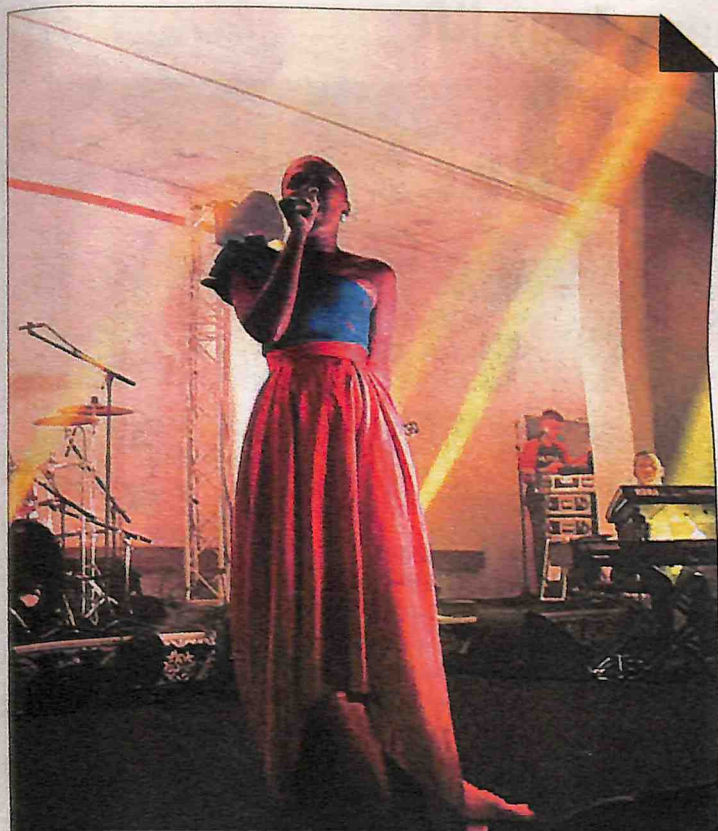
"That is exactly what we do, we collect different style and later showcase and maybe sell it," said Masuku, who is co-founder of Swazi Styled Collectives.

Show

Their first show was on July 2 and the last one was two weeks ago at the Corporate Place. Mbabane came to a standstill in admiring the different yet strong fashion sense that engulfed the place. The next show will be on September 24 and the venue is yet to be announced. "In future, we wish to collaborate with big fashion gurus like the Italians," said Masuku. "As Swazi Style Collectives, we are inspired by everyday life, how we want to address ourselves to the rest of the world, with so much talent. We want to give everyone the platform to showcase what they can do, with what they have (the vintage clothes)/art/music/poetry. Because there are so many people who can do things but they don't have the platform to do so, Grounders Market is for such," Masuku closed.

(By Phumelele Mkhonta)





keeps me going and believing more in God.

Who do you feature in your show and how was working with them?

I will be working with amazing and talented musicians from SA and Swaziland to bring that unique Shekinah sound.

I am fortunate to work with the extremely talented and experienced Johannesburg based pianist and Music Director, Thapelo Makateng, who has worked with the biggest artists in the industry (Benjamin Dube, Nothando Hlophe, Spirit of Praise, Women in Praise live in Swaziland, Tshwane Gospel Choir, Dube Brothers, etc). He has recently released his latest album 'Piano Worship 3 – Indescribable' I will also be working with talented and well-travelled saxophonist from Cape Town, Denzil Erasmus who will also be launching his new album on the same night. We will also have the talented acapella group, Unitone, on the night. Swazi Viols of Praise artists – Nhlakanipho Dlamini, Mngqobi Maseko, and Nontobeko Mabundza. I will also reunite with my friends Sebenele and Sphindzile that I mentioned earlier to do a song as we did back in the days.

What are your hopes for your first headline show?

That people may get to meet the real Shekinah musically and that it may impact their lives in a special way. Of course I'm also hoping for a packed venue. lol

What can people expect on your upcoming show?

People should come expecting to hear from God in a special way. God dwells in the praise of His people, and His praises will be lifted up. We have very strong musicians taking part on that night who know and believe in God. Praises will be lifted up for sure. New songs have been written, old songs brought back, it will be an awesome experience for the entire family to come together and praise the Lord.

It is definitely a show not to me missed because God's presence will be evident in the talent of his people.

Future plans as a musician?

All the artists under our management company, Leserato Events, have been given an opportunity to present who we are as musicians and as individuals. This is where I want to start, continue to grow as a musician and as a brand and to use this opportunity to present the unique sound of Shekinah Motsa. My future plans entail spreading my wings so I reach many countries all over the world so I may deliver what God wants me to say to his people and to record my own solo album in the near future. I would encourage people to come and support us on this big day and they will not be disappointed. I am grateful to the Almighty and my management company for such an opportunity to get to headline a show in my own country. That belief in my ability I truly appreciated.

Name of event: Shekinah live in concert

Venue: Sibane Hotel

Date: 27th August 2016

Tickets: E100

(By Phumelele Mkhonta)

'WE JUST LOVE SWAZILAND'

In the next two weeks, Swaziland will be serenaded by legends from our neighboring country, South Africa. Jazz musician Sipho 'Hotstix' Mabuse will be performing at the

Total Gold Series at House on Fire on September, 2 while prior to this event Durbanite deejay and businessman DJ Tira will be performing at his birthday tour at Esibayeni Lodge on August,

27. In an exclusive interview with this publication, these two shared on how they loved Swaziland adding that the country had greatly supported them in their musical journey.

I FIND SERENITY IN SWAZILAND - HOTSTIX

HOTSTICKS

South Africa's legendary jazz musician, Sipho 'Hotstix' Mabuse, stated how he finds peace of mind here and is able to replenish his energy every time he is in Swaziland.

Mabuse said reference to his performance at the second edition of the Total Gold Series on September 2. The Total Gold Series created so much hype that at its launch where South Africa's accapella group The Soil was the main act. It was announced on that day that Hotstix will be the next main act.

"I started performing in the Swaziland 50 years ago and have been there almost every year since then.

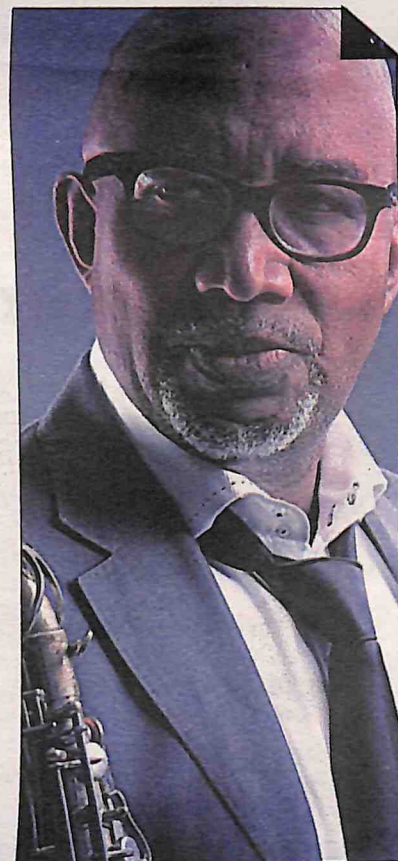
In actual fact, I would come maybe almost twice a year. Swaziland is a phenomenal place with wonderful people and beautiful crowds; I always get good reception when performing in the country.

My best memory is when the country hosted a huge concert towards removing the apartheid regime. It was so intimate and I was honoured to perform alongside Eric Clapton," said Mabuse. He also encouraged Swazis to come to his show as most know what he is made of and will stick by that reputation.

Low Down On Hotstix

Sipho 'Hotstix' Mabuse is one of Africa's most-loved and respected Afro-pop/jazz musicians. He was born in South Africa in 1951.

He has been honoured by music lovers the world over from Carnegie Hall, New York, to Newtown, Johannesburg, his ongoing contribution to the continents musical landscape has earned him legendary status. He was congratulated by President Jacob Zuma for pursuing his education at a late stage in his life and he completed his matric in 2012.



DJ TIRA HAND PICKS SD FOR BIRTHDAY PARTY

DJ TIRA



Let's be brutally honest, it is no shocker that Durbanite deejay, DJ Tira's, choice was Swaziland for his birthday tour.

The deejay is touring South Africa (Johannesburg, Cape Town, Richards Bay and Durban) and Swaziland for his birthday. Swaziland is the only country he is touring apart from South Africa. His birthday bash will be held at Esibayeni Lodge next Saturday and it will be a 17 hour party, *Siyohamba ngo 7*. The flamboyant deejay is actually turning a year older tomorrow. The deejay shared his excitement on the upcoming show with this publication.

WHY CELEBRATE IN SWAZILAND?

Swaziland has supported me and my brand since 2001 and I fell it was a noble gesture to include this country in my birthday tour.

WE ARE AWARE YOU COME EVERY YEAR, WHAT DOES THE COUNTRY MEAN TO YOU?

For me, Swaziland is home away from home, literally. I do not feel lost when in the country thus the reason why I make it a point to come every year. In the mean time, it saddens me that this will be the last time I make it to the country this year but it will be memorable.

WHAT DO YOU PROMISE SWAZIS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY BASH?

It will be a bang; I will be showing revellers what I am made of. I want them to feel my stage presence and yes we will dance until the crack of dawn. "Sohamba ngo seven."

About DJ Tira

South African recording artist, a deejay and entrepreneur Mthokozi 'DJ Tira' Khathi was born in the peaceful environment of Kwa-Hlabisa in KwaZulu Natal. He relocated to Durban in 1995 in pursuit of his studies in Human Resources at the University of Kwazulu-Natal. He taught himself to deejay and dance at a young age and was involved in South Africa Smirnoff DJ Knockout competition, which was also a founding base of his consistent career emerging to stars till date. He released his debut album 'The Real Makoya' after his recognition that was scored after the Smirnoff DJ Knockout.

Having signed with Sheer Music/Big Dawg Productions for the birth of Durban Finest Vol 1 album in 2003.

Which has been certified amongst the best till date.

In 2008 Tira formed the musical group BigNuz which had released an album prior to his involvement with them.

His invitation to the group has proved to be a major success as the concept of music this group does was initiated by Tira and the style was a complete turn around for the Durban kwaito that is dominating the scene and they released the critically well-reviewed and commercially successful album: '2ndRound knockout' (2009) under Tira's Co-ordination.

Tira's non-music business ventures include the stylish restaurant UberZulu in Florida Road and the Classy club Afro Fashion Lounge in Stamford Hill Road.

(By Phumelele Mkhonta)

Blockword Puzzle

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

Word Search Game - Figure Skating

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WIN WITH SWAZI OBSERVER AND LESERATO EVENTS

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

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CELL: _____

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Baby Blues



Blondie



Hagar the Horrible



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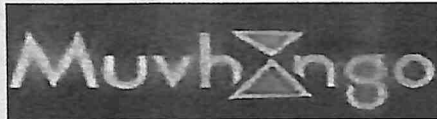


Monday August, 22

Sihle and Khanyi agree on a plan to handle Ngwebedla. Fezile gives Kaone confusing signals. Duma offers S'bu a potential solution to his housing problem. Judas gives Qaphela a new task.

Tuesday August, 23

Pam warns Jabu about how he is treating Iris. Fezile starts to relax more with Kaone. While S'bu shows Thandeka his solution to their housing problem, another problem hangs over his head. Samson pays Iris a surprise



Monday August, 22

The doctors can't find what's wrong with Susan. The Mojalefas make shocking discovery. Thifhelimbu finds something suspicious in Teboho's bag.

Tuesday August, 23

Azwindini receives some very exciting news. The Mojalefa family are in mourning. Vho-Mukondeleli encourages Mulalo to see a fertility specialist.

visit.

Wednesday August, 24

Mpiyakhe hosts an unexpected lunch guest. Mabuji seeks assurances from Thandeka, who feels sorry for her. Jabu arranges to take a holiday with Iris. Kaone jumps to the wrong conclusion when Fezile invites her to eat with him.

Thursday August, 25

Zwell gives Sihle some very distressing news. Thandeka confronts S'bu with the truth and an ultimatum.

Friday August, 26

The Zungus hold a traditional welcome back ceremony for Mehlemamba. Samson and the Ngwenyas make the new ally an appetising offer. S'bu delivers bad news to Mabuji. Kaone makes a shocking mistake.

Wednesday August, 24

Azwindini realises the sacrifice his wife has made for him. A surprise guest arrives at the Mojalefa mansion. Vho-Mukondeleli confronts Teboho about the pamphlet she found.

Thursday August, 25

Azwindini has some bad news for Vusi. Susan decides to make the ultimate sacrifice. Mulalo discovers Teboho's secret.

Friday August, 26

There is an unexpected guest at Lerumo's memorial service. Mankosi gives Thandaza some unwelcome news about Vusi. Mulalo doesn't come home and Teboho is beside herself.

ISIDINGO

Monday August, 22

The ill-fated braai in the park sparks more intolerance in Horizon Deep. Lerato's health takes a turn for the worse, unbeknown to Sechaba. Nikiwe hides her burgeoning feelings for Gabriel from S'khu.

Tuesday August, 23

Obakeng and Calvin have a furious confrontation. Lerato keeps her concerns about her health to herself. S'khu is baffled by Nikiwe's new lease on life.

Wednesday August, 24

Sechaba struggles to get a stubborn Lerato to go and see a doctor. Events from the braai cause further intolerance on the Deep. Nikiwe's guilt makes her lash out at S'khumbuzo.

Thursday August, 25

Sechaba takes action to galvanize and get the community to come together and discuss the intolerance issue. Aphiwe has become a problem between Obakeng and Calvin, but is it about her or their manly egos? S'khumbuzo makes an effort to please Nikiwe.

Friday August, 26

Nina crashes the community meeting and confronts Eddie. Lerato gets devastating news from Dr Beth. Gabriel continues to pursue Nikiwe.



Monday August, 22

Karabo is horrified about what she did to her son. Wandile tries to save Getty from herself. Xolelwa tells Patricia their living arrangement isn't working for her.

Tuesday August, 23

Everyone's in a flat panic at the Moroka house... Namhla's decision comes as a huge shock to her family. Sphe does a blood test to see if she is pregnant.

Wednesday August, 24

Tau is on a mission to remove all possible temptation. Xolelwa's 'freedom' celebration is short-lived. Mazwi shows his true colours and they're not pretty.

Thursday August, 25

Amo is becoming an obsession with his father. Gadaffi is alarmed about Tshidi's state of mind. Wandile has serious doubts about Getty's new 'friend'.

Friday August, 26

Daniel makes a complete nuisance of himself. Lucy mocks Namhla's attempts to find a job. Sphe is shocked by what she learns from the fertility clinic's receptionist.



Monday August, 22

Chris has been hiding this secret from his family for years, will he be honest and tell them the truth? Matrone helps Vince with a brilliant idea.

Tuesday August, 23

Vince feels positive and relieved that the Deli is well under way again. Pulane come to Bruynwag's rescue.

Wednesday August, 24

Petro has made her final decision. Charmaine is shocked when she hears what Vanessa had to go through in the past.

Thursday August, 25

Hilda is very traumatised after her time in prison. Riana Nel entertains everyone in the club tonight.

Friday August, 26

Alexa helps Charmaine through her darkest hour. Petro puts the men in their place.

BUBU'S 25TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Carol 'Bubu' Ngewnya turned 25 years in style; capping it with her graduation party. 'Bubu' is now a proud holder of a Degree in Human Resources Management. The event took place at the end of July at Mdzimba

Mountain View where the lady of the day was pampered by relatives and friends. The crowd was serenaded by DJ Mbi and the MC was Neli Maseko, AKA DJ Lady Deep. (By Phumelele Mkhonta)



SADC REVIEW



Forwarded By Dr
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SADC Executive Secretary



The SADC Success Stories initiative is intended to increase the public visibility of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and to showcase some of the achievements and benefits of regional integration in the belief that SADC is not sufficiently well understood in terms of its mandate, programmes, activities and impact.

Regional success stories and positive results are documented in this publication in a well-informed and accessible manner to demonstrate the benefits of regional integration to SADC citizens, contribute to the spirit of a common future, and generate interest in SADC and its potential.

This year marks 35 years of SADC progress, including its growth from nine to 15 Member States in mainland Southern Africa and the islands.

At its formation as the Southern Africa Development Coordination Conference (SADCC) in Lusaka, Zambia, in April 1980, the leaders of the region sought to demonstrate their vision of unity through the tangible benefits of working together.

SADC has come a long way since its transformation into a regional development community in 1992.

From this solid foundation, the region has transformed into a cohesive Community, which is determined to deliver a better standard of living for the people of the region.

The reform of the SADC structure and its institutional framework since 1992 has shown the strong commitment by Member States to consolidate regional economic and political integration, while accelerating the process towards an integrated region as part of a continental African Economic Community.

In pursuit of the regional integration agenda, SADC Member States have since 1992 signed 27 protocols and a number of declarations, charters and memoranda of understanding on various matters, ranging from trade, mining and finance and investment to illicit drugs, forestry and shared watercourses, as well as the empowerment of women and young people.

Out of the 27 protocols, 24 have come into force so far after being ratified by two-thirds of the signatory Member States.

Although there is still a long way to go, we believe that these and other initiatives have improved the lives of SADC citizens.

For example, the One-Stop-Border Post initiative has proved a viable development in eliminating trade barriers through reduction of clearance time and cost, with benefits extending to consumers further afield.

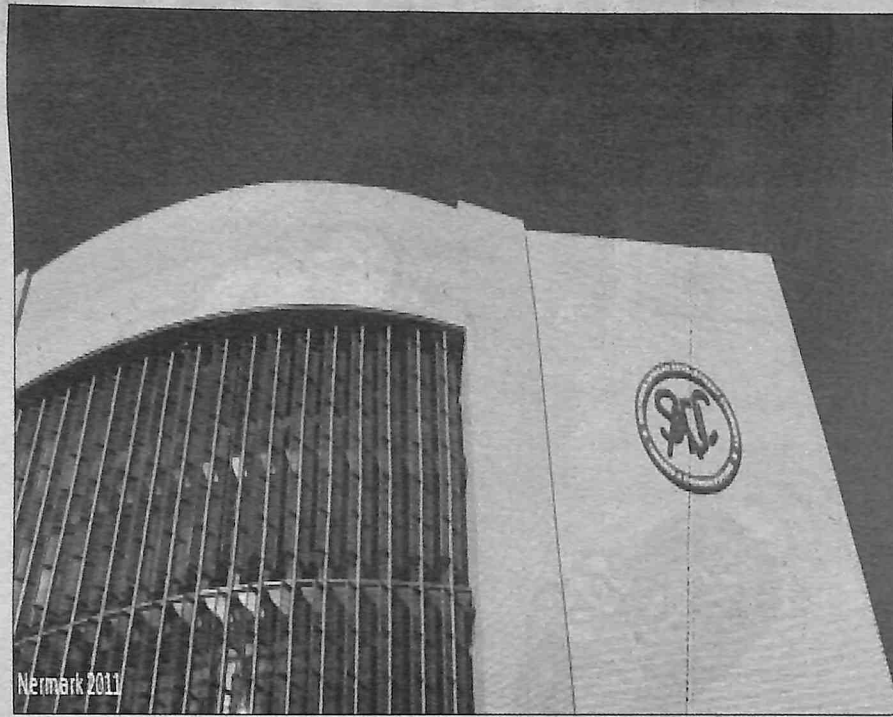
Similarly, development corridors have helped boost industrial growth, especially in landlocked countries, by providing cheaper alternative transport routes to seaports.

