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TOURISTS' BUS CRASHES AT NKOMANZI

By Mbono Mdluli
Nkomanzi

A tourists' tour bus from Mega Coach company, was involved in a freak accident yesterday afternoon at Matitila, an area found in Nkomanzi.

The bus that carried only the luggage of the tourists veered off the road and hit a cliff, landing on its side on a road.

The bus was coming from Mantenga Cultural Village in Ezulwini, where the tourists from South Africa had been touring.

July Khoza (53), a South African driver, said the bus had no problem when they departed from Mantenga.

The bus was headed for Matsamo Border Post, on its way to South Africa.

The tourists passed Mbabane having no problem at all until they reached Nkomanzi.

"That is when we started to have a problem where the bus was having a diesel cut. It became difficult for it to move up the slope after we had crossed the Nkomanzi River," Khoza said. The bus was still loaded with the tourists when it started developing mechanical problems.

As it moved up the slope towards the Pigg's Peak direction, it became clear to the driver that it would be very difficult for him and the tourists to proceed with the journey on the bus.

Luckily for him, another tour bus from another company found them stranded on the road.

"I personally know the driver of the other bus, so I asked him to take my tourists with him to Matsamo while I waited for another bus from Mega Coach to take the luggage from the bus I was driving and proceed with the tourists for whom I was driving," he said.

Khoza said he was then helped by a certain lady from the area who gave him a cellphone to call the other bus from Mega Coach. He was also able

● The bus that carried only the luggage of the tourists veered off the road and hit a cliff, landing on its side on a road. The bus was coming from Mantenga Cultural Village in Ezulwini, where the tourists from South Africa had been touring



ILALA VUKA: A Mega Coach bus that overturned on the Motshane-Matsamo road while on its way to Matsamo Border Post yesterday. The window was broken by the driver to fetch a fire extinguisher from the inside as the bus had ignited.

(Pics: Mbono Mdluli)



BAGGY: The luggage of the tourists together with the fire extinguisher.

to call a mechanic from Matsapha, who is known as Eurito Adriano Gomes (32).

He promptly arrived at the scene, driving a white Ford Focus, to attend to the bus. While he was attending to the bus, the driver moved out of the bus and forgot to hand-brake it.

It then reversed all by itself from where it had parked. It almost fell off a ditch, but it is said to have been prevented by the Ford Focus. This led to the bus to hit the cliff and finally

landed on its left side on the road.

The other bus from Mega Coach finally arrived at the scene. It was coming from Matsamo. It fetched the luggage of the tourists who were in the problematic bus and went to back to Matsamo. Khoza said the accident bus was to be taken by a break-down from the road. At the time of compiling the report, it had been reported to be coming from Piet Retief, having entered into the country through Sicunusa Border Post.

MMM members finally admit defeat

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

SWAZI members of MMM RSA, the online ponzi scheme which took Swaziland and the rest of Southern Africa by storm in 2015 through to early 2016 have finally admitted defeat. MMM RSA members have been in the past months causing an uproar over media reports that were warning people to refrain from joining the online ponzi scheme which promised its members a 35% profit after a period of two weeks.

Since its inception in Southern Africa, MMM loyal members have always defended Mavrodi, the founder of the ponzi scheme saying he was trying to end poverty, not defraud them.

The ponzi scheme was popular among the civil servants, especially teachers and nurses. One former member who wanted to remain anonymous revealed that though she gained lots of money from MMM, she also lost a sizeable amount of money.

"I first started donating E500 and gradually I increased my donation as I gained the trust that it was not a fly-by-night pyramid scheme like the ones I had witnessed through the years. Little did I know that it will soon cease to operate," she said. In May, reports that the ponzi scheme had collapsed and frozen all accounts, shook the MMM community, but

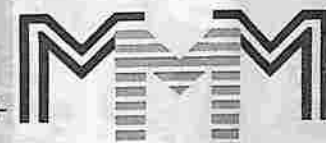
members stayed put and believed a press statement sent by MMM administration that the freezing of the Mavros (MMM currency) was due to congestion in their system. Seeing sceptic Swazi clientele withdrawing from the ponzi scheme after the news of the collapse, MMM representatives from Rustenburg, South Africa, came into the country in a bid to assure the MMM community that the ponzi scheme was not collapsing as international and local media had reported.

During the presentation, MMM Guider Mpho Molokoane

advised the

meeting's attendants that they should join the scheme with extra money they had. The MMM representative minced no words as he told eager Swazis there was no guarantee that once they 'donate' to the scheme, they would get it back. She said this was because there were no guarantees that the money would be repaid back to the individuals who had 'donated'.

She emphasised that donating was not an investment, saying it was a community of people helping one another. Molokoane advised the local MMM community members to turn a blind eye to the media's negative reports about the scheme. She further encouraged them to graduate from donating a few hundreds but to start thinking of 'injecting' thousands of Emalangeni to yield more.



'El Nino forcing children into child labour'

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

A report from World Vision has revealed that El Nino is having a devastating impact on children in the Southern Africa region forcing them into early marriage, child labour and out of school.

The report based on expert insight from Swaziland and eight other countries in the region, found that El Nino was severely impacting the lives of children and their futures.

Although El Nino as a climatic phenomenon is now over food insecurity has yet to peak, putting 49 million people at risk.

The report's findings found that El Nino's impacts were worsening the lives of children in a number of areas with more migrating out of impoverished areas, facing separation, hunger, sexual exploitation, violence, child labour and psychosocial distress.

Nearly 80 percent of experts questioned said school drop-outs had increased largely due to lack of food.

Globally, \$3.9 billion has been requested for the 19 worst affected countries, yet the current funding gap is almost \$2.5 billion. The United Nations' Children Fund (UNICEF) estimates that 26 million children across Eastern and Southern Africa are at risk from malnutrition, water shortages and disease.

"It seems that in disasters like this, children come last," said Rudo Kwaramba, World Vision Regional Leader in Southern Africa. The report, Regional Child Protection Rapid Assessment, was designed to explore the various ways children are impacted by a slow-onset emergency, like El Nino.