Equally, the establishment of river basin commissions has made it easier for joint management and utilisation of transboundary water resources.

The purpose of this article is to highlight these SADC achievements, with a focus on how regional integration has benefitted citizens, thus promoting greater awareness and participation by the people of the region and their institutions in the process of regional integration.

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SADC SUCCESS STORIES



SADC Vision

The vision of SADC is one of a Common Future, a future within a regional community that will ensure economic wellbeing, improvement of the standards of living and quality of life, freedom and social justice, and peace and security for the people of Southern Africa

Facilitation trade, reducing time, costs

If Zimbabwean truck driver Godfrey Magaba had a choice, he would use only the Chirundu border post between Zambia and Zimbabwe to ferry goods across the region.

"The service at Chirundu has greatly improved," he says. This is in contrast with other border crossings across the region where customs and immigration procedures may take several hours or even days to be completed.

The massive reduction in time needed to clear customs at Chirundu is due to the successful launch of the One-Stop Border-Post initiative in November 2009.

This was in line with the SADC Protocol on Trade ratified in 2000. The Protocol advocates for the elimination of barriers to trade as well as the easing of customs and transit procedures.

Under this scheme, immigration and customs procedures are carried out just once in each direction, in contrast to the situation at most border posts in the region where paperwork must be completed on both sides. Magaba says the simplified passage at Chirundu has saved his company huge sums since he no longer spends long periods waiting to cross. In the past, it took commercial trucks between four and six days to cross the Chirundu border. The typical charge for a stationary truck at the truck stops at the border is about US\$300 a day, meaning Magaba's company had to spend up to US\$1 800 to cross the Chirundu border.

These costs were passed on to the end-user, making goods more expensive for consumers in the region. Since the introduction of the one-stop border initiative at Chirundu, the crossing time there has been reduced to less than 30 hours on average. Vehicles with pre clearance can even cross on the same day.

Half of SADC's 12 continental Member States are landlocked, leaving major centres without direct access to a sea port.

"Historically, our border posts were created not

for trade, but for military and security reasons and now we need to change that to promote trade and the movement of persons throughout the region," says Lovemore Bingandadi, Transport Corridors Advisor at the SADC Secretariat. According to the Zambia Ministry of Commerce, traffic at Chirundu has more than doubled since the One Stop Border 4 Post (OSBP) was launched in 2009.

"If the border crossing adopts 24-hour operations, then we can easily achieve same-day crossing for the majority of commercial freight trucks," Bingandadi explained.

16 of the 35 most important border posts in the region have been identified as candidates for conversion to the one-stop system by 2020.

For now, Chirundu is the only operational OSBP of its kind in the region. However, Bingandadi expects more to follow quickly, once the most difficult groundwork of putting in place policy and legal frameworks are completed.

South Africa is in the process of adopting a national policy and strategy which will allow the Beitbridge and Lebombo border posts, among others, to work towards operating as OSBPs.

At Beitbridge, feasibility studies have shown that paperwork, currently requiring 24 steps on each side of the border, could be reduced to just eight once the OSBP is operational.

The opportunity cost for commercial companies is about US\$250-500 per day when the truck is stationary. More efficient border crossings means more efficient business as both vehicles and crews can be more productively utilised. The reduced time spent at the border by drivers and goods also reduces the chances of social ills such as corruption, pilferage and increased exposure to risky sexual behaviour.

Equally, accidents from hazardous cargoes being parked for long hours at border posts are reduced. And getting business back on the roads quickly helps to drive greater business growth in the region.

DEVELOPMENT CORRIDORS

THE highway linking South Africa and Mozambique has made a world of difference to Mozambican Aly Ibrahim Lalgay's family business.

"South Africa represents 50 percent of our business," says the general manager of Lalgay Transport, a transport company with over 350

trucks serving the regional market.

"If we didn't have the Maputo Development Corridor, our income would be about 20 percent of what it is now," says Lalgay.

It is a world away from when his father and uncles started their truck business 30 years ago. Then roads were poor and narrow. Now the company's trucks are among the steady stream of vehicles that make their way along the busy stretch of road daily. In 1996, the Mozambican and South African governments signed an agreement establishing the Maputo Development Corridor, which is a network of roads, railway transport and logistics facilities connecting the port of Maputo to South Africa and Swaziland. The corridor provides more than just a trade route – it drives business growth.

It aligns with SADC's Spatial Development Initiatives, a strategy to connect industries in landlocked countries to seaports and develop the inherent natural endowments of the corridor. The Maputo Development Corridor is one of 18 transport corridors in the region, explains Lovemore Bingandadi, Transport Corridors Advisor at the SADC Secretariat. It is the most successful development corridor in SADC, having attracted more than US\$5 billion in investment since its inception.

This includes US\$500 million invested in the port of Maputo since 2003; the development of a toll road from Gauteng to Maputo at a cost of about US\$400 million and a further US\$200 million invested in the railway line between Ressano Garcia and Maputo. Development corridors such as this support economic integration, anchor spatial development, help open up markets and promote increased trade and investment.

The Maputo Development Corridor stands out because it was driven by private sector frustration at the lack of infrastructure.

"A lot of things came together. There were clear mutual benefits to the two countries, to the private sector and to the governments," says Bingandadi.

"The increases in passenger and traffic flows across the borders are testament of the importance of this strategic corridor in regional integration and promoting sustainable economic development in the region," adds Barbara Mommen, chief executive officer of the Maputo Corridor Logistics Initiative (MCLI).

MCLI is the only private sector corridor management of its kind in Africa. Mommen notes that this private and public sector interface is a key factor in successfully addressing constraints on the Maputo Corridor.

"Without the private sector, the Maputo Corridor Concept wouldn't be so successful," acknowledges Nuno Maposse, Information and Marketing Services Coordinator for the Investment Promotion Centre of Mozambique.

"Most of the funds and resources have been sourced from the private sector based on the confidence they had. It's a very competitive business, it makes sense."

He says the corridor has had a major impact on Mozambique's economy. "We moved from about US\$300 million of exports 10 to 15 years ago to more than US\$2 billion now," says Maposse. He said the success of the corridor has impacted on activity at the Ressano Garcia/Lebombo border post between Mozambique and South Africa, which has expanded its capacity. "Now there is around 17 million tonnes of cargo coming in. The road has also been upgraded on the Mozambican side and traffic has increased dramatically." South African industry has also taken advantage: US\$2.25 billion worth of South African goods were exported through Mozambique in 2013, the bulk of which travelled through the Maputo Development Corridor. Future challenges, notes Mommen, include establishing a one-stop border post at Ressano Garcia/Lebombo, improving railway efficiency and promoting increased operational efficiency and growth.

All of this will contribute to an even smoother ride for business along the corridor, which now provides an alternative access to sea routes for landlocked countries such as Zambia or Zimbabwe.

ECONOMICS
TODAYWITH: George
Choongwa

A man by the name of Colin Powell once said in life and business in particular, there are no secrets to success.

It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure. Most people have fallen victim with the concept of mixing business with pleasure. Though they think it was their businesses and they had the right to keep in both pace and shape as they would but in the long run the consequences would just catch up with them.

Business by principle is a separate legal entity that needs to be treated separately from the owner. In actual terms, the owner of the business can sue his or her business and the other way round. This concept however, has been overlooked by so many business people and the results have been a loss to some unbearable degree. As a result of not having strict rules and regulation when it comes to business, most small businesses have become short lived. The following are some areas where most people end up mis-managing the business ethics;

Time and Business

The old saying by Benjamin Franklin that "Time is money" he also said that "time lost is never found again" still rings true today.

Franklin's notion has stood the test of time, every expert especially in the business world has admitted that in the business world, 'time' is one of the most important asset for any organisation. In fact gurus of management like Peter F. Drucker point out that in this world, everything requires time. It is the only truly universal condition. All work takes place in time and uses up time. Yet most people take for granted this unique, irreplaceable, and necessary resource. Nothing else, perhaps, distinguishes effective executives as much as their tender loving care of time."

Unfortunately many businesses fail to keep up with or realize the "time" factor.

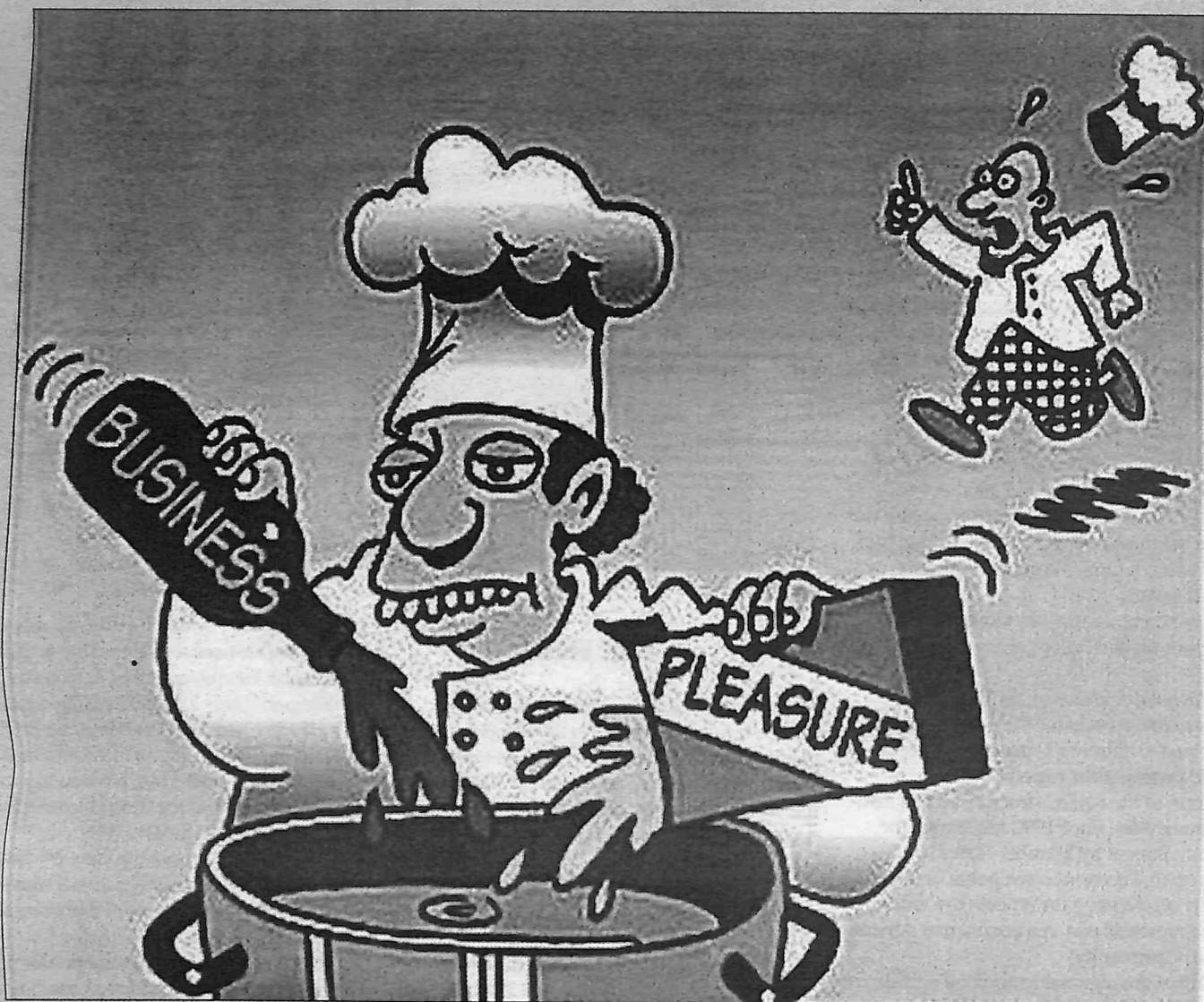
This happens because of the mismanagement of "time". It has become imperative that organisations train their employees in systematic time management so that they can achieve productive results in a progressive period of time. Since most small business owners are also the managers of time, this has landed them into serious situations in which they feel they would do anything they wanted, whenever. It is a common factor to see business owners opening and closing at their own will thinking that they were in charge of time and yet the opposite is the truth.

In cases where the owner of the business has two or more employees, he or she must understand that the concept of time management not only helps an employee to attain targets but also gains valuable insights into managing time effectively between business and personal lives. Time management training helps to maintain balance in the working environment by beating off stress and anxiety.

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MIXING BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE



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This oversight directly affects the potential survival and sustainability of businesses. A researcher by the name of Nick (2009) noted that those businesses which budgeted for the future at least once a year had only a 36 percent chance of survival.

Those that budgeted once a month for the future had increased their chance of survival to 80 percent. Nick also highlighted that a great misconception amongst small businesses was that enhanced growth would automatically solve cash flow problems, but this growth could lead to much more cash demands if the businesses granted customer discounts solely to enhance sales.

However, it is surprising how most business people end up in the wrong side of things. They have been faced with serious

cash flow problems that ended up costing their own businesses. The challenge has been with the understanding between business money and the owner's money. Each business person must understand that by virtue of owning a business, it is important to point out that he or she was in real terms employed by the business and it is important to keep in mind that for any successful and health business, there must be enough cash on hand for various reasons, such as investing in new infrastructure and dealing with unexpected expenses. Moreover, a business's cash flow is often cited as a key factor in its potential for long-term success. A company may have all the revenue in the world, but without the ability to generate cash, it can easily fail. However, this important element has been less considered as vital for most business owners especially at the small scale level.

Friends, Family and business

John D. Rockefeller once said that a 'friendship founded on business is better

than a business founded on friendship.

In as much as friendship and family are important in one's life, it is very important however to note that the two cannot can bring about massive loss and destruction. In other words once a business person embarks on the platform of bringing issues of family and friendship in business, then one would be sure that the business was headed for the brick walls; sooner or later it would collapse.

The two cannot be put in one box. A successful business demands dedication and massive discipline. One must know when it is time for business, friendship or family. However, it is a good thing to socialise with others, actually it breeds much 'customer-ship', but one must know and mark boundaries as to what extent to engage friendship or family and business.

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Untipping The Societal Scales

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Before anyone is anything to anybody be it a wife or a husband (s) he is an individual.

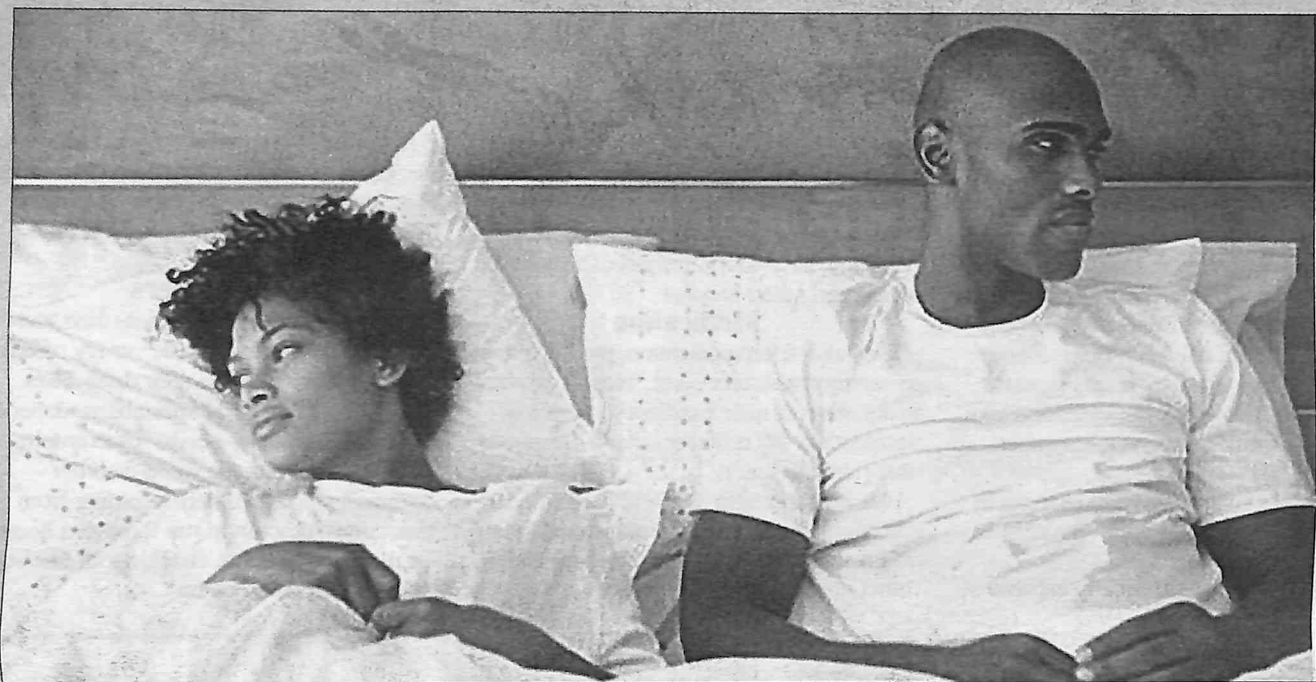
That is the very mark that sets one apart from the rest. For that reason, man or woman shall always have to do and keep some things to oneself for purposes of security of such extremely personal information. Societal Scales here is driving home the fact that everyone breathing has the darkest, ugliest and most embarrassing secret(s) no matter how big or small. This applies to women and odd legged creatures alike, however, of all the secrets that may be hidden; a woman in particular, should never divulge to a man, her husband three things. By so doing, owing to the nature these three-legged creatures are created and wired, she would have sold her very soul for a penny. You see, *emadvodza* are naturally weaklings when it comes to a competition where a woman is involved. Can you imagine a man who would sleep *kuse hlutfu* in one house or even bedroom *ati kahle nje kutsi wentiwani make waCandzile* on the other side by another man? Not one, instead, *kungaze kuse ayaluka langaphandle* if he cannot force his way into that apartment.