"I did not want to marry. I wanted to study," said a young girl in Mozambique who at age 14, was forced to marry a man many years older, after her family ran out of food. When her husband started beating

her, she ran away.

Of the multi-billions of dollars needed for a comprehensive response only \$11.7m is needed for Child Protection interventions. However, only six percent of this amount has been pledged by donors, making it the most under-funded sector in the response.

"We think of food and water as the most important things, without them we cannot live, but being forced out of school and into work or marriage at a young age ends the lives of children in a different way," said Kwaramba.

The report is the outcome of an assessment of children's protection issues in South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Angola, Mozambique, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. It was conducted by World Vision, PLAN International and UNICEF who interviewed child protection experts on what they were seeing happening to children.

NEWS EXTRA

ALBINO WOMAN'S HAND CHOPPED OFF

MALAWI - A woman living with albinism has been attacked by unknown assailants in Malawi's Chipita District, Nyasa Times reports.

The victim, identified as 51-year-old Lucia Kainga, was targeted in the early hours of Saturday morning when the attackers, armed with machetes and sticks, attempted to decapitate her and chop off her hands.

Yohane Mfungwe, Lucia's husband, claimed that the assailants entered the couple's home at approximately 02:00, after they opened their front door to assist someone they had heard crying for help outside.

"Someone was crying for help at the door of our house. It was

when I opened the door to find out what was going on, when I landed in the hands of the four men who attacked both of us," the distraught man was quoted as saying.

Lucia was rushed to a nearby medical facility soon after the attack. She lost her right hand.

The attack was the first of its kind in the Chipita District, which recently saw a grave exhumed in search of albino remains to sell on the black market. Fuelled by a belief that albino body parts bring wealth, attacks on albinos have increased in recent times, leading to the deaths of at least 17 albino nationals in the last two years.

Daily Sun

Bumper pay finally arrives

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

EXCITEMENT is buzzing in all civil servants quarters as the much awaited bumper pay dubbed 'dvu-ladyula' has finally arrived.

Civil servants started receiving their bumper pay yesterday. Pay dates for civil servants vary by ministry and also on the banks they use for their salaries.

The judiciary and a few other ministries usually get their pay on the 19th, teachers receive theirs between the 20th and the 21st, the police service on the 22nd, the army on the 24th and correctional service employees on the 23th.

One excited civil servant said he has already received his bumper pay but was still waiting to receive his pay slip to ensure that everything tallies accordingly.

"The pay slip will explain a lot of

things, as for now I cannot comment much as I still have to see how much Pay As You Earn has been deducted, but all in all I am happy that I have finally received it," said the civil servant.

Excitement

The bumper pay, which is causing much excitement to the civil servants, is offering a pay increase of 17% up to 64%, which will be backdated to April 1, 2016.

Two weeks ago the Joint Negotiation Forum (JNF) which consisted of the Government

Negotiation Team (GNT) and the public sector unions, reached a consensus and signed an agreement for effecting the salary review July end.

Unions

The public sector unions included the Swaziland National Association of Government Accounts Personnel (SNAGAP), Swaziland Democratic Nurses Union (SWADNU), Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) and National Public Service and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU).

It is worth noting that civil ser-

vants have not had a salary review for the past 12 years. The public sector unions started the process of negotiating for a salary review in 2013 where government contracted a private consultancy company, LCC Capital to come up with the suitable pay structures that would be effected for the civil servants.

In September 2015, LCC Capital submitted the report but it took the ministry of public service over four months to finally release the salary review report which had recommendations to the unions.

19 PRINCIPALS PAY E500 000 TO FAKE AUDITORS

● Police have already arrested two men who include a former auditor employed by govt

COVER STORY

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

A former auditor has been arrested together with another man for allegedly extorting money amounting to E500 000 from 19 schools around the country.

It is alleged that the two went around mainly in primary schools posing as auditors who were however, willing to help principals conceal any form of rot in their operations.

The money was largely for that exercise. They allegedly swindled susceptible school heads money in return of covering up certain irregularities in their respective schools' financial books. It is alleged that equipped with information about the procedure of auditing, the former auditor employed his know-how as the two went around extorting headteachers money.

Information gathered is that the former auditor was fired from his place of work in 2013 for malpractice.

Some of the schools which are alleged to have fallen prey to the bogus auditors include St Paul's Primary and Salesian Primary. During a visit yesterday to St Paul's the principal was 'out' of office, however, the deputy of the school was reluctant on giving out information.

He could neither deny nor confirm such reports.

At Salesian Primary, the principal admitted that indeed the bogus auditors paid the school a visit.

When asked if she paid them any money, the principal stated that the matter was now being handled by the police and she was advised not to talk about it to the media or to anyone as that would jeopardise the investigations.

Allegations are that the bogus auditors made away with E40 000 from the two primary schools as they managed to allegedly extort E20 000 from each school.

Information gathered is that the two not only paid a 'visit' to Salesian and St Paul's Primary but they also visited about 17 other schools where they extorted money ranging from E20 000 to E35 000.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba con-

...St Paul's principal ducks and dives

THE St Paul's Primary School principal whom it is alleged paid E20 000 to the bogus auditors hid his identity from our news crew when visited at the school yesterday.

A receptionist at the administration block who was asked if the principal was around responded to the affirmative and stated that indeed the principal was in his office.

The principal's office is adjacent to that of the lady found at the reception. When this reporter introduced himself to the principal who was with his deputy according to descriptions of the two given by the St Paul's schools manager later on, he stated that he is not the principal but is the deputy as the principal was away in town to buy tools to be used for agriculture.

When the principal's cellphone number was requested the man declined saying it is something personal and therefore he could not

give it to strangers.

However, when the schools manager for St Paul's was called later on the day about the matter he said he had spoken with the principal and he admitted having seen this reporter who visited the school.

The schools manager said the principal also told him the same thing that he did not know anything about the dubious auditors who visited the school.

The schools manager when told that the deputy said the principal was not around, he was shocked and failed to understand why the principal would tell such a lie.

The manager said he can only hope that the principal is not involved in such a mess. The manager stated that he got hold of the head teacher through the phone as when he went to his office he was told a different story that the head teacher was not feeling well as opposed to going to town to buy tools.