It is common knowledge that not all girls who walk down the aisle are virgins and that not all wives out there are saints that they have not been known by other men *ekhona ubaba, naye anawo uMkhwembetsi*. These things happen and a man, your husband is always the last to know that before you met and got married to him, you had quite a ball with boys out there, at college or in the vicinity where you grew up. He may be neither aware nor suspicious that there is another man *lolingisa yena* on his wife, *akagcoki make*. No woman, in her sound mind, should ever dare, tell her husband whom she slept with, even if such sexual activity took place before she met her current husband. *Utakufa nya!*

Murderous

A man is most murderous when he knows and can identify the man you have slept with recently or in the distant past. He would rather get to know that *atjelwa ngulabanye bantfu*; not you. In that circumstance you stand a good chance *yekuphika uhume ngesisu*. He may believe you because, in his heart of hearts he does not want to have a wife who cheats or was of a loose character. Nobody tells our girls that before or just getting married, unless it is in the obvious, not even your mother-in-law will ever tell your husband she has caught you with another man! *Kuba singumungumu saso salukati* whilst she pumps as much advice unto your promiscuous self. As a woman she knows how dangerous a man can be when he knows who sleeps with his wife. He can also be suicidal. LaGamedze *waseMndobandoba*, a very quiet and down to earth woman and wife to *indvuna yendzawo* had shared the 'delicacy mound' with a popular farmer in the area. This was something that had been going for years and she had kept that secret for that long until she was gripped by the gospel. She believed she could not be a true disciple of Christ if she did not come clean and confess to Mahhawulane her husband *ngalokuganga kwakhe naGina* over the years. She did not, however share her secrets with another

THREE THINGS A WOMAN SHOULD NEVER TELL A MAN



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woman but instead, in the still of the night woke her husband *watsi kukhona lafuna kukusho*. Not only did she confess her sins, she also divulged names when *indvuna* calmly asked, "*Ngubani lomfokati longena endlini yami ngisaphila?*" She was deceived by the calmness of the voice and felt comfortable to declare, "*NguMkhokhobi Gina babe; lowalapha ngesheya lolima emaklabishi*". When she woke up in the morning the husband was not by her side and as soon as she came out of the house, the entire village was gripped with the sad news of the community headman who had stabbed to death a local farmer and later handed himself to the police.

Danger

All the women in the area called her "*sili-ma semfati lesingati kutsi yini info yekufihlelwa indvodza*." You know our young societal wives do not know the danger of not keeping such a top level secret and the most top shelf of a feminine heart. They would cheat and leave their cell phones lying around and their husbands would pick them and be exposed to everything. You know, a woman's cellphone, way back like her handbag is her haven of secrets. Women of old had no cellphones or handbags-they were hardly caught cheating, their secrets were safe in their hearts!

Whilst women can keep their sex record secrets intact, they would delude themselves that they are safe and little do they

know that you ain't safe with a man who knows what you are worth monetarily. You never tell a man, your husband what you are worth or potentially can be in the near or distant future. They get tempted and *uzogoduka*. That is the reason often times than not, you will never get to know your wife's bank balance, her off-shore investments and what potentially she can be in the business she operates.

Worthy

Umfati utsi akha imali abe akucela imali. It's a ploy for her to make you believe she is not worth anything. Not all women, of course are that shrewd. Some will want to go on a joint-venture account with the husband when she actually rakes in more cash into that Siamese account. Men are never comfortable to have a woman, their wives have more money than they do. He may kill, the least would be *kususa umsindvo* out of an inferiority complex and you part ways. If you still love your husband don't dare tell him *kutsi unamalini*, if such an amount is a huge sum of money. He would never be the same or the man you married *angati kutsi unemali*. You see, some women will invest in insurance policies and the day *kumnandzi kakhulu* she will tell the husband how much she is worth if she were to die from those policies. He shall be thinking hard how he can lay his hands on that money. *Utawukhohtwa kuphefumula* untimely!

Men are as much dangerous again when

he knows you know his secret he has never confided in you as his wife. You know men have survived such secrets that he has slept with another woman. After all they are caught cheating by their wives almost everyday and they get away with that almost always. However, men do have their own dark secrets they wouldn't even divulge to their wives. In the interim the woman, his wife discovers the well kept secret, it is would be wise she ensures the man never discovers she has discovered his secret. Imagine if your dear old wife will get to find out that *nguwe lona lowasontsa* the village old lady who disappeared mysteriously until her body was found miles away. She would be jittery to know that she stays with a killer in the house and who happens to be her husband. That secret can never be safe. If you run away he may pursue and kill you. Men like all individuals do keep some things to themselves and not tell their wives. Such secrets begotten and known can be used against you by your very wife. So long as you breathe, a woman and wife to a male husband with one additional leg to the two never divulge these three things, your past and present sexual partners, how much you are worth and that you know his secrets, *utawukhonsa emshadweni!*

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When you hear the term “assistance animal,” you might think of guide dogs for blind and visually impaired people, but animals can be trained to perform a wide variety of tasks for their disabled partners, and the vast majority of assistance animals are dogs.

In fact, in America service animals are legally limited to dogs and trained miniature horses.

These animals help their partners achieve independence and play an important role in their lives.

Ben is a type 1 diabetic who can't rely on an insulin pump and monitor to help him manage his condition because of adhesive allergies.

Wherever he goes – be it class, social events or the swimming pool – Dakota, his service dog is in tow. Dakota is a diabetic alert dog who can tell when Ben's blood sugar is too low or too high, and signals Ben to tell him to check his levels and take appropriate measures to get them under control.

Diabetic alert dogs can smell changes in blood sugar level. Dogs aren't the only animals that can do this.

There are cats that are equally capable of

WHAT SERVICE DOGS CAN DO



noticing changes in blood sugar levels and signaling them to their human friends. Service dogs can also help people with epilepsy and other seizure conditions by detecting early warning signs of a seizure and alerting their handler.

Medication

They also fetch medication, press a button to summon assistance and “block,” or physically obstruct their handlers so they don't accidentally fall down or enter a dangerous area (like the street).

Hearing dogs help deaf and hard-of-hearing people by alerting them to sounds such as the doorbell, the kettle, the alarm and other noises around the house.

Junior helps her partner Tanya by letting her know when the baby or another one of the children needs assistance, keeping an “ear,” so to speak, on the kids so Tanya knows they're safe.

Handlers

Psychiatric service dogs help their handlers by performing a wide variety of tasks that help them manage their disabilities. These tasks are highly specialised, depending on the handler's needs; for example, a PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder – common among soldiers returning from war zones) dog might run through a home or room to “clear” it, checking for hazards, before her partner enters.

PTSD dogs can also guide medical responders to a handler in crisis, bring medications, or keep handlers centred by focusing on the dog instead of themselves when they're in a stressed state.

They remind handlers about medications and interrupt self-harming behaviors.

Mobility dogs can help stabilize people who have trouble walking independently, or pull wheelchairs for handlers.

Other assistance dogs fetch water bottles and other supplies on command, and can also perform tasks like turning lights on and off, opening doors, and more.

In all cases, service animals perform specific tasks to help a person with a disability, offering a service that the disabled person cannot perform independently.

They are working animals on the job, helping their owners retain independence and build confidence. The expansion of service animal handling and training to include a wide variety of disabilities in recent years has radically changed possibilities for disabled people. As working animals, they aren't the same as pets and cannot be treated in the same way; handlers with a service animal can't be refused service (for example at restaurants), although a business can choose to turn away pets.

Therapy dogs are not chosen for breed but for temperament and are often selected at shelters. It is a dog's environment and training that determine its personality and abilities. Training specialised dogs is an interesting career possibility.

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HYGIENE IN RESTAURANTS



safe food preparation and handling. Routine inspections of kitchen areas, eating and dining areas and restrooms must be carried out to ensure restaurant meets health and sanitation requirements set by the local government.

Kitchen Area

The kitchen is one of the most important areas in the restaurant to keep clean. This area is exposed to a variety of possible contaminants. Cooks, servers, bussers and even cashiers have access to the kitchen and could potentially contaminate food products. Uncooked food also poses health risks if surfaces are not cleaned sufficiently. Employees must sanitize equipment and surfaces that have come in contact with food and kitchen instruments and must do so after each task. SWASA has these standards SZNS SANS 10133:2011- Application of pesticides in food handling, food processing and catering establishments, SZNS SANS 10136:2007- Cleaning and disinfecting of dairy equipment and soft-serve dispensing units that address types of chemicals to be used in food establishments, as well as the proper storage techniques for food that might contain blood

borne pathogens. Kitchen items such as cutting boards, blenders, grills and countertops must be disinfected.

Dining Area

Dining and eating area cleanliness is necessary for safety reasons and to maintain the overall appearance of the establishment. The dining room is typically the first area patrons see when they enter a restaurant. Many visitors may decide to leave if the dining room appears unsanitary. Restaurant workers can clean dining areas by thoroughly sanitizing the surface areas customer's come in contact with, such as bar tops, table tops and chairs. Surface area cleaning should be done with clean towels that have not been used on surfaces in other areas of the restaurant. It is also necessary to ensure condiment bottles and menus are disinfected regularly.

Floors

Dirty restaurant floors are unsightly and pose a safety risk for restaurant employees and patrons. Many establishments place a large floor mat at the entrance of the restaurant to prevent outside dirt from being brought

inside. Workers must sweep and mop near the entrances and exits frequently as well as underneath booths and tables to keep these areas clean. Regular deep cleaning with soap, water and liquid bleach remove soil build up in tile grout. If a spill occurs, workers must promptly section off the area, clean up the spill and allow it to dry to avoid a slip-and-fall incident.

Restrooms

Restrooms are another area that require frequent cleaning and maintenance. Properly cleaning restrooms helps prevent cross-contamination from employees to food products and eating utensils. To clean the restroom, employees must scrub toilet bowls and seats, as well as the floor around the toilets. All door handles and sink faucets must be disinfected. Surface areas around sinks should be disinfected and dried. Dispensers for soap, paper towels and toilet paper should also be fully stocked. Employees should monitor restrooms frequently to ensure they do not require attention.

SWASA has the following standards SZNS SANS 10330:2007- HACCP, SZNS ISO TS 22002-1:2009 – Prerequisite programmes on food safety-Part 1: Food manufacturing, SZNS 22000:2005 – Food safety management systems and SZNS ISO 9001:2008 – Quality management systems to address the problems and risks inherent with the daily operations in the restaurant.

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Cleaning and disinfecting

Restaurants must maintain a clean and hygienic environment for the health and safety of employees and patrons. Every aspect of the facility must be properly cleaned to ensure

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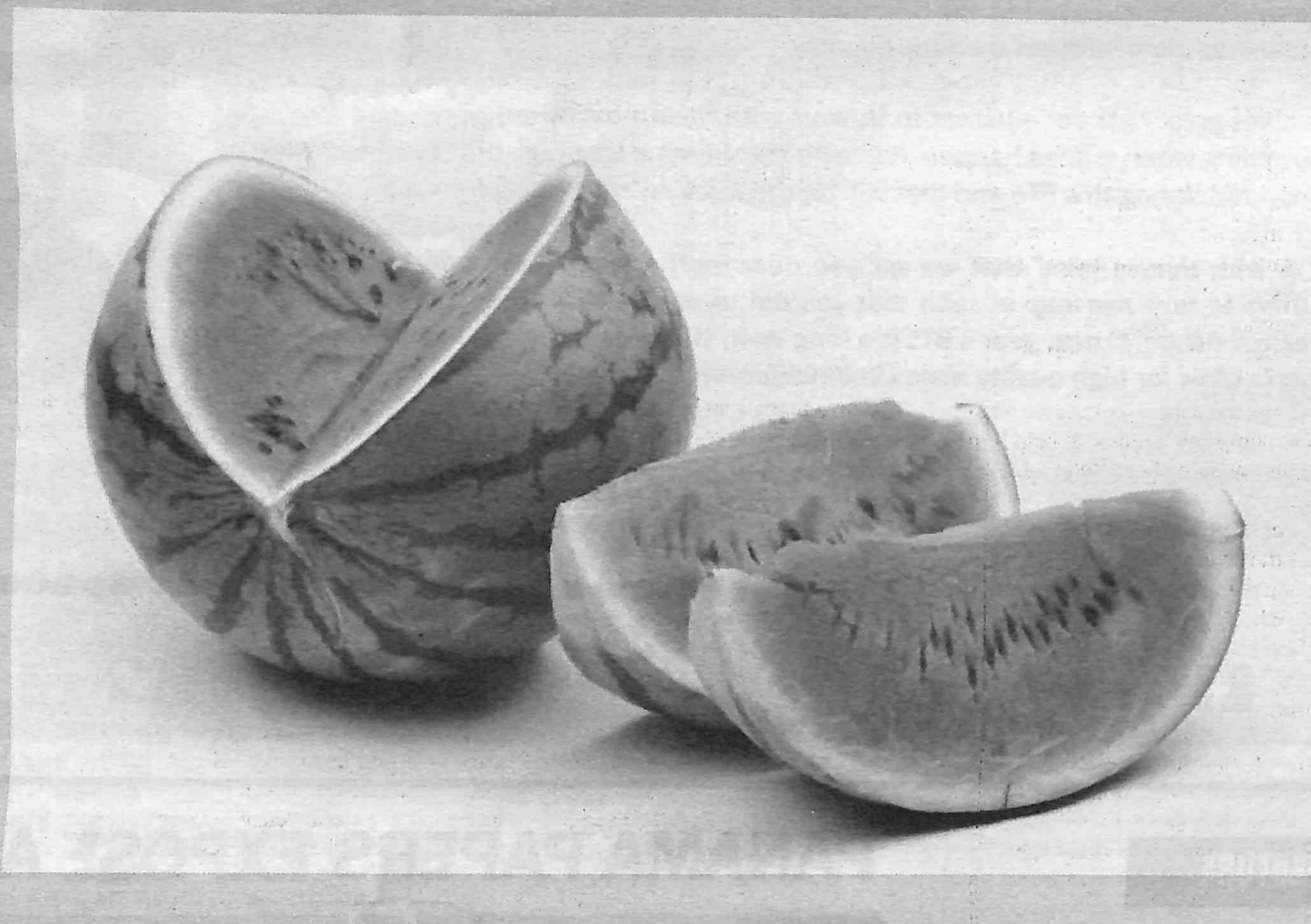
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WATERMELON

● The world's healthiest fruit



Consuming fruits and vegetables of all kinds has long been associated with a reduced risk of many lifestyle-related health conditions.

Many studies have suggested that increasing consumption of plant foods like watermelon decreases the risk of obesity and overall mortality, diabetes, heart disease and promotes a healthy complexion and hair, increased energy, overall lower weight.

Possible health benefits of watermelon

Asthma prevention: The risks for developing asthma are lower in people who consume a high amount of certain nutrients. One of these nutrients is vitamin C, found in many fruits and vegetables including watermelon.

Blood pressure: watermelon extract supplementation reduced ankle blood pressure, brachial blood pressure and carotid wave reflection in obese middle-aged adults with pre-hypertension or stage 1 hypertension and that watermelon extract improved arterial function.

Diets rich in lycopene may help protect against heart disease.

Cancer: As an excellent source of the strong antioxidant vitamin C as well as other antioxidants, watermelon can help combat the formation of free radicals known to cause cancer. Lycopene intake has been linked with a decreased risk of prostate cancer prevention in several studies.

Digestion and regularity: Watermelon, because of its water and fiber content, helps to prevent constipation and promote regularity for a healthy digestive tract.

Hydration: Made up of 92 percent water and full of important electrolytes, watermelon is a great snack to have on hand during the hot summer months to prevent dehydration.

Inflammation: Choline is a very important and versatile nutrient in watermelon that aids our bodies in sleep, muscle movement, learning and memory. Choline also helps to maintain the structure of cellular membranes, aids in the transmission of nerve impulses, assists in the absorption of fat and reduces chronic inflammation.

Muscle soreness: Watermelon and watermelon juice have been shown to reduce muscle soreness and improve recovery time following exercise in athletes. Researchers believe this is likely do to the amino acid L-citrulline contained in watermelon.

Skin: Watermelon is also great for your skin because it contains vitamin A, a nutrient required for sebum production that keeps hair moisturized. Vitamin A is also necessary for the growth of all bodily tissues, including skin and hair.

Adequate intake of vitamin C (one cup of watermelon provides 21% of daily needs) is also needed for the building and maintenance

of collagen, which provides structure to skin and hair. Watermelon also contributes to overall hydration, which is vital for having healthy looking skin and hair.

Watermelon facts that might surprise you

Watermelon juice may relieve muscle soreness. If you have a juicer, try juicing about one-third of a fresh watermelon and drinking its juice prior to your next workout. This contains a little over one gram of l-citrulline, an amino acid that seems to protect against muscle pain. One study found that men who drank natural unpasteurized watermelon juice prior to their workouts had reduced muscle soreness 24 hours later compared to those who drank a placebo. You do need to be careful with drinking watermelon juice, though, as it contains a significant amount of fructose. It may be better to eat the entire fruit, or opt for these other tips to prevent muscle soreness.

You can eat watermelon rind and seeds

Most people throw away the watermelon rind, but try putting it in a blender with some lime for a healthy, refreshing treat. Not only does the rind contain plenty of health-promoting and blood-building chlorophyll, but the rind actually contains more of the amino acid citrulline than the pink flesh. Citrulline is converted to arginine in your kidneys, and not only is this amino acid important for heart health and maintaining your immune system, but it has been researched to have potential therapeutic value in over a number of health conditions.

While many people prefer seedless watermelon varieties, black watermelon seeds are

edible and actually quite healthy. They contain iron, zinc, protein, and fiber.

It's mostly water

This might not be surprising, but it is still a fun fact; watermelon is more than 91 percent water. This means that eating watermelon on a hot summer day is a tasty way to help you stay hydrated and avoid dehydration. However it is not a substitute for drinking plenty of fresh water,

Selection and storage

● **Look** the watermelon over. You are looking for a firm, symmetrical watermelon that is free from bruises, cuts or dents.

● **Lift** it up. The watermelon should be heavy for its size. Watermelon is 92% water; most of the weight is water.

● **Turn** it over. The underside of the watermelon should have a creamy yellow spot from where it sat on the ground and ripened in the sun.

Store watermelon between 10-15°C, however 13°C is the ideal temperature. If watermelons are received refrigerated do not break the cold chain and store them in refrigeration. Watermelon will keep for 7-10 days at room temperature. After two days at 0°C, watermelons develop an off-flavor, become pitted and lose color. Freezing causes rind to break down and produces a mealy, mushy texture. Once a melon is cut, it should be wrapped and stored at 2°C.

Nutritive value

Nutritionists have long appreciated the health benefits watermelon provides.

Watermelon not only boosts your "health esteem," but it has excellent levels of vitamins A and C and a good level of vitamin B6.

Vitamin A found in watermelon is important for optimal eye health and boosts immunity by enhancing the infection-fighting actions of white blood cells called lymphocytes.

Vitamin B6 found in watermelon helps the immune system produce antibodies. Antibodies are needed to fight many diseases. Vitamin B6 helps maintain normal nerve function and form red blood cells. The body uses it to help break down proteins. The more protein you eat, the more vitamin B6 you need.

Vitamin C in watermelon can help to bolster the immune system's defenses against infections and viruses and can protect a body from harmful free radicals that can accelerate aging and conditions such as cataracts.

A two-cup serving of watermelon is also a source of potassium, a mineral necessary for water balance and found inside of every cell and people with low potassium levels can experience muscle cramps. The nutrients are very similar throughout the entire watermelon and not concentrated in the darker red center as some people believe. In fact, the white rind, which isn't normally eaten, has some of the highest nutrients concentrations. However, consume watermelon in moderation because it contains fructose, which may be harmful to your health in excessive amounts.

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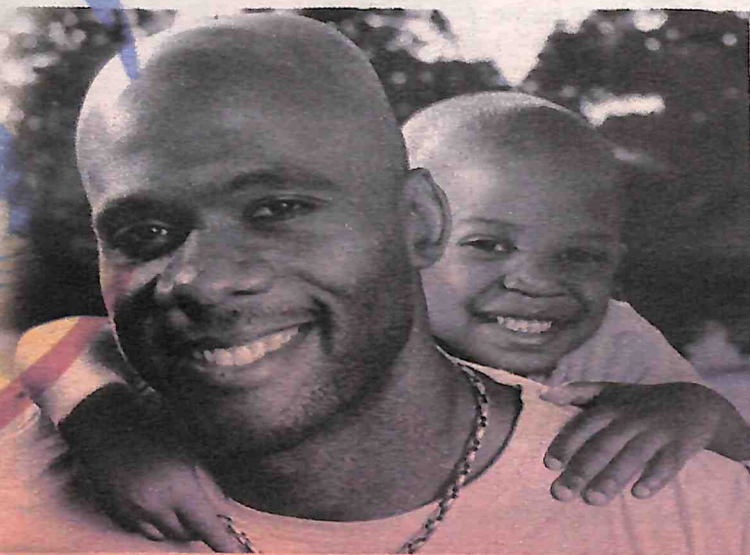
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To all the mothers and fathers out there who have been part of this year's Back To School Male Circumcision season, we would like to say THANK YOU!! This life changing journey would not have been possible without your support. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that their child has the best future possible and you have ensured that your boys grow into the healthiest men the country.

It takes great faith for a parent to trust us with their most prized possession, but it is humbling when it does happen. It is with that in mind that high quality services were provided during this BTS and that will be carried forward moving forward.

It is with that in mind that we ask you dear mothers and fathers that you encourage others to take the leap of faith that you did to ensure that their sons have a safe and healthy future. If next year's BTS is a long wait, we're always available at Litsembe Letfu men's clinic for high quality male circumcision services.



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FEATURE

The latest batch of the Panama Papers, released by a group of investigative journalists, focuses on shell companies and corruption in Africa.

I have read their findings with great interest and noticed how this round of tax disclosures did not attract as much media interest as the first damning exposé.

This could, of course, be for several reasons, but one that was apparent — to me at least — is a complacency or acceptance that Africa is wholly corrupt, an attitude that there is nothing we can do.

This is wrong. We must examine the root causes and do something to weed them out.

As the Panama Papers show, so much of the tax avoidance or criminal movement of finance on the continent is made possible by a system that is propped up by a number of banks, law firms and other outfits based outside Africa, working in collusion with African economic and political elites.

It is a system designed in the global north that helps Africa's few wealthy and powerful elites cheat the rest of us.

Tax abuse is a scourge on our global community, but especially for Africa. Our continent, which is blessed with vast arable land and other natural resources, is filled with families who go to bed hungry, ill and vulnerable people who die of preventable and curable diseases, and children who would love to be in school, but whose parents cannot afford the fees.

Why don't all these people have these essential things many in the north have?

The governments that are meant to watch over all these people put their own interests first and fail to deliver vital services. They are comfortably in bed with big companies and wealthy individuals who are involved in the large-scale tax abuse that is facilitated —

PANAMA PAPERS EXPOSE AFRICA TAX EVASION



some may say rigged — by the global north.

This is so damaging for Africa. One in 12 African children die before their fifth birthday. About 34-million children are being deprived of primary school education; Africa has the world's lowest secondary school enrolment rates.

About 40-million young people are out of work on our continent. It is a tough time to be a young African.

Meanwhile, offshore companies connected to 44 of Africa's 54 countries appear in the Panama Papers.

Coincidence

Let there be no doubt that this is no coincidence. Yet we have reasons to be positive. Our continent, despite the challenges, is raising our best-educated generation yet.

With the right opportunities and investment in our youth, they could drive Africa's great potential, be it in the extractives industry, agriculture, finance and beyond.

By 2030, Africa could have tens of millions of new, stable, wage-paying jobs for these well-educated young adults. But for this to happen, economic growth has to be inclusive. Tax avoidance and evasion must stop.

Abuse

Governments around the world have been talking a lot lately about tax abuse, but it is mostly words and very little action.

Our current tax system is, frankly, bust. Governments have to recognise this and the harm it does, and then rebuild it.

It just does not make sense to merely tinker with the engine of a burnt-out car.

African countries lose the most from tax dodging. African governments must therefore do more to push for a full reform of the global tax system, and demand action from countries such as the UK whose financial centres sit at the heart of the global network of tax havens.

They must do more to stamp out tax abuse and other forms of corruption at home.

The buck stops with our governments, as they represent the people who are losing out on basic needs. Politicians and government officials know this — they are people too — and so I encourage them to say "no" to tax avoidance and evasion, and end financial secrecy.

This is an urgent imperative.

• *Byanyima is an executive director of Oxfam International.*

Focus on SA scene

DA councillor gunned down in Northern Cape

JOHANNESBURG – A Democratic Alliance (DA) ward councillor in the Northern Cape was found murdered in the early hours of Thursday morning. Johannes Baadjies's body was discovered in the morning in Postmasburg with gun wounds.

"Police can confirm that a case is being investigated in the murder of a 49-year-old man. A passenger he was travelling with sustained gun wounds and was taken to hospital. He is in a critical condition," Northern Cape police spokesperson, Brigadier Mariam Mocholoki-Maleeme.

Mocholoki-Maleeme said police are working around the clock in the investigation.

The DA in the province said it was shocked by the murder of Baadjies.

"It is suspected that his murder was politically motivated, as Baadjies received death threats shortly after winning Ward 2 in Danielskuil on August 3, 2016, successfully wrestling it away from the ANC," said Andrew Louw, DA Northern Cape leader in a statement.

The party said two DA councillors, together with the two councillors from the Kgatelopele Community Forum would form a coalition government and take control of the municipality from the ANC.

The DA said it will contest the upcoming by-election for ward 2, which was won by Baadjies.

"The DA extends our heartfelt condolences to Baadjies' wife and three sons, as well as his extended family who he has sadly left behind. He will be sorely missed and it will not be easy finding someone of his capabilities to fill the gap that he has left," said Louw.

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Free State man convicted on 933 child porn charges

JOHANNESBURG – The South African Police Service (SAPS) yesterday said it "welcomed Thursday's conviction by the Bloemfontein High Court of a Free State man for rape of and sexual assault on minors, possession, manufacturing and distribution of child pornography".

The SAPS said the 39-year-old man — whose full names cannot be disclosed in order to protect the identity of his victims — was arrested by a specially-assembled team of detectives from the police's Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit in Gauteng. "He was first arrested in 2014 after the Canadian police managed to trace the IP address of someone sharing sexually explicit images of minors with other overseas-based paedophiles, to South Africa. The SAPS picked up the investigation and eventually managed to locate the suspect to an address in the Free State," said Brigadier Selvy Mohlala.

"Shocking details of how the suspect abused these minors emerged during the interviewing of the victims, two of whom are his own daughters. He was found guilty on 933 charges levelled against him. These include conviction for 37 counts of rape, 18 counts of sexual assault, 541 counts of possession of child pornography, 108 counts of distribution of child pornography and 228 counts of manufacturing of child pornography," said Mohlala. *Africa News*

Msimanga elected Tshwane mayor

PRETORIA -

Democratic Alliance councillor Solly Msimanga was elected executive mayor of the City of Tshwane during a council meeting yesterday.

His nomination was unopposed. An emotional Msimanga stood up to shake the hand of the newly-appointed speaker Rachel Mathebe.

African National Congress members sang Asinavalo (We are not afraid) while Economic Freedom Fighters councillors began booing.



ELECTED: DA's Solly Msimanga.

Mathebe was also elected unopposed.

DA councillor Christo van

den Heever was elected chief whip.

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OR Tambo car thieves due in court

JOHANNESBURG - Two KwaZulu-Natal men alleged to have rented a luxury vehicle from an OR Tambo International Airport-based car rental company are due to appear again in Kempton Park Magistrates' Court to face a charge of theft.

According to police, Boy Hamilton Zwane, 49, and Bongani Ndlovu, 26, rented

the luxury vehicle late last month but failed to return it when it was due, *Kempton Express* reported. They were hunted down and eventually arrested in Newcastle this week by the police's detective task team based at the airport. A third suspect is still at large.

The two have been remanded in custody and are due in court again on August 23 for bail

application. Their arrest brings to three the number of people to have been brought to book for the theft of vehicles belonging to car rental companies in the past three months. In June this year the same task team, whose core mandate is to investigate all sorts of crime and acts of corruption committed within the OR Tambo Airport vicinity, arrested David Sisekelo Nkwanyana for a similar crime. *Caxton News*

KZN teacher suspended for allegedly having sex with pupils

DURBAN - A KwaZulu-Natal teacher has been suspended for allegedly having sex with at least six under-age pupils at a rural school, a provincial education department spokesman said yesterday.

KwaZulu-Natal education spokesman Kwazi Mthethwa said: "There are now six learners that have come forward."

He said the six were either 14 or 15 years old.

The ANC Women's League (ANCWL) expressed shock at the news of "a paedophile camouflaging as an educator at Ekucabangeni High School in Nquthu, in Northern KwaZulu-Natal".

ANCWL secretary-general Meokgo Matuba said in a statement: "The alleged paedophile has been reportedly luring girl learners into his cottage since 2012 to have sexual intercourse with them."

The illegal acts at Ekucabangeni High came to light when a video of the teacher allegedly having sex with one of his victims emerged. The legal age of con-



NOT SAFE: A scandal has erupted at a high school in Nquthu, where at least one male teacher has been suspended and several others face an investigation of allegations that they had sex with pupils.

sent in South Africa is 16 years, but the Schools Act prohibits any sexual relations between teachers and pupils irrespective of their ages. Mthethwa said KwaZulu-Natal education MEC Mthandeni Dlungwana had visited the school on Thursday and had opened a case of statutory rape against the teacher. Comment from the police was not immediately available. The ANCWL's Matuba said: "Schools are centres of development for positive citizenry,

self-improvement and occupational preparation. Anyone who turns them into centres for sexual exploitation of learners must be barred for the rest of his/her life from school yards. "The ANCWL calls on all the learners, stakeholders of the school and the community at large to support the learners who have been victims of the paedophile and must work closely with law enforcement agencies to ensure that the offender faces the full might of the law. *eNCA*

Royal family honours Mgwebi's UN appointment

EASTERN CAPE - The amaXhosa Royal family is holding a celebration of Lieutenant General Derrick Mbuyiselo Mgwebi's appointment as the UN Monusco force commander in the DRC.

Monusco is the UN Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the DRC, a peace-keeping force established by the UN Security Council to monitor the peace process in the DRC.

King Zwelonke Sigcawu hosted former President Thabo Mbeki and Defence minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, who attended the celebrations.

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Southern Africa faces floods after drought

JOHANNESBURG – UN agencies warned on Thursday that southern African countries were at risk of another year of food shortages as the drought-hit region is expected to be hit by above-average rainfall likely to trigger floods.

The region is still reeling from the effects of the El Nino weather phenomenon which devastated crops leaving some 18 million people in need of food aid, according to the World Food Programme.

Meteorologists forecast the region will this year experience more rainfall than normal due to an extreme weather pattern known as La Nina.

"What La Nina brings is both good news and bad news," Lewis Hove, regional agricultural coordinator with the UN's Food and Agricultural Organisation told AFP.

"The good news is that we are going to get above average rainfall, which normally means good production from our farmers," said Hove.

"But above average rainfall is going to bring with it floods and water logging in some areas of the region," said Hove, speaking on the side lines of a meeting on drought-resilient agriculture in Johannesburg.

To ensure farmers benefit from the rains, the UN officials said they needed to plant early to avoid the floods.

But most farmers have little or no capital to buy farming inputs having been hit by two successive droughts.

Their governments will struggle to bail them out with cash for seeds and fertilisers.

Many of the regional economies are heavily dependent on commodities, prices for which have slumped on the international markets.

"If you look at Zambia, they lost something like 47 percent of their income because of the drop in copper (prices) so the capacity of government is weakened," Chris Nikoi, WFP southern African director told AFP. *AFP*



NEWS IN BRIEF

Mahama bemoans Ivory Coast dispute

ACCRA - Ghana's President John Mahama said on Thursday that a maritime boundary dispute with Ivory Coast had affected the development of the new TEN oil field, but that Ghana was nonetheless committed to a peaceful resolution of the dispute. Mahama was speaking shortly after an opening ceremony for Ghana's second commercial crude oil field in the western city of Takoradi. The maritime boundary dispute had impacted TEN development activities in the disputed area as the provisional measures order from the international tribunal included an order prohibiting new oil wells in the field," Mahama said. Reuters

13 anti-slavery activists sentenced

NOUAKCHOTT - At least 13 anti-slavery activists in Mauritania were sentenced to between three and 15 years in prison on Thursday, despite criticism of the case against them by international rights groups. A court in the capital Nouakchott found the 13 - members of a group fighting hereditary slavery in the west African country - guilty of "use of violence," but Amnesty International has said they were falsely accused because of their advocacy work. AFP

Nightmare in SA

DRC - Biamungu and his wife, Tutsis from the DRC, had been sleeping on the pavement outside the UN building with other refugees before being taken to Pretoria Central Prison. They have been separated from their children since June 3, when the entire family was first rounded up outside the UN building. The three older children were taken to Soshanguve and the two younger ones to Ga-Rankuwa by the Department of Social Development. The parents have seen them once since being released. AFP



'Monetary policy not enough'

ABUJA - Nigeria will need to combine monetary policies with fiscal and structural policies in order to overcome its worst economic crisis in decades and return to growth, President Muhammadu Buhari said on Thursday. Nigeria is in the middle of its worst crisis in decades as a slump in oil revenues hammers public finances and the naira. Gross domestic product shrank in the first quarter and the central bank governor has said a recession is likely. Reuters

Islamic suicide bombers kill 10

TRIPOLI - The Libyan army has suffered a military blow following several suicide bombings carried out by Islamic State (IS) militants in the city of Sirte, on the Mediterranean coast halfway between the capital Tripoli and the Eastern city of Benghazi. On Thursday the suicide bombers killed 10 Libyan soldiers and wounded a further 65, according to reports from Misrata Central Hospital. - African News Agency



South Sudan govt recruited child soldiers in past week

JUBA - South Sudan's government has recruited child soldiers in the past week to prepare for a renewed conflict, according to an internal United Nations document obtained by The Associated Press.

The document says a senior politician appointed by President Salva Kiir led the recruitment of an entire village of boys using intimidation. Some were as young as 12 years old. It was not clear how many children were involved.

Armed groups in South Sudan often coerce children to join their ranks by threatening to confiscate their family's cattle, a key source of wealth and status in this pastoral society.

The UN document indicates that the recruitment of children took place shortly after the UN Security Council a week ago approved sending an additional 4 000 peacekeepers to the East African



TEACH THEM YOUNG: A group of children at the UN protection of Civilians site in Juba, South Sudan, play with a makeshift gun. (AP)

country to protect civilians after renewed fighting in the capital, Juba, last month.

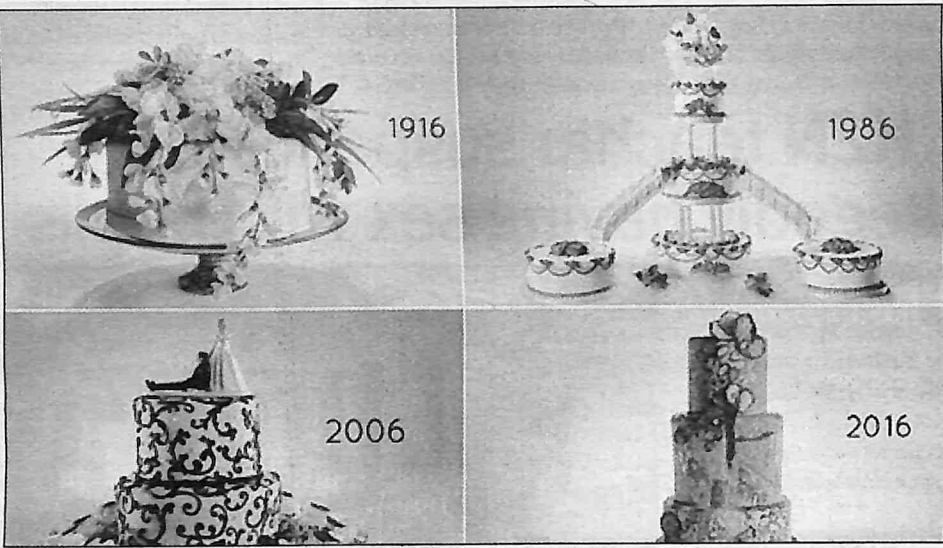
Separately, UNICEF yesterday announced that at least 650 children have joined armed groups in South Sudan this year alone. Around 16 000 child soldiers have been

recruited since civil war began in December 2013. Army spokesperson Lul Ruai Koang said youth who join the military are not forced. He said he was not aware of the recent recruitment of children.