Schools manager aware of matter

MACANJANA Motsa, the Ministry of Education and Training Under Secretary (Schools Manager) said she was aware of the case as she got wind of it from the auditor general's office.

Motsa said she heard that there were certain people going around schools posing as auditors.

She said there was no situation which requires principals to give cash to auditors; but conceded such can only happen when one knows that he or she is in the wrong hence the reason to bribe an audit officer.

Motsa said even though she does not know the exact procedure of auditing, she is aware that in such incidents where by people require money when doing audits, it is every principal's duty to be whistle blowers.

Motsa condemned such actions saying principals cannot just give

firmed the reports.

He stated that two men were arrested for allegedly posing as auditors where they went around the country defrauding principals school funds.

money to people unless 'bayagan-ga'. Swaziland Principals Association (SWAPA) Deputy President Welcome Mhlanga said in June SWAPA had a workshop with the auditor general's office and various stakeholders where they touched base on such issues.

Mhlanga stated that even though not every principal was there but generally it is known that when government does audits, it is free of charge unless one has hired a private auditor.

An officer from the AG's office who spoke on condition of anonymity stated that they always tell teachers that there is no money required for auditing and they are well aware of that.

Numerous attempts to get hold of the Auditor General Phetecia Nxumalo failed as her phone rang unanswered for the better part of the day.

Mamba stated that police were still continuing with investigations and the two suspects were expected to make their first court appearance at the Magistrate's Court.



CRASH: The Feed Master truck that was hit by a speeding lady-driven VW Amarok vehicle at Mafutseni yesterday. (Pic: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

Suicide suspected in deadly collision

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Mafutseni

A female motorist is suspected to have committed suicide by driving at a high speed into a Feed Master truck.

The female motorist, who was driving a VW Amarok vehicle, died on the spot after crashing her car into the truck.

According to Felix Dlamini who was found at the scene, he got a distress call from his driver (truck) after he was involved in the shocking accident.

Dlamini said the driver told him that a vehicle which was coming from the direction of Mafutseni drove straight towards his truck at a very high speed and showed no signs of slowing down.

It is said the truck driver, at first, thought that the Amarok driver was just playing games but when he realised that the vehicle wasn't swerving back to its lane, he stopped his truck but it was too late as the van went straight under it.

Impact

Due to the severe impact, part of the truck burst into flames. Mphiwa Dlamini from the Fire Department stated that when they arrived at the scene they found the vehicle stuck under the truck and due to oil spillages the truck was already catching fire.

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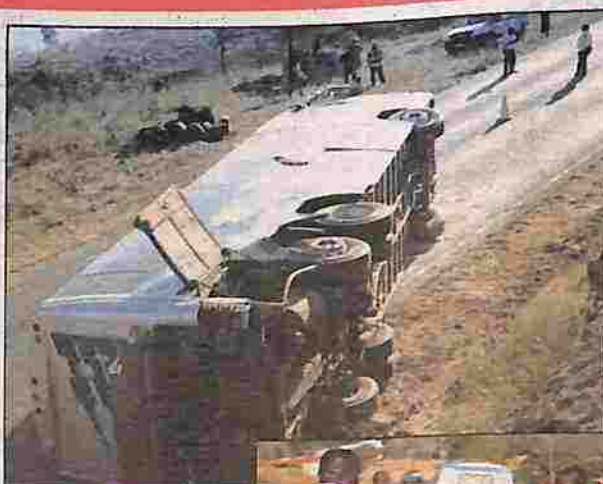
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TOURISTS' COACH CRASHES AT NKOMANZI



FALLEN GIANT: A Mega Coach bus landed on its side after descending unattended in reverse mode along the Motshane-Matsamo road while on its way to Matsamo Border Post yesterday. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli)



ACROSS THE ROAD: An aerial view of the accident scene.



LOST AND FOUND: The driver of the bus July Khoza, taking the luggage to the other Mega Coach bus, with the help of the residents of the area.



AERIAL VIEW: A view of people who had come to help out in the accident that involved a Mega Coach bus which overturned at Matitila, Nkomanzi.



TO THE RESCUE: The other Mega Coach bus which saved the day.



GOOD SAMARITANS: Members of the community taking the luggage to the other Mega Coach bus.



WHAT HAPPENED? The mechanic, Eurito Adriano Gomes leaning on his Ford Focus as he was talking to Khoza.

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3 CIVIL SERVANTS WIN IN LETSHEGO COMPETITION

Mbabane: Letshego Financial Services Swaziland announced their top three winners today from their Improving Life Campaign.

The three civil servants did not believe their luck and could not hide their excitement when they were presented with their prizes. Mr. Victor Mamba a police officer from Mpofu area who scooped the first position. The second position was Mr. Isaiah G. Mkhalihi who is a Headteacher from Ngcoseni area and the third prize was an Umbutfo Defence Force officer Themba Mathole Ndlangamandla from Mphatheni area.

The winners entered the competition through sharing with Letshego how the loan products of the organization improved their lives. "It is very humbling to learn how Letshego products have positively impacted so many Swazi's" commented Mr. Charles Hlatshwayo the CEO of Letshego Swaziland. We had an influx of entries from the competition and it was difficult judging all these entries as all their stories were compelling and demonstrated the improvements of all our client's lives as well as families and communities said Mr. Hlatshwayo.

"More prizes are yet to be won in July and the grand finale is on 30th August 2016 where we will give out a solar system with installation, a solar geyser plus installation and a 5000L water tank", commented the Sales and Marketing Manager Gecbile Simelane. The manager encouraged all prospective clients to be Letshego clients and enter the competition as well

as existing clients.

JUNE WINNERS:

Victor Mamba: 1st PRIZE WINNER - He completed his house and paid for his children's school fees. He also started a grocery shop Mncedisi Grocery shop in Mpofu area with loan solutions from Letshego. "I am more than happy today Letshego helped me a lot with my grocery shop at Mpofu, thank you very much Letshego" commented the winner.

Isaiah Mkhalihi: 2nd PRIZE WINNER - He bought a tractor started a vegetable garden where he supplies local markets with fresh vegetables. His tractor is of great use to his community as it is used for ploughing even for his neighbours. Mr Mkhalihi further bought himself a kombi which is used as a school bus for pupils at Sibovu High School. "Thank you so much Letshego for giving us such an opportunity and assisting us to achieve our dreams" commented Mr Mkhalihi

THEMBA MATHOLE NDLANGAMANDLA: 3rd PRIZE WINNER - He built his home, connected electricity. He also built a two room house for his children. "This was unexpected and humbling, I own my home because of Letshego" commented Mr. Ndlangamandla.



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Foreign trips divide senators

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini
Mbabane

SENATORS are livid at the alleged selective manner in which Senate President, Gelane Zwane, allegedly allocates foreign trips.

Interviewed senators minced no words when asked if Zwane had been fair in her leadership role and whether she has been sending one and the same of her favourite candidates on external trips for the past three years.

The senators were this week provoked by the selection of Senator Bonsile Mngomezulu to attend a week-long conference on HIV and AIDS in Durban, South Africa, despite the fact that she is not a

...they accuse President Gelane of favouritism



ACCUSED: Senate President Gelane Zwane.

member of the portfolio committee on health. Zwane, however, pleaded innocence on the matter.



TO HANDLE MATTER: Sessional Committee Chairman Prince Fipha.

When the senators were asked who allocates the external trips, they pointed at Zwane, arguing it

was her responsibility to ensure fairness prevailed.

Ideally, the aggrieved senators emphasised, that the chairpersons of the various portfolio committees were supposed to assign members on a rotational basis.

At the ongoing HIV and AIDS Conference in Durban, the House of Assembly is represented by Somtongo MP Sandile Nxumalo, a chairperson of the chamber's HIV and AIDS Committee.

"In our case, Bonsile is neither a member of the HIV and AIDS Committee nor the Health Committee. This is clearly an indication that there is a serious lack of leadership in our chamber. Gelane does that all by herself," said a senator. The senators asked to speak anonymously because they have yet to raise the matter with

Sessional Committee Chairman Prince Fipha today.

"We have fallen victim to the Queen-bee syndrome.

And it's a pity that some of us don't speak openly when given an opportunity to express ourselves, instead we choose to heap praise on the Senate President, despite glaring leadership inefficiencies," said a concerned senator. By now, the concerned senators said, they should be having Sessional Committee Chairpersons, but that process is being stalled deliberately, allegedly by the senate president, to ensure only those willing to lick her boots continued to enjoy their stay in parliament.

The Senate President, however, denied the allegations that she was behind the unfair selection of senators taking external trips. She said cabinet ministers enjoyed the right to choose which legislators they wanted to travel with to international assignments.

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Frustrated Chief Mvimbi wants out of committee

A frustrated chairman of the health portfolio committee, Senator Chief Mvimbi Matse, is contemplating resigning from his position.

Senator Matse, a chief of Mambane in the Lubombo region and royal appointee into the senate, said the biasness and total neglect have made him realise he was not wanted in the position. The chief is concerned that his services are appreciated only when performing duties locally, but when the need to extend his services outside of the country, he was always sidelined in favour of other senators.

"I have since resolved to distance myself from these issues. Otherwise, this is what makes people end up resorting to witchcraft practices," said Chief Mvimbi.

The chief said ever-since his elec-

tion or appointment into the chairmanship position, he has remained nothing but a figure-head.

He said some of his colleagues had been to the United States of America, Cape Town in South Africa and many other cities of the world. After these lucrative trips, Senator Mvimbi said no reports were prepared in readiness for tabling in the senate.

Determined to find answers on the matter, Matse said, he once approached NERCHA Director Khanya Mabuza. He said Mabuza shifted blame to the ministry of health, saying it was the ministry that was responsible for selecting participants.

"We all thought we had come to work and hoped we'd be given equal opportunities to perform our duties. But that is not happening. I some-

times tend to wonder why didn't they choose and appoint, into these positions, those who liked travelling, instead of making us statues," said the aggrieved chief.

Senate President Gelane Zwane sympathised with Chief Matse and implored him to remain patient, adding that his turn would eventually come.

Senator Prince Kekela, another royal appointee in the upper chamber, also said he had never had any external trip.

The chief of Mvuma in the northern Hhohho region, however, stated he was not disturbed by these developments. He said he had several royal duties that kept him busy internally. If assigned by the senate president, he said he can't turn down that assignment.

Shebeen queen gets E50 000 bail

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlengano

JULIA Mdluli, the 50-year-old woman from Mkhitsini, who was last Friday found with dagga valued close to E500 000, has been granted bail of E50 000.

The popular shebeen queen successfully applied for bail through prominent legal eagle Advocate Mduduzi 'Tsotsi' Mabila.

When making her first court appearance, before Shiselweni Principal Magistrate Florence Msibi, Mdluli was informed of the conditions of the bail which she needed to respect. With her admitted to E50 000 bail, she was ordered to pay E10 000 cash and E40 000 surety. She entered a vehicle as surety.

The suspect was warned by the court which said that she should make no mistake of failing to stick to the set bail conditions. She was advised to surrender her travel documents to the police station and also never to apply for a new one, until the

finalisation of the court case.

She was further advised not to interfere with the crown witnesses in any manner. She was also ordered to make it a point that she reports at the Nhlengano Police Station every first Friday, of each month, and also avails herself each time she was needed in court.

The suspect's next court appearance is July 28, 2016, for further instructions and setting of the trial date. The woman was allegedly found with dagga, packed in bags and ready to be transported. She is said to not be a first offender, as she was once arrest-

ed a couple of years ago for dagga possession. She was handed a 15-year sentence or a sum of E15 000 fine. The court, however, suspended five years of the sentence which meant she ended up paying E10 000 as a fine for this previous crime. The conditions were that she should not be found to have committed a similar crime within a three-year period.

It now remains to be seen how the court will deal with the suspect when the trial begins, as the Crown will be forwarding the previous conviction during its submissions to ask for a stiffer penalty this time around.



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SOON TO BE HISTORY: These tedious traffic jams along the Manzini-Matsapha highway will be no more - come July 31st.