South Sudan's military and opposition forces have made repeated promises to address allegations of child recruitment, but both sides have continued recruiting since July's outbreak of violence, according to Justin Forsyth, UNICEF's Deputy Executive Director.

"They believe they can easily control and manipulate young minds," Forsyth said. The children then "can commit atrocities, and they will do what they are told."

Child soldiers are defined as anyone recruited to join armed groups under the age of 18, and the International Criminal Court considers the recruitment of those under 15 to be a war crime. AP



NOVEL: The latest in the 100 years video series by Mode.com takes viewers through a century of wedding confections. Starting with understated cakes at the beginning of the 1900s, they become more and more ornate, including a ridiculous blue and white monstrosity in the 1980s (bottom left) and a modern-day non-traditional, hand-painted cake for the final reveal (bottom right). (AP)

Morocco cleric blasts 'nudity' among immodestly dressed women

RABAT - A senior Moroccan cleric has lashed out at what he called "nudity" in the Muslim kingdom, claiming that more and more women are immodestly dressed, sparking criticism in the media.

Morocco is seen as promoting a more tolerant form of Islam than some Arab countries, and women in cities and towns often eschew the Islamic

veil in public. While the countryside is somewhat more conservative, attitudes to female dress vary according to local social and cultural customs and in the cities many women don Western-style clothes.

Omar al-Kazabri, imam of Casablanca's Hassan II mosque, Morocco's largest house of worship, said there is a growing trend among women across the country to

go about "unclothed". "Nudity is no longer confirmed to season, it is spreading before our eyes in winter and summer," he said on his official Facebook page earlier this week. "Look at the streets. It breaks your heart to see the situation we find ourselves in. Obscene nudity [is an] affront to God's commandments, an insult and an outrage to the population," he wrote. AFP

Niger Delta militants threaten to withdraw from Nigeria

Lagos - The Niger Delta Avengers (NDA) militant group on Thursday threatened to pull the oil region out of Nigeria, accusing President Muhammadu Buhari of fuelling divisions in the country.

"The Buhari-led government has failed Nigerians with their misdirected policies that have divided the country, as such nobody wants to be part of that failed state not even the Niger Delta," the NDA said in a statement.

Since the start of the year, the Avengers have carried out a string of devastating attacks on Nigeria's oil pipelines and facilities.

The oil rebels said the Niger Delta, home to the country's multi-billion-dollar oil and gas resources might declare an independence on October 1.

"The October 1st declaration of independence is still sacrosanct. If the Nigerian government fails to retrace its step by restructuring this country," it warned.

Nigeria marks October 1st as the anniversary of its political independence from colonial power Britain in 1960.

The Avengers said they wished that northern Nigeria could also strike crude oil.

"Our prayer for Buhari and the northern hypocrite (northern governors) is that oil should be found in commercial quantity in the north, so they can let the Niger Delta go," it added. AFP

Kaunda congratulates Zambian president

Lusaka - Former Zambian leader Kenneth Kaunda has congratulated President Edgar Lungu following his victory in the presidential elections.

Zambia held its elections on August 11. Speaking at the State House on Wednesday Kaunda said: "Through the outcome of the vote, the people of Zambia continue to exhibit their trust in the president and his work."

Kaunda, according to Lusaka Times, praised Lungu for upholding the motto, 'One Zambia, One Nation', in order to promote development and unity.

Reports indicated that Lungu received 1 860 877 votes while his rival, Hakainde Hichelema of the the opposition United Party for National Development (UPND) received 1 760 347.

For the first time, the winner needed over 50% of the votes to avoid a run-off election.

The elections were tainted with street clashes followed by allegations of irregularities from the opposition. The Post reported on Thursday that the opposition had warned Zambians to brace for misery and chaos as the UPND prepared to fight the election results in court.

The UPND, along with the Movement for Multi-Party Democracy (MMD), accused Lungu of being a self-ordained emperor, The Post reported.

"Edgar Lungu's history since he came on the political scene brought a terrible taste in the mouth of any democrat. His regime is well known for its love for illegalities, disrespect for the rule of law and disregard for anything that is civil and legal," MMD leader Nevers Mumba was quoted as saying. News24

World News

French president feels 'urge' to run again in 2017

PARIS – French President Francois Hollande says he may run in next year's elections provided he sees a chance of winning, but would quit politics if he lost, according to a book published yesterday. Quoted by journalists Antonin Andre and Karim Rissouli in 'Conversations Privées avec le président' (Private Conversations with the president), Hollande highlighted the strain of politics, the burden of high office and the passing of time.

"I know what it's like... to spend years without a personal life," he said.

"But I do have the desire to stand for re-election," he said.

"That is my personal inclination." He added, though: "I would not make the choice of putting my name forward if the signs are that it could not lead to a possibility of victory."



AGAIN: French President Francois Hollande.

"If I lost, I would quit politics." The president celebrated his 62nd birthday on August 12.

"When you get beyond 60, the years have a different value. I also know what the weight of the (presidential) task is. It's true, it could also be a kind of freedom

not to do it..." Hollande said, apparently musing out loud.

Separately, in remarks that the journalists dated to November 2013, Hollande said of the presidency, "It's tough, of course it's tough. Much tougher than I had imagined."

Hollande is struggling with a historic low in popularity, driven by France's high unemployment rate but also coinciding with terror attacks that have shaken the country.

Hollande argued that his response to the jihadist assaults had reassured many members of the public about his leadership, according to the book.

During the attacks, "in the eyes of many people, I became president," he said.

Hollande was elected president in 2012, becoming the Socialist Party's challenger after its perceived front runner, Dominique

Strauss-Kahn, became embroiled in a sex scandal.

The country has two major elections next year, for the presidency, unfolding in two rounds on April 23 and May 7, and for the National Assembly, on June 11 and June 18.

Hollande has previously said he will not stand for re-election unless he makes a "credible" dent in France's unemployment rate.

On Thursday, the statistics bureau Insee said joblessness in mainland France in the second quarter of 2016 had fallen to 9.6 percent of the workforce.

This was the first time it had dropped below 10 percent since the third quarter of 2012.

According to an opinion poll published on August 4 by survey group Elabe, only 17 percent of electors say they trust Hollande to resolve the country's problems.

AFP

Obama administration to end use of private prisons

WASHINGTON – The Justice Department says it's phasing out its relationships with private prisons after a recent audit found the private facilities have more safety and security problems than ones run by the government.

Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates has instructed federal officials to significantly reduce reliance on private prisons.

As of December 2015, more than 22 000 federal inmates – or about 12% of the total – were in private facilities. That's according to a report this month from the Justice Department's inspector general.

The government began to rely on private prisons in the late 1990s due to overcrowding.

In her memo on Thursday, Yates says the decline in the prison population over the past three years contributes to the decision not to renew private prison contracts.

AP

Mexico police kill 22 civilians in drug raid

MEXICO CITY – Mexican police massacred 22 civilians in arbitrary executions during a raid on a drug gang last year, a human rights ombudsman said on Thursday.

The bloodbath happened in a raid by federal police against the Jalisco Nueva Generacion cartel in the western state of Michoacan on May 22, 2015.

It was one of the bloodiest battles in the Mexican government's

decade-long campaign against powerful drug gangs.

Officers committed "violations of the right to life by excessive use of force that entailed the arbitrary execution of 22 civilians," the country's National Human Rights Commission said.

They also committed "aggravated acts of torture on two people who were detained," commission chief Ismael Eslava said, reading from the report. AFP

Naked Trump leaves NY in giggles

NEW YORK – A naked statue of Donald Trump, complete with bulging belly and elaborate yellow hair, caused laughter and merriment in New York on Thursday until it was demolished by park wardens.

Hands clasped across ample belly, the sculpture was unveiled in Union Square, gazing out across a busy street with an engraved plaque saying 'The Emperor Has No Balls,' witnesses said.

Four other naked Trump statues appeared on Thursday in Los

Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and Ohio, according to social media posts. Indecent, a California-based company, released a video on its website showing naked statues of the controversial Republican presidential nominee being made.

But New York's department of parks and recreation was unimpressed. Wardens ripped the statue from its base before using shovels to smash its feet and pry its metal platform from the ground. AFP



DREAMS SHATTERED: Mairtin Farragher was on a high after he plucked up the courage to leap from Bloukrans Bridge in Western Cape, South Africa – one of the highest bungee jumps in the world. But after spotting a coin from his pocket fall past his head he quickly checked to see if that was all he had lost on the descent and realised that his phone was missing. A video of the bungee jump captured the moment his handset slipped from his pocket and plummeted to the ground at high speed before presumably smashing into a million pieces. (AP)

NEWS IN BRIEF

T. Rowe Price sues Valeant

UNITED STATES – T. Rowe Price Group Inc. has sued Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc. alleging that investors in the Canadian drug maker lost billions of dollars as a result of the company's "fraudulent scheme". Valeant's US-listed shares reversed course to close down 3.4 percent at \$37.19 on Thursday. They had risen as much as five percent, after the company's lenders agreed to an amendment to loosen covenants on its \$31 billion of debt. T. Rowe Price, one of the biggest investment managers in the world, said Valeant had used a secret pharmacy network, deceptive pricing and reimbursement practices, and fictitious accounting to shield the company's branded drugs from generic competition and artificially inflate revenues and profits. Reuters

Trump ready to tone down tough talk

NORTH CAROLINA – Donald Trump expressed regret on Thursday for remarks that "may have caused personal pain" as he sought to refocus his message in the face of falling opinion poll numbers in his first speech since a shake-up in his campaign this week. "Sometimes, in the heat of debate and speaking on a multitude of issues, you don't choose the right words or you say the wrong thing," the Republican presidential nominee told a crowd in Charlotte, North Carolina. iol

Minister calls for partial burqa ban

BERLIN – German Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere came out yesterday in favour of a partial burqa ban amid a fierce national debate on integration. "We agree that we reject the burqa, we agree that we want to introduce a legal requirement to show one's face in places where it is necessary for our society's coexistence – at the wheel, at public offices, at the registry office, in schools and universities, in the civil service, in court," he said after a meeting with regional counterparts from his conservative party. AFP



15 Thai tourist blasts suspects

THAILAND – "Authorities have detained 17 suspects at the special 11th Army Circle barracks in Bangkok but we had released two of them," Colonel Burin Tongprapai, the junta's top legal advisor, told reporters. Colonel Burin said authorities were looking to re-detain the two suspects who were released and that the entire group were likely to be charged yesterday. AFP

7 Chicago cops face dismissal

CHICAGO – Chicago's police chief said on Thursday he was recommending the firing of seven officers accused of making false reports in the deadly shooting of a black teenager. A video of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald's 2014 shooting death sparked outrage and was one of several police shootings of African Americans that spurred street protests around the country. Superintendent Eddie Johnson's decision to relieve the officers followed a review of documents, video and other evidence, his office said.

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Friends and relatives of **Ben Logcinela Nhlabatsi** are notified of his demise. He will be laid to rest on Sunday 21/08/2016 after a night vigil. Announcement by Nyanenye Sibandze on behalf of the family.



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Family relatives friends of **Murriell Thandi Simelani** of Ngwane Park eSihlahleni are notified of her responding to the Lords call on the 14/08/2016 her memorial service will be held at the Evangelical Church in Matsapha (on your way to the Airport) at 1:00pm followed by overnight vigil at 9:00pm at home in Ngwane Park. Funeral will be 7:00am Saturday @ Ngwane Park Cemetery.



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Kwatiswa tihlobo ne bangani ba **Saraphinah Fusani Mthombo** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhaya kubo eMndobandoba (Ntamakuhpi) ngelisonfo 21/08/2016. Umlindzelo ngemgcibelo sthika Shongwe. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguMichelinah Lomalanga Mthombo dzadze wabo egameni lemndeni.



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Kwatiswa tihlobo ne bangani ba **Ntfombisibili Fikelephi Gwebu waMsibi** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhaya kakhe kaPhunga eHhometini ngelisonfo 21 August 2016. Ngemva kwemlindzelo longemgcibelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumyeni wakhe Mathole / Aaron Gwebu egameni lemndeni, iBhasi yi guys n Sons. Sitieshi kuse Sabatha.



Kwatiswa tihlobo ne bangani ba **Bellina Sehlephi Dlamini** ulagama kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Bekendze kuJobe Dlamini naye longasekho. Umlindzelo ungaleSihlanu bese ubekwa endlini yakhe yekugcina ngewMgcibelo mhlaka 20 August 2016, ekuseni ngensimbi yesitfupha. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo ne bangani ba **Ncamile Sellinah Dlamini** nee Simelane are notified of her demise. Funeral on Saturday 20 August 2016 after a night vigil. Announcement by family.

JOB 13:15
Though He slay me,
yet will I hope in him;
I will surely
defend my ways to
his face.



Kwatiswa tihlobo ne bangani ba **Gladys Khonzaphi Ndlangamandla**, retired headteacher of Elangeni Primary School kutsi usishiyile emhlabeni. Inkonzo yekumkhumbula icala nga 1pm eLangeni AEC ngalesihlanu mhlaka 19 August 2016. Utawufihlwa ka Zombodze | Emuva ekhaya kubo ngemgcibelo ekuseni mhlaka 20 August emva kwemlindzelo. Kwekukhamba kusuka nga 8:00pm ntsambama eLangeni. Ungasheyela nayi inombolo, 76455910.



Relatives and friends of **Zandile Dlamini** popularly known as **Zandile Ndzinisa** are notified of her demise. Funeral on Sunday 21 August 2016 at Nhlambeni, Emagumedzeni after a night vigil. The Ndzinisa's of Mthombe, Nhlango are also notified. Announcement by her father Masenti Dlamini.



Kwatiswa tihlobo ne bangani ba **Batista Sikhumbuzo Khoza** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Umlindzelo ungalwesihlanu mhlaka 19 August 2016 afihlwe ngemgcibelo mhlaka 20 August 2016 Endlalambi kaKhoza ekhaya kibo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wagogo **Siphiwinhlahlha Margaret Msibi (Dlamini)** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngemgcibelo mhlaka 20 August 2016 emva kwemlindzelo ekhaya lakhe eNhlango. Kutoba nenkonzo yekumkhumbula (Memorial Service) ngelweSihlanu mhlaka 19 August 2016 e Elim Church-Nhlango nga 2pm. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.



Relatives and friends of **Zandile Dlamini** popularly known as **Zandile Ndzinisa** are notified of her demise. Funeral on Sunday 21 August 2016 at Nhlambeni, Emagumedzeni after a night vigil. The Ndzinisa's of Mthombe, Nhlango are also notified. Announcement by her father Masenti Dlamini.



Relatives and friends of **Magwaza Santos Khoza** are notified of his demise. Funeral will be held at his homestead at Mafutseni on the 20th August 2016 after a night vigil. Memorial service at Mafutseni Swedish Free Church on Friday at 1400hours. Rest in Peace Khoza Mabona.



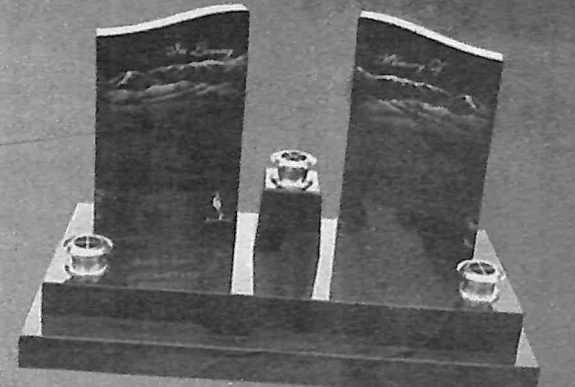
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16:00	Huddersfield	v Barnsley
16:00	Birmingham City	v Wolverhampton
16:00	Rotherham	v Brentford
16:00	Reading	v Brighton and Hove Albion
16:00	QPR	v Preston North End
16:00	Nottingham	v Wigan Athletic
16:00	Blackburn	v Burton Albion
16:00	Bristol City	v Newcastle United
18:30	Derby County	v Aston Villa

French Ligue 1		
17:00	Nantes	v Monaco
20:00	Toulouse	v Bordeaux
20:00	Angers	v Nice
20:00	Lille	v Dijon
20:00	Rennes	v Nancy
20:00	Lorient	v Bastia

Italian Serie A		
18:00	Roma	v Udinese
20:45	Juventus	v Fiorentina

Premier League		
13:30	Stoke City	v Manchester City
16:00	Swansea City	v Hull City
16:00	Burnley	v Liverpool
16:00	Tottenham	v Crystal Palace
16:00	Watford	v Chelsea
16:00	West Bromwich	v Everton
18:30	Leicester City	v Arsenal
Spanish La Liga		
18:15	Barcelona	v Real Betis
20:15	Granada CF	v Villarreal
22:15	Sevilla	v Espanyol

DOUBLE TROUBLE FOR WENGERS' ARSENAL

LONDON - Opening defeats for Leicester and Arsenal meant it was the first time since 1953/54 that the previous season's top two had both kicked off with a loss.

The duo meet at the King Power this evening and, if there's a loser, expect the word 'crisis' to be unveiled. Yep, it's only two games in but it'll be fuel for those who predicted the doomsday scenario of Leicester going from champions to relegation fodder while the anti-Wenger brigade at Arsenal will be apoplectic if they get beaten again after being ripped a new one by Liverpool.

The Gunners did the double



TEST OF CHARACTER: Arsenal will hope for a better start when they take on Leicester City today.

over Leicester last season (5-2 at the King Power and 2-1 at the Emirates) but the Foxes took 81 points from their other 36 games to Arsenal's 65.

A draw would stop the overreaction bandwagon going into overdrive but that would be boring, right?

Teamtalk.

Crash, burn for Jurgen's Liverpool?

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool were sensational at times against Arsenal last week, turning the game on its head in stunning style with four goals in 18 minutes.

That's 46 Premier League goals now for Jurgen Klopp's men in 2016, eight more than any other top-flight team.

The German has already masterminded convincing wins at Manchester City (4-1) and Chelsea (3-1) in his short tenure but the jury is still out when it comes to beating lesser lights such as Burnley. The game has been switched to Turf Moor due to the ongoing rebuilding at Anfield so will Liverpool fans enjoy another away day goal-blitz or will they see a repeat of



CRASH OR BURN: Liverpool players and manager Klopp celebrate victory at Arsenal. (AP)

those baffling and dispiriting losses at Watford and Newcastle from the previous campaign?