FREE TRAFFIC FLOW: This is how the Manzini-Matsapha highway looks like following the rehabilitation. The photo was taken near KaKhoza.

HOORAY: KUKHANYA TO BE DONE END OF THIS MONTH!

...Revamped Manzini-Matsapha highway puts Manzini closer to first world status

THE ongoing rehabilitation of the Matsapha-Manzini highway will be completed at the end of this month.

This has been confirmed by the ministry of public works and transport as well as the contractor, Kukhanya Civil Engineering Contractors.

Chief Roads Engineer in the Public Works and Transport Ministry Vincent Dlamini told Manzini News that the ministry was happy to have been able to deliver this project at a time when the country is gearing towards first world status.

Landscape

He stated that this was one of the indicators that vision 2022 was not just a dream but a reality. He also hinted on the ongoing construction of the Manzini-Mbadlane highway as one of the road infrastructure development projects that will change the landscape of the Hub of Swaziland.

Dlamini stated that the road traffic interchange that will be constructed at the golf course traffic lights as part of the highway would transform Manzini into a global standard city.

As the Municipal Council of Manzini, we are grateful for the support we are receiving from the central government in our quest

towards realisation of our vision of being a vibrant African city that consistently provides efficient, relevant and sustainable services to its customers. Without their support we would not achieve the development that the citizens of Manzini are witnessing.

Of course, we are aware that many sentiments have been shared by road users regarding traffic flow interruptions during the construction period. However, to us all those temporary inconveniences were part of the transformation to first world status. Show me one developed country in the world which achieved development without a dose of discomfort by its citizens; I will tell you of far more than 20 that are where they are today in terms of development as a result of a citizenry that became tolerant to temporary discomfort and focused on the bigger picture.

Project

As rightfully stated by the chief roads engineer during the interview with Manzini News, traffic interruptions are common during road construction works; moreso in busy roads such as the Matsapha-Manzini highway.

Those who travel will recall that in neighbouring South Africa, for example, it is common to be blocked for up to two hours at a



WILL MEET DEADLINE: Kukhanya Civil Engineering Contractors Corporate Affairs Manager Welile Shongwe confirmed.

road construction site before being allowed to proceed with your journey. We did not see such during the Matsapha-Manzini road rehabilitation project. As Council we are grateful to Kukhanya Civil Engineering Contractors for tapping into modern technology to try and speed up construction works whilst also ensuring that a high quality road is delivered. If you take into account the fact that the road was over 20 years old and is also used by heavy haulage trucks, you can surely imagine the amount of work that the contrac-

tor had to do on the base layers of the road before finally laying the bitumen. That alone should justify the period taken to bring the project to finality. Let us be misconstrued as being insensitive to the inconveniences that have been endured by users of the road during the construction period, as Council we wish to state that we are not denying there have been traffic flow interruptions experienced. The contractor, public works and transport ministry and Council were constantly in the media apologising about such and appealing for patience. What matters now is the bigger picture. The road has been delivered. Entry and exit into Manzini city will no longer be the same.

Motorists will just be cruising on a smooth and world class road infrastructure without the irritating bumps on the stretch between the Manzini Nazarene traffic lights and KaKhoza. For a while, our vehicles will not be booked for repairs as a result of the condition of that road - thanks to central government. Moreover, tourists and potential investors will now view vibrant and beautiful Manzini city in a more positive light. Now, doesn't central government deserve a big toast for this achievement?...

WE'VE GIVING THE ROAD 20 MORE YEARS - KUKHANYA

KUKHANYA Civil Engineering Contractors has confirmed that it will have completed the Matsapha-Manzini road rehabilitation project by the end of this month.

"We're well on course to finishing at the end of this month. I can confirm that there will be no more traffic flow interruptions on that road after July 31st 2016. The only things that we shall be doing after July will be minor works such as road marking, putting up signage, working on the guardrails and a few other small works that will not interrupt traffic flow. We have added 20 more years to the lifespan of that road," said Kukhanya Corporate Affairs Manager Welile Shongwe. She apologised for the disturbances that road users have had to endure over the construction period; further explaining that such was normal with insitu constructions. Insitu construction refers to rehabilitation works whilst the road is live. It requires the use of specialised high technology equipment; which Kukhanya duly utilised.

"We have said it over and over that we apologise for the inconvenience caused to road users. We are emphasising that even today.

The delays were by all means not deliberate but came as a result of the traffic volumes on that road. This project is the first of its kind in Swaziland. The Matsapha-Manzini road stretch carries the heaviest traffic volumes in the whole of Swaziland. Just 10 minutes of blocking the road at KaKhoza, traffic would stretch as far as Matsapha. We invested in specialised high technology equipment as part of an effort to minimise road user inconveniences. We are happy to have finally been able to complete the project. Indeed Manzini will not be the same," said the manager.

...PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE FOR MANGWANENI

THE ministry of public works and transport together with the Municipal Council of Manzini are worried about the frequency of traffic accidents along the Central Distributor Road; particularly the section near Mangwaneni Informal Settlement.

As a result, the ministry has decided to intervene by incorporating a pedestrian footbridge as part of the Manzini-Mbadlane highway.

"We have heard the sentiments regarding accidents as caused by over-speeding on that road. We are also aware that Council constructed a speed hump not so long ago in an effort to cut down on speed but it seems the effort is not yielding the desired outcome.

As a result, we are going to construct an overhead footbridge near Mangwaneni so pedestrians can use that facility instead of risking their lives on the road. The footbridge will form part of the ongoing Manzini-Mbadlane road; which means that it should be up by the time the highway project is completed. In the meantime, we urge residents of Mangwaneni and all other pedestrians who utilise that road to make use of the designated crossing points as well as exercise caution whilst crossing," said Vincent Dlamini, Ministry of Public Works and Transport Chief Roads Engineer.

...WORKS MINISTRY HAS BIG PLANS FOR MANZINI

THE Municipal Council of Manzini has as part of her vision construction of a flyover bridge by the Manzini Nazarene traffic lights so that vehicles heading for either the city centre or Sikhuphe do not have to stop at the traffic lights; a concept somewhat similar to the Matsapha flyover bridge.

Well, Manzini News picked the ministry's thought regarding that proposal and it wonderfully turned out it had even bigger plans for the kingdom's vibrant hub.

Public Works and Transport Ministry's Chief Roads Engineer, Vincent Dlamini, said, depending on funding availability, the ministry was looking at a gigantic flyover by-pass road for Manzini; one that would start at KaKhoza and connect with the Manzini-Mbadlane highway near Moneni.

"We feel that putting up a flyover bridge at the Nazarene traffic lights and then make the road user endure the speed humps and traffic lights on the rest of the Central Distributor Road would kill the road's purpose as a bypass. A bypass road should not have speed humps and traffic lights. The motorist should just cruise without having to stop anywhere. Just like it's the case with the Mbabane bypass road.

Bypass

But again, we don't want the bypass road to be too far from Manzini city so that the tourist or any other road user can have a glimpse of the city from an elevated position whilst travelling through. That is why we are looking at a flyover bypass road that will stretch from KaKhoza to Moneni. The Central Distributor

road will still be there to distribute traffic coming in and out of Manzini but beneath the bypass road. I can't say when this world class bypass road will be constructed as it will depend on funding availability but it is there in our future plans in order to complete the puzzle on the Ngwenya-Sikhuphe highway," he stated.

Dlamini is upbeat that the road infrastructure development planned for Manzini will change the landscape of the kingdom's hub and prove to any doubting Thomas that indeed Swaziland is headed for first world status - come 2022.

"We see these nice looking road infrastructure when we travel outside the country. What should stop us from doing same? If you take a look at the out-of-this-world road intersection that will be built

at Manzini's golf course traffic lights as part of the Manzini-Mbadlane highway you will realise that indeed we mean serious business. Manzini and Swaziland at large will never be the same after construction of that highway. The golf course traffic lights will be a thing of the past to give way to the world class road intersection that will be constructed on that site. Same with Hhehlehe and other major road intersections along the highway. Next year we will also spare some funds towards completion of resealing (rehabilitation) of Ngwane and Nkoseluhla Streets (main roads within the Manzini city centre); a project which we had already started. We hope that the people of Manzini appreciate and will be excited about the upcoming development in their city," Dlamini said.

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OCEAN BASKET MANAGER SUSPENDED

...runs to court challenging the suspension

By Linda Jele
Industrial Court

OCEAN Basket Marketing Manager Hector Ndlandla has been suspended for allegedly over-spending on staff food and verbally abusing staff.

Ndlandla was allegedly suspended without pay pending appearance before a disciplinary tribunal on charges of dishonesty, unauthorised expenditure of staff food and incompatibility in that since he was employed, he verbally abused staff and confronted the com-

pany's directors. It was alleged that in April and May 2016, on different occasions, he spent about E300 on staff food when he was only authorised to spend E74 per day.

However, he allegedly spent E117, E139 and E89 on different days. He was also charged with dishonesty in that he misstated that some five invoices were for staff meals when they had been for customers who had bought food from the outlet and allegedly stole the amount.

He was further charged with insolence in that he made disparaging remarks concerning one of the directors of the com-

pany. The directors of the company are Mbabane senior lawyer Zweli Jele and his wife, Thokozile Vilakati. He is challenging the suspension seeking an order declaring it unlawful. Zwetho Investments, trading as Ocean Basket, is yet to file responding papers in the matter.

Ndlandla is representing himself in the matter. Prior to the suspension and invitation to a disciplinary hearing, he had reported the company to the ministry of labour and social security where he lodged a complaint pertaining to his entitlement to commission and

Ben Simelane new lawyers' President

By Linda Jele
Mbabane

SENIOR Manzini based lawyer Ben J Simelane has been elected President of the Law Society of Swaziland.

Simelane was elected into the seat on Friday during the organisation's reconstituted annual general meeting held at the Swaziland Theatre Club.

He replaces another Manzini based lawyer Jose Rodrigues who had been at the helm ever since the then

president Titus Mlangeni was appointed a High Court Judge.

Mbabane senior lawyer and former acting judge of the High Court Sidumo Mdladla returned to the vice presidency seat.

Occupied

The position of General Secretary for the organisation continued to be occupied by a Mbabane based lawyer after Bongani G Mdluli of Bongani G Mdluli and Associates won.

Mdluli replaces Nkosinathi Manzini from CJ Littler and Associates.

Simelane, in an interview, said Mbabane based lawyer Lucky Howe was elected Treasurer of the lawyers' body.

Simelane said lawyers Zweli Shabangu from Magagula and Hlophe Attorneys, Bonisile Matsebula and Lucky Manyatsi from Manyatsi Attorneys, have been elected as the society's council.

"We will be having our first meeting tomorrow and thereafter the secretary will be able to answer any questions from the media," Simelane said.

performance target bonus. Further he had reported the company for its unlawful deduction of E1 056 from his monthly salary for accommodation. Ndlandla claimed that he was thereafter invited to attend a disciplinary hearing on May 30, but asked for a postponement because he had been given short notice. However, he fell sick and was attended to at the Psychiatric Centre in Manzini, where he was diagnosed with emotional stress and given four rest days.

He then asked for a postponement of the hearing. However, when he asked for a date to proceed with the hearing, the company told him to furnish proof that he was medically fit to stand the hearing. On June 8, when the hearing was supposed to proceed, he asked for recusal by the chairman because he was a client at Robinson Bertram Attorneys, where Jele is stationed. The hearing was postponed and another chairman was appointed.

Once again Ndlandla fell sick

and could not attend it on June 21, wherein he had to be admitted at a clinic. When the hearing resumed on June 27, the company was adamant that he should produce medical proof that he was fit to stand the hearing. He submitted that the suspension of his salary was prejudicial to him because he had a child and family to maintain. He claimed that his medical aid was also suspended yet he was sickly.

The matter was postponed to July 26.



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The following deceased families are invited to attend a meeting on the following dates:

Monday 25 July 2016

VENUE: MBABANE HEAD OFFICE, INGCAMU BUILDING.