If Liverpool are to be taken seriously, this is a hurdle they need to clear and Klopp may have to prime his players for a grit-

ty afternoon at Turf Moor. It's all well and good matching (and beating) the Arsenal's of this world, but the hustle and bustle of matches with the likes of Burnley is where their top-four hopes will be decided.

Teamtalk.

Mark Boucher is new Titans coach

JOHANNESBURG - Mark Boucher, the heartbeat of the South African team from the late 1990s to 2012, is hoping the experience and wisdom gained from all those years of playing and inspiring the change-room will rub off on his new career as coach, with the 39-year-old set to land the job as the new Titans mentor.

Boucher's stellar career, in which he played 147 Tests and 295 one-day internationals, and took the most dismissals in Test history, was ended on the 2012 tour of England when he suffered a serious eye injury after being hit by a ball in a warm-up game.

Since then, Boucher has become a leading figure in rhino conservation. He is

with the Proteas squad in Durban at the moment, working as a consultant for the Test series against New Zealand.

The Titans coaching job is the best-paid franchise post in the country. The Centurion-based team won two of the three domestic trophies on offer last season, so the famously nuggety cricketer has landed a high-profile role at the start of his coaching career.

"I'm not sure where it's going to take me, but I've

always enjoyed imparting knowledge," Boucher said this week when asked about his invitation to join the Titans' coaching staff.

"I've been through quite a few coaches and teams and cultures in my career, and also eras. I was part of the old Proteas team, as well as the new. So the lessons I've learnt I'd be stupid not to use. I don't really like the term 'coach'. I'd like to be more of a man manager."

NEW CHALLENGE: Mark Boucher has been revealed as the new Titans coach.



Rebels sign Wales lock Dominic Day

MELBOURNE - Australia's Melbourne Rebels have signed Welsh international lock Dominic Day for the 2017 Super Rugby season, the club said yesterday.

Day, 30, has inked a one-year deal and comes off a 10-year career in the Pro12 (Europe), England Premiership and Top League (Japan).

Day, who made three international appearances for Wales last year and has more than 200 games of professional experience, will join the Rebels after the end of the Top League season in the new year.

"Dom is an experienced lock and an accomplished line-out caller who brings a physical presence to his game," Rebels head coach Tony McGahan said.

"He has leadership qualities having captained Bath and displays the consistent behaviour and work ethic that will be well suited to our club."

The signing comes two weeks after Rebels coach Tony McGahan signed Tongan-born Japan Test No 8 Amanaki Mafi to a one-year deal.

The Rebels finished third in the Australian conference this season with a 7-8 won-lost record and did not qualify for the playoffs.

AP

Head to head: Springboks v Argentina

CAPE TOWN - The Springboks go into today's Rugby Championship Test against Argentina with a good record against their South American rivals.

In 22 Tests played between the nations since 1993, the Boks have won 20, lost one and drawn one.

In Rugby Championship action since Argentina joined the competition in 2012, the teams have played seven Tests, with the Boks winning five, losing one and sharing the spoils once.

Argentina's 36-25 upset win in Durban last year was their first triumph against South Africa.

2015:	South Africa 24-13 Argentina, London (RWC bronze final)
2015:	Argentina 12-26 South Africa, Buenos Aires (RWC warm-up)
2015:	South Africa 25-37 Argentina, Durban (Rugby Championship)
2014:	Argentina 31-33 South Africa, Salta (Rugby Championship)
2014:	South Africa 13-6 Argentina, Pretoria (Rugby Championship)
2013:	Argentina 17-22 South Africa, Mendoza (Rugby Championship)
2013:	South Africa 73-13 Argentina, Soweto (Rugby Championship)
2012:	Argentina 16-16 South Africa, Mendoza (Rugby Championship)
2012:	South Africa 27-6 Argentina, Cape Town (Rugby Championship)
2008:	South Africa 63-9 Argentina, Johannesburg
2007:	South Africa 37-13 Argentina, Paris (RWC semi-final)
2005:	Argentina 23-34 South Africa, Buenos Aires
2004:	Argentina 7-39 South Africa, Buenos Aires
2003:	South Africa 26-25 Argentina, Port Elizabeth
2002:	South Africa 49-29 Argentina, Springs
2000:	Argentina 33-37 South Africa, Buenos Aires
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Sport24

Bangladesh sack coach Kalpage for no-show

DHAKA - Bangladesh cricket authorities yesterday said they have sacked the national team's assistant coach Ruwan Kalpage after he failed to report for duty.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) had asked Sri Lankan Kalpage to join the national team's conditioning camp by August 16 ahead of a home series against England.

"We set a deadline for him to join, but he did not respond," BCB chief executive officer Nizamuddin

Chowdhury said.

"Therefore we decided to terminate his contract," Chowdhury said.

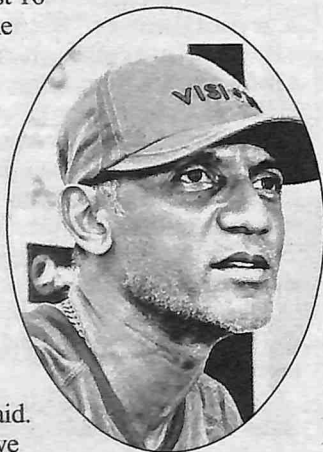
Kalpage had reportedly expressed concerns over his safety in Bangladesh following an attack by Islamist extremists on a Dhaka cafe last month that left 22 people, mostly foreigners, dead.

The country has been reeling from months of gruesome killings of religious minorities and secular activists, with many of the attacks claimed by the Islamic State (IS) group.

Two other Sri Lankans - head coach Chandika Hathurusinghe and fitness trainer Mario Villavarayan - as well as Zimbabwean fielding coach Richard Halsall have already joined the camp, after the BCB provided them with armed security guards.

Kalpage joined Bangladesh as assistant coach on a two-year contract in August 2014 and was earlier this year given an extension until the 2019 World Cup.

AFP



FIRED: Bangladesh coach Ruwan Kalpage.



Bolt hints he's done with 200m

RIO DE JANEIRO - Usain Bolt wrote another chapter of improbable Olympic history with a third consecutive 200m crown on Thursday as Ashton Eaton

led an American gold rush by clinching back-to-back decathlon titles.

Bolt, who just days earlier had become the first man in history to win three 100m titles in a

row, surged to victory in the 200m in 19.78 at the Olympic Stadium.

Canada's Andre De Grasse took silver in 20.02, just ahead of France's Christophe Lemaitre, who nicked bronze in 20.12.

Bolt's triumph was greeted with rapturous applause by Brazilian fans who roared their appreciation as the sprint superstar set off on a lap of honour, with Bob Marley booming from stadium speakers.

The win left the 29-year-old Bolt just one win away from his targeted "triple triple" - a repeat of his sweep of 100m, 200m and 4x100m golds at the 2008 and 2012 Games.

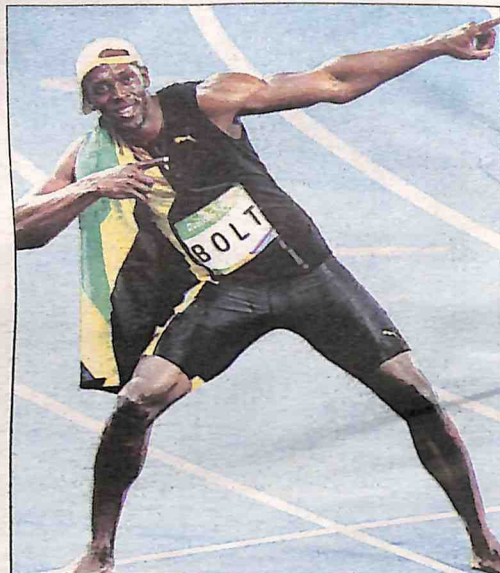
"No, I can't grasp what I've achieved, definitely not," said Bolt. "You work so hard for years and then you just hope it pays off. It is a brilliant feeling."

"I'm getting older and my body is ageing. Personally I think this is my last 200 but my coach may beg to differ."

Bolt will attempt to put the seal on what he says is his final Olympics in today's 4x100m relay.

Bolt's win came on a day when US athletes snapped up four more golds with wins in decathlon, men's and women's 400m hurdles and shot put.

Eaton, the defending decathlon champion and world record holder, overcame a fierce chal-



lenge from France's Kevin Mayer to win the punishing 10-event discipline with a total of 8 893 points.

Mayer won silver with a total of 8 834, with Canada's Damian Warner taking bronze.

Eaton's back-to-back titles matched Britain's Daley Thompson, who won gold in the event in the 1980 and 1984 Olympics.

"To win two Olympic golds in a row like Daley Thompson is very special," Eaton said.

"One day, I'm going to have to meet Daley, shake his hand and thank him for giving me something to chase after."

AFP

US SWIMMERS LEAVE BRAZIL AFTER ADMITTING TO INVENTING MUGGING

RIO DE JANEIRO - US Olympic authorities apologised to Brazil on Thursday as two US swimmers were allowed to go home having retracted a fabricated story about being mugged in Rio.

A third American swimmer who is still in Brazil can leave the country after he paid a donation to an "institution" of nearly \$11 000, US broadcaster NBC reported his lawyer as saying yesterday.

Four US swimmers, including six gold medal hero Ryan Lochte, have been at the centre of a media storm since claiming they were held up at gunpoint after leaving a party in the early hours of Sunday.

"We apologize to our hosts in Rio and the people of Brazil for this distracting ordeal in the midst of what should rightly be a celebration of excellence," US Olympic Committee CEO Scott Blackmun said in a statement.

Blackmun spoke after Brazilian police let Gunnar Bentz and Jack Conger leave the

country. "Their passports have been released and they recently departed Rio," he said.

A third swimmer, James Feigen, gave police a "revised statement," Blackmun said.

He agreed to a deal in which he would make a hefty donation to an unspecified group in exchange for permission to leave, NBC said.

Deliberation

"After a long deliberation, this agreement was reached... he will donate 35 000 real (\$10 800) to an institute, and with that the case is resolved," the broadcaster cited Feigen's lawyer Breno Melaragno as saying.

"After this donation is done, his passport will be given back to him, and he will be free to return home."

Lochte was already back in the United States when the scandal erupted.

Lochte said on Sunday that the four had been victims of a robbery by at least one armed assailant posing as a Rio policeman.

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Main Purpose of the Job

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Key Responsibilities

Alignment of Implementing Partners M & E systems to SHAPMoS System

1. Prepare training materials on M & E system and SHAPMoS
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3. Identify mentoring needs and conduct mentorships
4. Conduct data quality collection audits
5. Assess data sources for IPs

Data Collection

1. Develop data collection schedule and plans for collecting the data
 2. Arrange data collection resources and equipment e.g. vehicles, out of office allowance
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 4. Conduct data analysis and trend analysis
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1. Participate in production of SADC report, GARPR in place, HIV Estimates, NASA
 2. Participate in TWG research exercises
 3. Coordinate activities for research, analysis and report writing.
 4. Avail national service coverage reports to Regional dissemination forums

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1. Produce quarterly and annual M & E reports
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3. Devise and implement strategies to improve the reporting of IPs
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Key Competencies

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Water Polo, W, Bronze medal match 16:20

Football, W, Bronze medal match Brazil v Canada 18:00

Hockey, W, Final Great Britain v Netherlands 22:00

Football, W, Final Germany v Sweden 22:30

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SEMENYA BLOCKING OUT CRITICS

RIO DE JANEIRO - South Africa's Caster Semenya said on Thursday she has blocked out the controversy surrounding her bid for Olympic gold after powering into the 800m final.

The 25-year-old continues to divide opinion in the athletics world because of her condition, hyperandrogenism, which causes elevated testosterone levels.

Some rivals have called for authorities to revisit rules aimed at setting limits for testosterone, claiming Semenya's rare physiology gives her an unfair advantage.

But a sports court last year tossed out an International Association of Athletics Federations rule aimed at curbing her advantage, allowing Semenya to dominate her event.

It has left Semenya the heavy favourite to take gold in Rio, a victory certain to cause controversy in some quarters.

Semenya however shrugged off the controversy on Thursday after producing a late surge over the final 200 metres to advance from her semi-finals 1:58.15 at the Olympic Stadium ahead of Britain's Lynsey Sharp.

"I'm not focused on people, just on my race," Semenya replied when

asked about her critics.

"At the end of the day it's not about people, it's about you - it's you up against the world."

Semenya's form this year has fuelled speculation that Jarmila Kratochvilova's 33-year-old world record could be in jeopardy at

Saturday's final.

However Semenya said she is not thinking about a new world best.

"I'm not focusing on the world record. The focus is to go home with the gold medal," she said.

In the other semi-finals on Thursday, Poland's Joanna Jozwik won her semi in 1:58.93

ahead of 2015 World Championship silver medallist Melissa Bishop of Canada, second in 1:59.05.

Kenya's Margaret Wambui and Francine Niyonsaba grabbed the automatic qualifying spots from the first semi.

"It was a bit tough but I told myself to put in a bit more effort than yesterday and I just relaxed," said Wambui.

"I wanted to make sure I was in a position to qualify for the final," the Kenyan added. **AFP**



Viljoen SA's first female medallist

RIO DE JANEIRO - Sunette Viljoen is Team South Africa's first female medallist at the Rio Olympics after winning silver in Thursday night's (Friday morning, SA time) javelin.

It takes the total medal tally to NINE for SA, but the first eight of those were all won by men or men's teams.

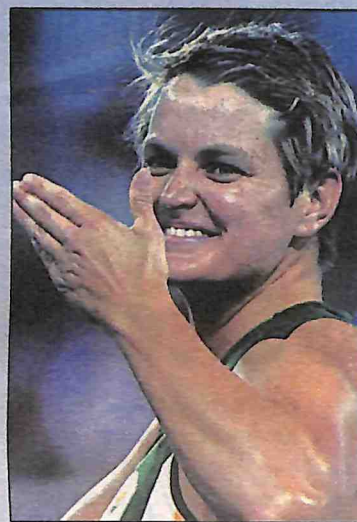
Ironically, South Africa's last medal hope at the Games is likely to be another female athlete in the form of Caster Semenya in Saturday's (Sunday morning, SA time) 800m final.

"Baie lekker," was Viljoen's response when asked how she felt being Team SA's first female medallist in Rio.

"That makes it so much more special. To be the first one ... I didn't even know that. But it's good."

Viljoen then challenged female athletes in South Africa to show more character.

"I think we need just more of



the women to come through," she said.

"Sometimes they give up so easily when the going gets tough but that's when you have to dig deep. That's what I'm very proud of. I think after London I just kept fighting."

Viljoen finished fourth at the London Olympic four years ago. **SPORT24**

VACANCY



STOREKEEPER

Applications are invited from suitably qualified individuals to fill a vacant position of Storekeeper at the Operations Department.

MAIN PURPOSE

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- Surveying principles

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- Report writing
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STEVEN PIENAAR PENS SUNDERLAND DEAL

LONDON - Steven Pienaar has put pen to paper on a one-year deal with English Premier League outfit, Sunderland, despite speculation about a potential return to the PSL.

The 34-year-old left EPL club Everton after his contract came to an end on June, 30, and the next step in the player's career was the subject of much speculation, both locally and abroad.

The Siya crew broke the news of both Mamelodi Sundowns and Orlando Pirates' interest in bringing the player back to his home country.

It was then reported that the Buccaneers were leading the race for the player's signature, with the club's chairman Irvin Khoza keen to open the chequebook for the player's services.

Pienaar indicated that he would be open to a move to the PSL, and Pirates would be top of the lot for the player, as he grew up being a fan of the Bucs.

However, despite the speculation



DONE DEAL: Steven Pienaar has joined Sunderland on a one year deal.

reaching a climax, it was then revealed that the midfielder left Mzansi and headed back to Europe, as he was in no rush to make a decision on the next step in his professional career.

It was since reported that the former Bafana Bafana captain began training with the Black Cats, water-

ing down the possibility of a return to South Africa.

The player has finally laid all PSL-speculation to rest, as he joins up with coach David Moyes' side for the 2016/17 English Premier League season. The Black Cats confirmed the news on their official Twitter account. *Soccerladuma*

Benteke on his way to Crystal Palace

LONDON - A fee of £27million plus £5million of add-ons has been agreed with Liverpool for the 25-year-old striker, who will become Palace's club-record signing subject to agreeing personal terms and passing a medical.

While at Anfield Benteke struggled to repeat the form that persuaded Liverpool to pay Aston Villa £32.5million for him last summer – but Pardew hopes the Belgium international can get back to his best at Selhurst Park.

Pardew also praised his club's board for their 'bravery' in securing a deal for the forward as Palace look to mitigate the loss of influential duo Bolasie and Jedinak to Everton and Aston Villa, respectively.

"It's still subject to personal terms and a medical, but in terms of an agreement with Liverpool, finally we seem to have got there," said Pardew, who also targeted a move for Benteke while he was in charge of Newcastle.

"It's important when you lose iconic players to try and replace them with iconic players. We've lost two this week, Mile Jedinak and Yala Bolasie. Both were massive figures at this club and we will need to replace them with big figures.

"That's something that didn't always happen at Newcastle, unfortunately, so I'm pleased the board have been brave with this move. *AP*



CHANGING CLUBS: Christian Benteke is set to join Crystal Palace from Liverpool.



STAYING: Christian Eriksen

'Eriksen will sign new contract'

LONDON - Mauricio Pochettino is confident that Christian Eriksen, who will be making his 100 Premier League appearance today, will sign a new deal with Tottenham Hotspur.

The 24-year-old Danish international, who joined Spurs from Ajax in 2013, has been one of the club's most influential players in recent seasons.

Tabloid reports this week suggested that Eriksen is holding out for a massive pay rise of £150,000 a week – something he has since denied.

Talks over a deal began in March, but despite the player having yet to sign, Pochettino says the player is going nowhere.

He explained: "The players are sometimes involved in different

things but they are very professional.

"Christian, we are happy with him, he's very happy here and we'll see what happens in the next few weeks.

"Am I confident he'll stay? He has two years more in his contract, he's happy here. I think it's just a question of time for him to agree a new contract."

Pochettino has, meanwhile, confirmed that Nabil Bentaleb is not in his plans this season, but Clinton Njie is amid talks of a swap move involving Marseille winger Georges-Kevin Nkoudou.

The Spurs boss added: "They are still our players. I was clear about Bentaleb, he's not in my plans, but Clinton is in my squad and he's in my plans."

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Mane injury 'not serious' as Sturridge returns to training

LIVERPOOL - Jurgen Klopp has calmed fears over Sadio Mane's fitness, insisting the new signing's shoulder injury is not serious.

The winger scored an impressive goal on his Reds debut in their 4-3 Premier League win over Arsenal

last Sunday, but gave his new side a scare when going down with the problem in training this week.

However, while he remains a doubt to face Burnley at Turf Moor today, Klopp revealed the shoulder issue was only a minor concern.

"It was a challenge between two

players up in the air and Sadio fell on his shoulder coming down – it is not that serious," the coach said.

"At this moment I have no idea if he will be available for the weekend but I don't think he will be out for a long time.

Goal.com

Wenger bemoans English Premier League transfer market

LONDON - The Arsenal boss, who is a notoriously reluctant spender, much to the chagrin of the club's supporters, says prices for players are being inflated as much as 10 times for teams in England. Wenger is in desperate need of a centre-back as well as a striker with both Valencia defender Shkodran Mustafi and Lyon forward Alexandre Lacazette reportedly close to joining the club, although with these concerns, the pair may just be another in a long line of transfer targets the club has allowed to get away.

Reports suggest Valencia have raised their asking price for Mustafi from £15 million to £30m with Lyon turning down a £30.9m bid for Lacazette as they seek compensation closer to £60m.

Wenger told the Telegraph: "Today in Europe you have two markets. One for the English clubs and one for the rest of Europe.

"The danger of the English situation is that the English clubs can suffocate themselves in the long term. Why?

Because they buy players at a very high price. That means there are very high wages linked with it and, if they are wrong, they will have these players with high wages who cannot move anywhere else."

Wenger added: "I have told you before the criteria for the price of a player but you could add one more: the identity of the buyer.

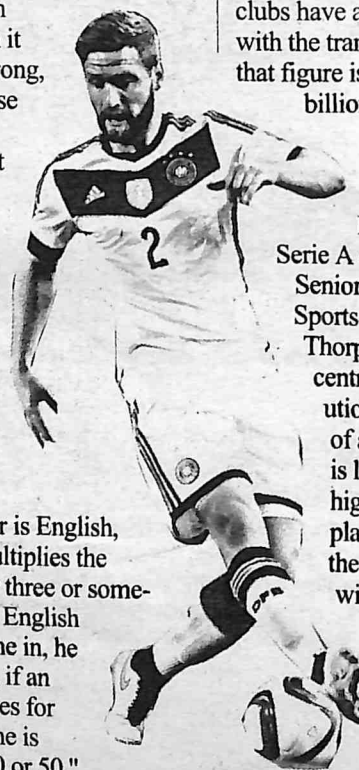
"When the buyer is English, it is true that it multiplies the transfer by two or three or sometimes by 10. If an English club does not come in, he is worth £5m but, if an English club comes for the same player, he is worth £35m or 40 or 50."

Auditing firm Deloitte confirmed in the Telegraph that Premier League clubs have already spent £800m, and with the transfer window still open, that figure is expected to rise to £1

billion, especially when you consider the revenues for the Premier League are more than the Bundesliga, La Liga and

Serie A combined.

Senior manager at Deloitte Sports Business Group Alex Thorpe said: "The increase in central Premier League distributions for the 2016/17 season of around £30-50m per club is likely to fuel a new record high of over £1bn for gross player transfer spending in the 2016 summer transfer window.



MISSED TARGET: Shkodran Mustafi.



I AM READY TO LEAD - KHUNE

Furman tips SuperSport for success

PRETORIA - SuperSport United midfielder Dean Furman says the club will look to maintain their progress after gaining momentum in the latter stages of the 2015/16 campaign.

Matsatsansa were facing the prospect of a disappointing season prior to the arrival of Stuart Baxter, with the side languishing in the wrong end of the table.

However, Baxter managed to turn around the fortunes of the Tshwane-based outfit, as they finished in the top eight and secured silverware in the form of the Nedbank Cup.

"When the coach [Stuart Baxter] came in, we had to re-assess our goals slightly and had to say that the league is out of reach, but the top eight was within our reach. We got that and we said the Nedbank Cup could be one for us and we got that," he told the Sowetan Live.

The club captain says the renewed sense of optimism around the club will hold them in good stead this upcoming season and, following several marquee signings, they will surely challenge for top honours.

"We improved vastly, so for us having finished the season on a high, we hope we can take that momentum into the new season."

"I don't want to give away too much, but we've signed some terrific players like 'Yeye' [Renelwe Letsholonyane], Cole [Alexander]... they are good with the ball going forward."

Sport24

Johnson urges good start to new season

JOHANNESBURG - Stars will host SuperSport United in their opening league encounter at the Royal Bafokeng Stadium on Wednesday evening. Kick-off is set for 19h30.

Calvin Johnson says starting the season on a positive note will help build momentum, and looks forward to unwrapping the "packages" of each PSL team.

"It's important that we start on a good note. Last season we started well and went eight games unbeaten," said Johnson.

"The beginning of the season is always exciting. Everyone has a package - new players. Some have bought three or four players."

"It's always mixed feelings because you don't know what the teams are coming with. Hopefully we are able to do well this season."

The Westbury-born mentor is pleased with his side's preparations leading up to their first game, having just been on camp in Nelspruit.

"Things are looking good for us. Hopefully we are okay and the players are ready. The preseason has been good," he added.

"The youngsters have done well. The new players have also done well."



JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs have appointed goalkeeper Itumeleng Khune as their captain ahead of the 2016/17 Absa Premiership campaign.

The 29-year-old formed an integral part of the South African squad that competed in the recent 2016 Rio Olympics, boasting the most international appearances (75) alongside Nigerian midfielder Jon Obi Mikel.

Khune takes over the reins as the Amakhosi captain from midfielder Siphiwe Tshabalala.

"All I can say is that I am ready to lead," Khune told the club's official website.

"I have led before and know what the armband comes with."

It comes with a lot of pressure.



READY TO LEAD: Newly-appointed Kaizer Chiefs captain Itumeleng Khune.

"I enjoy playing under pressure because it brings the best out of me."

And, I am able to pass this to my team-mates. Our supporters demand results."

We are ready to defend the badge and make our support-

ers happy."

The Bafana Bafana number one highlighted his gratitude at having been able to represent his country at the 2010 World Cup as well as the Olympics.

Sport24

Downs aiming for clean sweep - Dolly

PRETORIA - Keagan Dolly believes Mamelodi Sundowns have the quality within their team to compete for every trophy on offer in the 2016/17 campaign.

Following a dominant campaign last season, whereby the Chloorkop-based outfit claimed both the league and Telkom Knockout titles, Dolly is confident that Pitso Mosimane's charges can go onto win every title on offer. "I think we have the quality at Sundowns to do that [make a clean sweep], even though it is never easy. We are the team to beat this season," Dolly told The Sowetan.

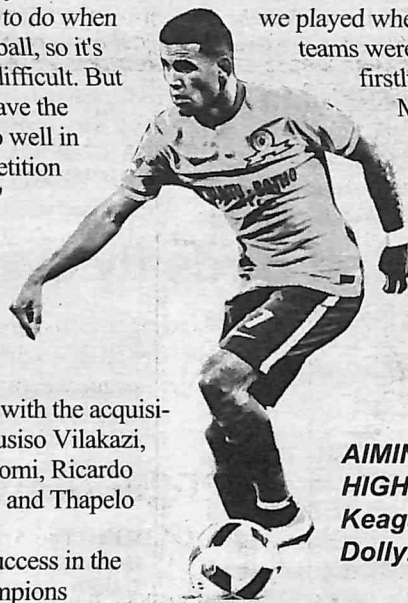
"The teams are going to start

focusing on how we play. People already know what we are going to do when we have the ball, so it's going to be difficult. But I think we have the quality to do well in every competition this season."

Mosimane bolstered his league-winning side for the new season with the acquisitions of Sibusiso Vilakazi, Lucky Mohomi, Ricardo Nascimento and Thapelo Morena.

"With the success in the (CAF) Champions

League thus far, the momentum and with the games we played when other teams were off, firstly for the MTN8 I think that momentum will carry us."



AIMING HIGH: Keagan Dolly.

Mashaba names Bafana squad to face Mauritania, Egypt

JOHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana coach Ephraim 'Shakes' Mashaba has announced a squad of 25 players to play against Mauritania as well as Egypt in back-to-back matches.

According to the SAFA website, in the first clash, South Africa will round off their 2017 Gabon Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) qualifiers when they face Mauritania on Friday, September 2, 2016.

The encounter has been scheduled for Mbombela Stadium in Nelspruit.

The second match sees South Africa hosting the Pharaohs of Egypt in the 22nd edition of the Nelson

Bafana Bafana squad:

Goalkeepers

Khune, Mabokgwane and Pieterse

Defenders

Mphahlele, Coetzee, Hlatshwayo, Mobarra, Hlanti, Langerman, Daniels and Farmer

Midfielders

Furman, Jali, Mekoa, Masango, Morena, Dolly, Modiba, Makola and Kekana

Strikers

Motupa, Gabuza, Vilakazi, Rantie and Nxumalo.

Mandela Challenge, which will be played at Orlando Stadium in Soweto on Tuesday, September 6.

Mashaba has kept the bulk of the squad that has been doing duty in the national team over the last few matches and added some new faces - Abubaker Mobarra, Deolin Mekoa, Maphosa Modiba.

The trio was part of the squad that won the 2016 COSAFA Castle Cup and also travelled to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, alongside Itumeleng Khune, Rivaldo Coetzee, Thapelo Morena, Keagan Dolly and Gift Motupa who have also been called up.

Sport24

Aim is to win MTN8 Cup - Manyisa

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates captain Oupa Manyisa is hoping to win trophies in order to celebrate the club's 80th anniversary in style.

The central midfielder stated that they need to combine winning and entertaining football as they look to end their trophy drought during the 2016/17 season.

"It's good to be playing football again. I'm getting there slowly but surely, because we've been working hard in camp," Manyisa said on The Sowetan.

"The new coach [Muhsin Ertugral] is alright. We are going into this MTN8 with the aim of doing well and winning a trophy."

Manyisa revealed that he was 90% fit ahead of Bucs' first Absa Premiership game of the 2016/17 season against Lamontville Golden Arrows at the Orlando Stadium on Wednesday.

"I would say I'm 90% fit right now. I'm ready mentally because I know I've been out for eight months, and now it's my time to come back and do the job for the team," he added.

"We can expect good football from Pirates this season - entertaining football with results combined."

"As a team we've sat down and said we have to bring something to the side this season in terms of trophies. It's important because it's our 80th anniversary."

"It means a lot to us, and to me personally. As you know, when you're a Pirates player you have to trade history," he concluded. Goal.com



AMBITIOUS: Oupa Manyisa.

SA U19 star Mayo heading to Sporting

JOHANNESBURG - South African U19 starlet, Khanyisa Mayo, is set to go for a trial with Sporting Clube de Portugal in Lisbon, while another youngster has signed in Holland.

Mayo, 17, impressed over the last year for both club and country while in Matsatsantsa's youth ranks, and recently won the top scorer award at Durban U19 International football tournament as South Africa's U19s finished as runners-up to Arsenal.

Khanyisa, the son of former Kaizer Chiefs forward, Patrick, seemingly caught the eye of Sporting's coaches in Durban, and has now been offered the chance to train with them. Speaking at SuperSport's awards dinner on Thursday, the club's CEO, Stan Matthews, said, "As we stand right now, there are five of our academy players that have been invited to Europe for trials. Khanyisa Mayo has been invited to Sporting Lisbon for a trial and, in principle, we have accepted that he should go." SoccerLaduma

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WILL 'BUFFS' SURVIVE GREEN MAMBA'S VENOM?

Young Buffaloes vs Green Mamba
Somhlolo National Stadium,
2pm

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - The last time these two teams met was in the MTN Premier league in April and the match ended in a goalless draw.

Unfortunately there will be no such thing as a draw when Green Mamba lock horns with Young Buffaloes in the quarterfinals of the Castle Premiership Challenge at Somhlolo National Stadium this afternoon.

Having been eliminated by Manzini Sundowns in the early stage of the tournament last season, Buffaloes will be looking to avoid emulating the same against Green Mamba.

The team has so much faith in their current squad that they haven't roped in any new signings as yet.

Dominic Kunene will be hoping for Wandile Shabangu

TEAMS:

Young Buffaloes

Head coach - Dominic Nxumalo

Captain - Mphile Tsabedze

Key players - Ndoda Mtsetfwa, Phiwa Dlamini, Wandile Shabangu

Match winner - Sanele Ngcamphalala

Green Mamba

Head coach - Herbert Maruwa

Captain - Siyabonga 'Msholoz' Mdluli

Key players - Shaka Nkwanyana, Njabulo Tfwala, Musa Dlamini

Match winner - Phinda Dlamini

to be at his best and make those marvellous passes into the box targeting the likes of Ndoda 'Stomach' Mtsetfwa and Phiwa Dlamini to bang in the goals. Green Mamba's defence will have to keep a close eye on youngster Sanele Ngcamphalala who is close friends with the net.

Remarkable

Even though they have nothing to show for it, but Green Mamba had a remarkable season, even reaching the finals of the SwaziBank cup and losing out to Mbabane Swallows. The green and white ensemble lost

in both legs of the Castle Premier Challenge to Royal Leopard last season. Having brought in Japhtha Mirase to man the poles, Simon Njeleza in the striking force and Mxolisi Mkhontfo from relegated side Malanti Chiefs, the re-enforced 'Mamba seems destined for the podium this season. Another player to watch is holding striker Phinda 'Phindrix' Dlamini who has always been a trouble to defenders with his ability to take them on and make killer passes.

Can Birds fly over stubborn City?

Mbabane Swallows vs Midas City
Somhlolo National Stadium,
4pm

SOCCER - There is a saying that goes 'A bird that dares to fall is a bird that learns to fly'. Mbabane Swallows fell at the hands of Manzini Wanderers in their last meeting in the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup two weeks ago and now is the time to fly by virtue of being the defending champions of this tournament.

The Castle Premier Challenge journey begins this afternoon when they face off with Midas City in the second quarterfinal at the Somhlolo National Stadium this afternoon.

Swallows are undoubtedly one of the best teams in the country and winning four trophies in one season is proof enough. From the goalkeeper Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza to the goal poacher Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa, the Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati led charges are as solid as a rock. Their transi-

TEAMS

Mbabane Swallows

Head coach - Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati

Captain - Tony 'TT' Tsabedze

Key players - Wonder Nhleko, Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze, Njabulo Ndlovu

Match winner - Sabelo Ndzinisa

Midas City

Head coach - Caleb Ngwenya

Captain - Ndimiso Ndaba

Key players - Mncedisi Kunene, Buhle Msibi, Simphiwe Manana

Match winner - Simanga 'Pule' Shongwe

tion from the back all the way to the goal posts is exceptional. They have talented and speedy wingers in veteran Wonder 'Samba-Jive' Nhleko and Tony 'TT' Tsabedze whose crosses in the box are met by the likes of Felix Badenhorst who has a tremendous eye for goal, especially in aerial balls. The latter may be on his way out to join fellow Swazi Mthunzi Mkhontfo in DRC's AS Vita but 'Sikhali' is equally capable in scoring goals. The team also has welcomed back Zimbabwean defender in Talent Maphosa who will add experience if he will appear for the 'Beautiful Birds' on the day. Playmaker Njabulo 'D4D' who was the tournament's best last year will be in

control at the belly of the park alongside DRC's Kabamba Thsitshimbi who however was not at his best during the Telecom Charity cup. The player will have to find his feet and destroy movements by the opposition, a task he carried out effectively last season.

Midas City are always perceived as underdogs but they have great ability. Finishing fifth in the MTN Premier league, City proved to be a force to be reckoned with. Their mentor Caleb Ngwenya was even rewarded with the best coach award for the respectable finish, having come straight from the National First Division the previous season.





GET READY: Cyclists getting ready for the road during the launch of a cycling event from Ngwenya expected to end at Mambane in the top of Lubombo Mountains. The 10 bicycles will then be donated to the deserving people in that area. The launch was at Ngwenya on Thursday morning. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

SWAZI TRAC LAUNCHES THREE-DAY CHARITY RACE

By Simon Shabangu

CYCLING – Swazi Trac in partnership with Augusta Enterprises, has launched a three-day fundraising race aimed at assisting the less privileged. The three-day challenge, which will see the cyclists cycling from Ngwenya Border Post to Mambane in the Lubombo region, officially set off at Ngwenya on Thursday morning.

One of the Directors at Swazi-Track Nadine Stein said this was an initiative aimed at giving back to the community as part of their social responsibility programme. She said they would be celebrating 21 years of Augusta Enterprises doing business in the country hence deciding to launch this initiative.

She said they would, after the race, donate the bicycles for the beneficiaries to use them as transport means to school, doing small business and running errands in the rural areas.

“These bikes are called Buffalo Bikes and are one of the strongest brands sourced from World Bike Relief and are good for use in remote areas. These bikes are tough enough to ride on even rough terrains. We will set the time in which we want to get to our destination at Mambane and we aim to do in three days. We will then, upon arrival, donate the



WE ARE ONE: Organisers and supporters posing with the cyclists before departure.



bikes to the deserving people who have been identified in collaboration with Young Heroes,” she said.

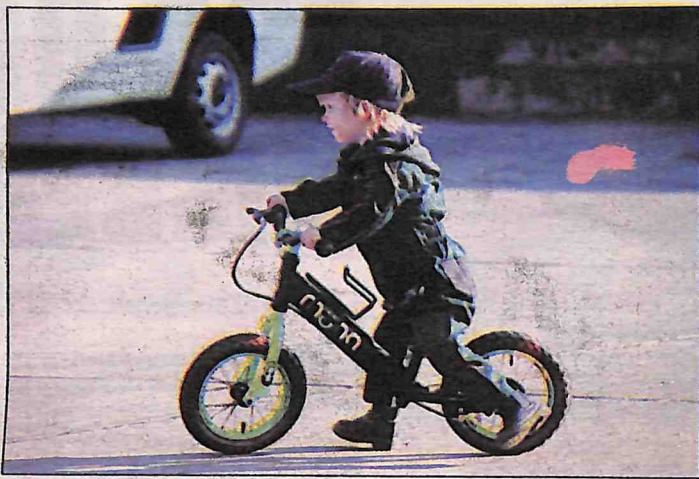
“We will then challenge other companies to either beat the time we have done or donate more bicycles for the second instalment of this event which we hope will grow over the years. Since this is the first time, we did not want to be too ambitious but decided to ride until we reach our destination then throw the challenge to other corporate companies to contribute in our next event,” she said.

She also mentioned that they have roped in Qhubeka Cycling Club and professional cyclist Kieren Vincent who would be coordinating and leading the crew since he is good with trails and stuff.