Name of Deceased	Pension No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Mahlalela (Dlamini) Undiwe	4733070	29.06.2016	09h00
2. Magongo Phumzile Maria	3214635	05.07.2016	09h30
3. Sihlongonyane Zephania	30784	09.07.2016	10h00
4. Gumedze Thabise	31998	02.07.2016	10h30
5. Dlamini Allen Ntunja	36581	01.07.2016	11h00
6. Simelane Timothy	3094114	01.07.2016	11h30
7. Mamba Elias	7024670	23.06.2016	12h00
8. Ngwenya Abednigo Shaka	4124991	21.06.2016	12h30
9. Simelane Velaphi Steven	36271	13.06.2016	14h15

Tuesday 26 July 2016

VENUE: Siteki EVUKUZENZELE BUILDING

Name of Deceased	Pension No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Mazibuko Stephen Bhuti	35799	22.06.2016	10h30
2. Nkambule Enock Magasela	8503703	19.06.2016	11h00
3. Mahlalela Jeremiah P.	8046398	01.06.2016	11h30

Wednesday 27 July 2016

VENUE: Piggs Peak, Lidlelantfongeni Building

Name of Deceased	Pension No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Magagula Sipho Vanini	56332	14.04.2009	10h00
2. Tfwala Mangaliso	2106229	03.07.2016	10h30

Thursday 28 July 2016

VENUE: Nhlanguano, former Sikhonkwane Building

Name of Deceased	Pension No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Nkambule David	31331	02.07.2016	11h00
2. Msibi Petros Mfanyana	220087	16.06.2016	11h30

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SWAZILAND NATIONAL HOUSING BOARD INSTITUTIONAL HOUSING PROJECT 2016 (BUILDING CONSTRUCTION)

CALL FOR TENDERS TENDER NO.15, NO.16, NO.17 OF 2016/2017

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR PACKAGE 'HL2', 'HL1' & 'HM1'

Project Background

The Swaziland National Housing Board (SNHB) has been appointed by the Swaziland Government to implement a phased housing program for civil servants. The project is intended to address the acute housing shortage currently experienced by civil service agencies. SNHB will raise finance, construct and manage the housing units which will be leased to Government.

Invitation to Tender

CIC registered Swazi contractors are invited to submit tenders for the following packages which involve the construction of units for the Ministry of Health. Tenders are to be purchased from SNHB revenue office, ground floor Dlan'ubeka House at a non-refundable cost of E3000.00 each. Tender documents must be returned to the SNHB and be deposited to the designated tender box at the 3rd Floor Dlan'ubeka House, SNHB reception by the stipulated deadline in order to be eligible for consideration.

TENDER NO.	PACKAGE NAME & LOCATION	SALE DATE	SITE INSPECTION DATE & TIME	TENDER SUBMISSION DATE & TIME	Marking on Tender Envelope	Category
Tender NO.15 of 2016/2017	'HL2' Sithobela Health Centre	20 th July 2016 to 25 th July 2016	1 st August 2016 11.00 am At Sithobela Health Centre	12 th August 2016 at 10.00 am	Tender NO. 15 of 2016/2017- Institutional Housing Project Package 'HL2' (Sithobela)	B2
Tender NO.16 of 2016/2017	'HL1' Ebboli & Kwezi	20 th July 2016 to 25 th July 2016	2 nd August 2016 11.00am At Ebboli clinic	19 th August 2016 at 10.00 am	Tender NO.16 of 2016/2017- Institutional Housing Project Package 'HL1' (Ebboli & Kwezi)	B3
Tender NO.17 of 2016/2017	'HM1' Mankayane & Musi	20 th July 2016 to 25 th July 2016	3 rd August 2016 10am At Mankayane Government Hospital	26 th August 2016 at 10.00am	Tender NO.17 of 2016/2017- Institutional Housing Project Package 'HM1' (Mankayane & Musi)	B2

Tenders are to be addressed to:

The Secretary
The Tender Committee
Swaziland National Housing Board
P.O. Box 798
MBABANE

- The Board is under no obligation to select the lowest or any tender.
- Informal and/or any undue influence on the tendering process by bidders is discouraged and may result in disqualification.
- Bidders are required to submit the following:
 - Valid Trading Licence
 - Tax Clearance
 - Form J
 - Company profile
 - SNPF Compliance Certificate
 - Coloured copies of Directors' IDs
 - Copy of SNHB receipt
 - Audited financial statements
 - Proof of registration with the Construction Industry Council

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10 NATIONAL NEWS

Khonta certificate no guarantee for citizenship

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini
Mbabane

FOREIGN nationals seeking settlement rights through the traditional *kukhonta* system are not automatically eligible for citizenship.

A source at the ministry of home affairs revealed that obtaining a *khonta* certificate did not entitle the certificate holder an 'express' right

to be granted citizenship.

The foreigner is required to undergo the same processes, that others go through, in applying for the country's citizenship.

This comes in the wake of concerns raised by parliamentarians that foreigners, especially of Asian origin, are flocking into the country and upon arrival, seek settlement rights from chiefs, whom they bribe with huge sums of money.

The fees schedule at the ministry

of home affairs reflect that for a *khonta* certificate, an applicant is required to part with E500.

The traditional settlement rights system is administered mainly by chiefs in the rural and peri-urban areas of the kingdom.

Members from both legislative chambers have expressed outrage at the apparently uncontrolled influx of the Asians into the country.

A 10-member committee has



INVESTIGATING:
Zombodze Emuva MP Titus Thwala.

been set up by the House of Assembly to investigate the inva-

sion of the country by the Asians. The committee, led by Zombodze Emuva MP Titus Thwala, will also investigate officials at the immigration department at the home affairs ministry for allegedly colluding with the Asians and accepting bribes in exchange for work permits and citizenships.

To obtain the longest work permit allowing a foreigner to remain in the country for a maximum 12 months, applicants are required to pay E1 200.

These work permits are granted to company directors and employees of foreign owned companies.

For a nine-month work permit the fees schedule indicates that E900 is required while E600 is paid for a six months work permit.

For the shortest period of three months, E300 is paid by applicants.

Government service charges to go up

THE Swaziland government, which is facing huge economic challenges, is set to increase its service charges to the public.