Swazi Trac MD William Stein would also be part of the race. Also present during the launch was among others, the company’s Sales and Marketing Manager Nkanyenzi Ngwenya, who is also the Mayor of



DOUBLE CHECKING: William Stein making sure his bike was in good condition before taking off.



YOUNG AT HEART: Young Tay also known as ‘Mvula’ Mardall was also determined to take part in the long ride but age was not on his side.



OFF WE GO: The cyclists setting off at Ngwenya.



WELL PREPARED: Siphos, Troy and Muzi getting ready for the long ride.

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CRACKING WHIP: MC Secretary John Mazibuko.

E30 000 FINE FOR MISBEHAVING TEAMS

Stories by Qondile Ntshane

SOCCER – Teams found guilty of causing abandonment of a game during the Castle Premier Challenge will be fined not less than E30 000. This is according to the rules and regulations of the tournament released by Management Committee (MC) Secretary John Mazibuko on Thursday. Article 5(6) of the rule states that a club that abandons or causes abandonment of a game or refuses to take to the field of

play shall lose the match to the opposing club and be further subjected to a disciplinary action and liable to a fine.

Teams also found guilty of unsporting behaviour during the games will also be fined a maximum fine of E30 000.

Article 10 states that any club whose member, official, players or supporters engage in unsporting or violent misconduct either before, during or after a match shall be liable to punishment. Throwing missiles of any kind into the field of play

carries a minimum fine of E10 000 as well as threatening by conduct, words, assault if attempt to assault a referee, PLS official and an opposing club's player.

The rules further state that a player or official positively identified by referees or match commissioners or PLS officials to have contravened any section of this article shall be liable to suspension as provided for in the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) rules if found guilty.

SOCCER – The Castle Premier Challenge quarter-finals will go into extra time in the case of a draw between the teams.

The quarter-finals of the E800 000 winner takes all tournament gets underway this weekend and will be played at the Somhlolo



...EXTRA TIME IN CASTLE QUARTERFINALS

National Stadium today and tomorrow.

This is contained in Article 7 3(a) (ii) of the rules which states that in the case of the draw during the 90 minutes regulation time, the game shall continue to extra time of 30 minutes. The rules also state

that in the case of the draw in the extra time, the game shall proceed to penalty shoot-outs in terms of the Laws of the Game and where applicable to death penalties.

Previous

As in previous tournaments, the semi-finals of the tournament will be played on a home and away knockout format.

The team which shall have scored the higher aggregate number of goals in the two matches shall qualify for the finals. The semi-finals of the E1.13 million sponsored tournament have been slated for September 6 and 11, respectively while the finals will take centre on the 25th at a venue still to be confirmed.



Police College pool tourney next month

By Sibusiso Masilela

POOLO – Pool teams will once again battle for the E2 500 first prize money during the annual Police College tournament slated for September 3.

All teams countrywide will shift focus from their respective leagues and focus on the exciting three-day tournament, which brings flair in the sport. Manzini Regional Pool Association (MRPA) Chairman Muntu Dlamini said teams would part with E300 registration in order to be part of the games, dominated by the host team and Way Inn over the past

three years.

"The Police College tournament is back and will be held next month. Teams are encouraged to pay the registration fee and further prepare themselves for the games. We are also inviting teams from other regions not to miss this event also aimed at uniting all pool players in the country.

"We would also like to thank the sponsor for its continued sponsorship which goes a long way in the development of pool," he said.

Dlamini said the draw would be conducted on August 31 at the Police College canteen starting at 6pm. He urged teams to keep time.

E2 000 FOR SNVA TRADE FAIR TOURNEY WINNERS

By Sabelo Majola

VOLLEYBALL – Winners of the Swaziland National Volleyball Association (SNVA) Trade Fair tournament will pocket a cash prize of E2 000.

The tournament is sponsored by Population Services International (PSI) who pumped in E15 000 and would be staged at the Mavuso Sports Centre in early September. After a long absence at the Trade Fair, the tournament will see teams compete in two categories of males and females. Each category will have six teams battling for the E2 000 first prize while runners-up will get E1 200.

SNVA Secretary Afi Dlamini confirmed the prize breakdown and said all the other performing teams would be given E450 consolation prize in both the males and females.

"The teams will be divided in two categories of males and females and each category will have six teams. SNVA trust that we will all support teams that will be playing and ensure maximum respect for our sponsor," she said.

Prize breakdown:

First prize - E2 000, trophy and gold medals
Second prize - E1 200
Third, fourth, fifth and sixth position will get compensation fee of E450 each.



BLOCKED: RSP players trying to block the ball as Panthers launch an attack. This was during a tournament sponsored by Police College Canteen to the tune of E2 000, played in Matsapha.



Pigg's Peak MP Jabulani Mabuza.

All set for inaugural Buy Cash half marathon

By Sibusiso Masilela

ATHLETICS – All is set for the first edition of the Buy Cash Hardware half marathon to be held in Pigg's Peak this morning.

The race, coordinated by Golden Foot Athletics Club, is scheduled to start at 7am at the Gobolondlo Hall.

The club's coach Tokky Hou said there would be an additional 10km race for runners who would not take part in the 21.1km race.

"Registration commences at 6am and we are expecting athletes from all the local clubs to be part of this race.

There are many prizes up for grabs and there is a special prize for the best local runner from Pigg's Peak," she said.

Hou then thanked the sponsors of the event Buy Cash Hardware, owned by Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza, for their contribution towards improving the standard of athletics in the country.

"We are honoured by the support received from Pigg's Peak MP Jabulani Mabuza as such initiatives keep the Swazi nation healthy. Athletes from this area will also get to run on home ground and this will be happening for the next three years. We are also hoping to unearth new talent here," she said.

Some of the top local runners expected to be part of this race include Manqoba Mkhwanazi, Ntokozo Dlamini, Veli Dlamini, Amos Tfwala and Melusi Sihlongonyane as well as others from Zithande, Striders, Get Bucks, RSP, Nedbank, Swazi Slojos, RSP and Correctional Athletics Club.



The prize breakdown

Champions	E2 500 trophy + gold medals
Runner-up	E1 500 + silver medals
Third prize	E800 + bronze medal
Fourth prize	E600
Positions five to eight	E150

'BULL' WANT E150 000 TRANSFER FOR TWINS

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – Mbabane Highlanders are said to have tabled a staggering E150 000 for twins Lungelo and Fanelo Tsabedze who are on the verge of joining Royal Leopard.

The twins joined Leopard camp, ending speculation and doubt over their intended move. Only Lungelo trained as his brother watched from the sidelines as he is still nursing an injury.

Information gathered by this publication is that the Mbabane giants stated that they want no less than the stipulated money.

A source close to the matter stated that the two parties met on Thursday where the negotiations took place.

"The negotiations started on Wednesday but there are still

ongoing because they couldn't agree on the transfer fee," said the source.

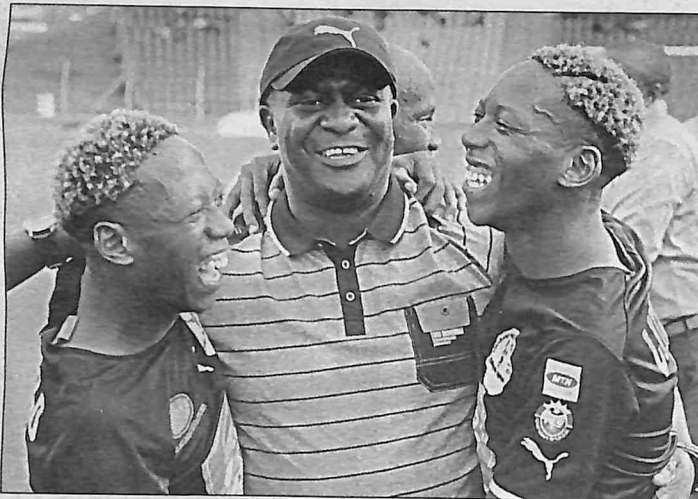
The source added that Leopard are said to have asked for a reduced transfer fee and in addition offered to loan the team two players.

"The negotiations between the two sides are still ongoing and nothing has been finalised earlier yesterday," added the source.

Signed

If signed by the team one of the twins Lungelo Tsabedze is likely to make his first appearance for the blue and white ensemble when they clash with Manzini Sundowns in the Castle Premier Challenge quarterfinals at the Somhlolo National Stadium tomorrow.

Efforts to get a comment from Highlanders MD Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane proved futile as there



TWINS WITH A VISION: Lungelo and Fanelo Tsabedze.

was no response to an SMS sent to him at the time of going to press.

Meanwhile Royal Leopard PRO Frank Hurube said they were still in negotiations with

Mbabane Highlanders.

"They are talented players and they can add value to the team, we are hoping to sign them but no conclusion has been reached yet," he said.

Esibayeni Lodge under-17 kicks off next week

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - Football youngsters will be glad to know that the Esibayeni Lodge under-17 league will be in full swing starting next week Saturday.

This will be the second edition of the league that was launched last season.

Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Development Communications Officer Dumsani 'DU' Sibandze encouraged teams to finalize registration in order to avoid unnecessary delays in the league sponsored to the tune of E200 000.

The package shows an increment of E50 000 as the league was sponsored to a tune of E150 000 last year.

"The league is kicking off next week and I want to emphasize to teams on registration. They should make sure all their players are registered because we won't tolerate delays of that nature. Teams will get the fixture early next week," he said.

Young Buffaloes were crowned the first champions of the league and walked away with the first prize while Royal Leopard finished in the second place.



ENCOURAGED: PLS Development Communications Officer Dumsani 'DU' Sibandze

MACHAWE BOOST FOR LEOPARD

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - Royal Leopard will welcome defender Machawe Dlamini when they clash with Manzini Sundowns at the Somhlolo National Stadium tomorrow.

The former Midas City player has fully recovered from injury and is likely to feature for his team tomorrow.

The player has been out for over two months following a hamstring injury he sustained while playing for the senior national team in the COSAFA cup tournament held in Namibia.

This was during the semi-final clash against South Africa. The play-

er has however fully recovered from his injury and has been training with the rest of the Sifiso Nuro Ntibane led charges in preparation for the game.

Leopard PRO Frank Hurube confirmed the player's recovery yesterday stating that he would be available for selection.

"He missed the Telecom Charity cup as he was still recovering but he is fine now. Obviously he has to fight for his place in the starting team since he has been out for a long time but he is ready to play," he said.

Also making a comeback will be speedy winger and Swazi Telecom Charity Cup player of the Tournament Bonginkosi 'Manyovu' Dlamini who was also nursing a groin injury.



Tamerepi gets green light from FA

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – Manzini Sundowns head coach Godfrey Tamerepi has been given the green light to lead the team in his first official assignment as his papers have been accepted by the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS).

The Zimbabwean born coach will lead the team tomorrow when they face police side Royal Leopard in the Castle Premier Challenge quarterfinals at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

Information gathered is that coach's papers were accepted after being screened by the FA meaning the coach does possess CAF A and B Licence which is a requirement to coach in the country's elite league.

FA Chief Executive Officer Frederick Mngomezulu however declined to commit himself on the matter when sought for comment yesterday.

"Such issues are between the association and the relevant parties therefore I cannot divulge such information to the media," he said. Sundowns Public Relations Officer Muzi Matsenjwa said they were still working on the matter when contacted yesterday.

"I am yet to get the feedback over this matter but I can confirm that we will be parading new signings during the Leopard match if everything goes according to plan," he said.

The 'Kappa' boys have also enlisted the services of former RSSC United defender Bhekani Ntshalintshali, South African winger Sicelo Mkhwanazi and Mzwandile 'Narava'

Ndzimandze who is rejoining the team from Red Lions.

The team is also negotiating with another South African defender Njabulo Shongwe who is also looking to return to the team.



'Xavi' expected to join Sihlangu on Monday

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) club AS Vita striker Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo is expected to join the national team Sihlangu in camp on Monday.

The team will go into camp on Sunday at the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Technical Centre in preparation for the AFCON qualifiers clash against Malawi slated for the Kamuzu Banda Stadium in Blantyre, Malawi on September 4.

NFAS Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Frederick Mngomezulu said they were still communicating with their Kinshasa based counterparts over the release of the former Royal Leopard player.

"We have requested the player from his team and hoping that he joins the rest of the squad as soon as possible. However everything depends on their schedule," he said.

The CEO also stated that they were working on securing at least one international friendly match before the match in order to boost the team's preparation for the event.

Sihlangu are in a must win situation against the 'Flames' and further pray that group L leaders Zimbabwe lose away in Guinea for them to get the best runner up slot available in the tournament.



JOINS: AS Vita striker Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo.

De Sa still keen on Mayambela and Mokoena for Ajax Cape Town

CAPE TOWN - The former Orlando Pirates duo Lebohang Mokoena and Mark Mayambela are currently unattached after their departures from Mamelodi Sundowns and SuperSport United respectively.

Having featured in a practice match for Ajax Cape Town, coach Roger De Sa says they are yet to make a decision on Mark Mayambela and Lebohang 'Cheeseboy' Mokoena, but will do so in the next couple of days despite the fact that Mokoena is no longer training with them.

"It's still on hold, but we will make a decision in the next couple of days," De Sa told reporters. However, for a deal to be agreed depends on the affordability of all parties concerned, while De Sa is happy with the fact that they both contributed to the team.

"Mark is still training with us, Cheeseboy has gone back to Joburg, but they both helped and contributed a lot, and now it all depends on negotiations on both sides if it's worth it or not," he said. He admits that they are looking at creative players after losing the likes of Riyaad Norodien to Bucs thus they have looked at Mayambela and Mokoena.

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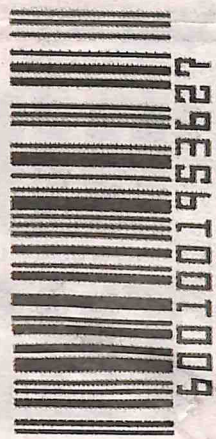
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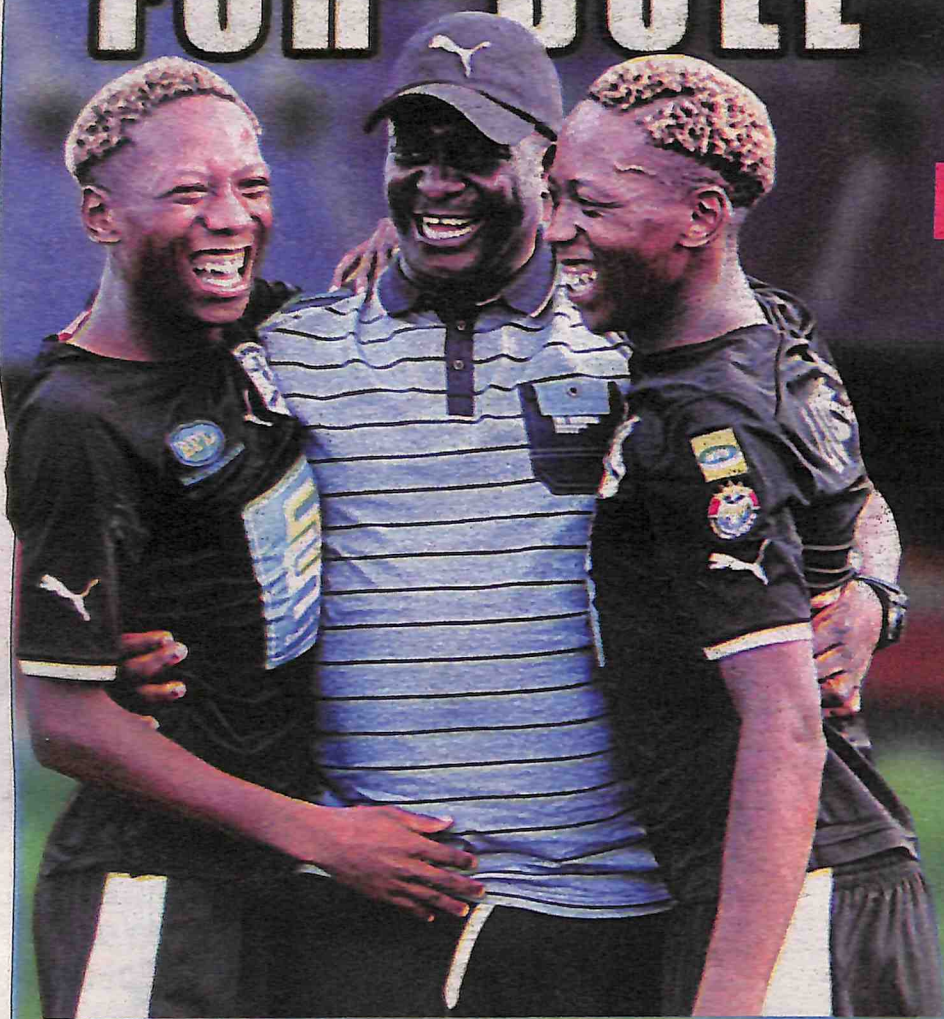
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MAN OF THE MOMENT: Zlatan Ibrahimovic leaps with joy as his 36th-minute header gives United the lead as Old Trafford erupts.

Zlatan fires Man United to victory

MANCHESTER - Zlatan Ibrahimovic marked his home debut with a brace as he powered Manchester United to a 2-0 victory over Southampton at Old Trafford last night.

The indomitable Swede netted on either side of the half time break to leave defences all around England quivering in their boots.

The visitors had the better of the early play and there were worrying moments for the United defence on a few occasions.

Shane Long looked threatening and fizzed the ball past the post just before the half hour mark when United failed to clear their lines.

The close shaves seemed to spur United into life and it was Ibrahimovic who rose highest in the 36th minute to slam Rooney's cross past Fraser Forster in the Saints goal.

Paul Pogba, making his second United debut, looked very bright in a first half in which his side hadn't had things all their way.

With Southampton having had the better of the play before the interval, Jose Mourinho's side came out of the break looking to assert themselves.

Despite United looking the brighter of the two sides, it was Southampton who had the ball in the back of the net next but Dusan Tadic's headed effort was chalked off as he had committed an infringement in the build up.

The Red Devils' early second-half dominance paid dividends less than 10 minutes after the restart as Jordy Clasie perpetrated a needless foul on Luke Shaw in the penalty area. Ibrahimovic stepped up to take the spot kick and arrowed it into the bottom left hand corner to give his new side a two goal cushion. Nearing the hour mark, the away side stepped up a gear and Nathan Redmond was presented with two decent opportunities in quick succession but wasted both. *Kick Off*



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