The ministry of home affairs has already embarked on a process to review the service charges. Home Affairs Principal Secretary, Anthony Masilela, yesterday confirmed that they had made a request for the ministry of finance to have their service charges reviewed.

The review, if approved, would affect both Swazis and foreign nationals.

The review would lead to an increase in the fees paid by applicants to obtain travel documents, passports, work permits, renewals and other services provided by the department of Birth, Marriages and Death (BMDs) under the min-



CONFIRMED: Home Affairs Principal Secretary Anthony Masilela.

istry. The proposal for the review, Masilela said, was made in the last government financial year. He said they had not yet received a response from the ministry of

finance where they submitted their request. The BMDs department is one of the most frequently visited government department because of the nature of the services it provides to the public.

Currently, people applying for travel documents pay E80, as well as the same amount for renewal while E120 is paid for a lost or destroyed travel document. For an international and diplomatic passport, currently, applicants pay E200.

Foreigners interested in obtaining the country's citizenship are charged a E500 application fee. But it becomes cheaper when the person applying is a female married to a Swazi because they are only required to pay E100.

Once the application has been approved and the applicant is

granted the citizenship, an additional E1 000 is paid by the applicant in both categories.

The amount is a bit higher if the citizenship application is done for a child who was born before the parents acquired the Swazi citizenship.

According to a fee schedule displayed at the ministry of home affairs that child is required to pay E5 000. A child born of parents who have already acquired the citizenship automatically becomes a citizen of the country. The economy of the country has been facing challenges, leading to very insignificant growth.

Due to the slow economic growth and, also largely due to a decline in Southern Africa Customs Union (SACU) receipts, the Swaziland government has been forced to increase and diversify its tax-base. For the past decade, the government has been

depending on the SACU receipts to finance its budget.

However, with a sharp decline in the SACU receipts, the Swaziland Revenue Authority was set up to help increase revenue collections.

In his 2016/17 budget speech, Finance Minister Martin Dlamini reported that this year government's projections reflected that a paltry E4.5 billion would be received, down from E6.9 Billion that was obtained the previous year.

In previous years the government received as high as E9 billion from the regional customs union body.

A few weeks ago, Tourism and Environmental Affairs Minister Jabulani Mabuza had his attempts to impose a 35 cents plastic levy on the public dismissed by the House of Assembly. This was viewed as another way of diversifying government's tax-base by the legislators.

AU recognises African editors

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

AFRICAN editors have been roped-in by the African Union (AU) to help the organisation successfully implement Agenda 2063.

This is an initiative decided upon by the AU, during the recently held Summit in Rwanda, Kigali. The AU had invited editors to be part of the meeting to find out how the media could play a role in making sure Agenda 2063 was met.

Implementing

The agenda will be met by implementing plans of action that will span over a period of 10 years.

Swaziland Editors' Forum Chairperson, Mbongeni Mbingo, was also invited to attend the meeting.

Mbingo, who is also the managing editor of The Swazi Observer, said this was the first of its kind in the history of the African Union.

He said the AU has seen the importance of the role that can be played by the African media in

implementing the Agenda 2063.

He acknowledged the fact that many of the people living today would not be alive by 2063, but that did not mean Africans should not start implementing the agenda.

He stated that Africa had 10-year targets that it set for itself to meet as it implemented the agenda.

Recognise

He said the outgoing African Union Commission Chairperson Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma stated during the meeting that they would eventually recognise the media as one of the key stakeholders in implementing the agenda.

Agenda 2063 is an initiative, taken by the AU, to make the continent prosperous. It is an initiative taken by the African Union Commission to make the 21st century an African century.

The agenda is rooted on Pan Africanism and an African Renaissance.

In 2063, Africa sees itself as a continent that is prosperous, with the resources that will drive its own development, with sustainable and long-term stewardship of its resources.

At that time, Africa sees itself as having provided for its people a high standard of living with a sound and healthy well-being.

People of Africa at that time will be well educated and skilled, especially in disciplines of science and technology.

No child should miss school by then because of poverty or any form of discrimination.

African cities and other settlements by 2063 should be hubs of cultural and economic activities.

Affordable

The infrastructure should be modernised and people should have access to affordable and decent housing, including housing finance and all the basic necessities of life like water, sanitation, energy, public transport and ICT.

Economies of all African countries, at that time, should be structurally transformed to create shared growth, decent jobs and economic opportunities for all.

Agriculture should be improved to increase food production for Africa.

The ecosystems and wildlife in Africa will also be protected in this continent by that time.

Agenda 2063 idea conceived in 2013 THE idea of the Agenda 2063 was conceived in 2013 when the African Union was cel-

brating its 50 years of existence.

This took place in Addis Ababa, the capital city of Ethiopia. The African leaders met to look back at what had been achieved by the AU, which was the Organisation of African Unity at the time.

It had been formed to help many African countries achieve independence from colonial masters, which comprised the British, French, Belgians, and Germans among others.

Independence

In 2013, the African leaders acknowledged that Africa had already attained its independence, but they realised that more needed to be done.

They noted that Africa needed to foster international relations among themselves as African countries.

They also noted that for Africa to develop, trade conditions between themselves had to be more favourable so that they can generate more income through one another.

The issue of language barriers was also raised at that meeting, which made African leaders relish at the idea of one Africa that spoke one language, having one currency and one passport that will allow ease of movement among African natives from one African country to another.

Dlamini-Zuma reads letter to African freedom fighters

OUTGOING African Union Commission Chairperson, Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, was given an opportunity to read a letter, which was written to late African freedom fighters like Kwame Nkrumah.

In that letter, Dlamini-Zuma imitated an Africa, which was already in 2063. She imagined African freedom fighters as people who would be reading the letter, while sitting outside the African continent.

Improved

In the letter, Dlamini-Zuma was telling the fighters that Africa was now a united continent, which had developed economically because of the improved trade relations between them.

She also highlighted that Africa was also at ease in terms of communication, because it was now speaking an African language, which was understood by all Africans in every African country.

African languages like Swahili were recognised as one of these languages. English, French and other non-African languages were completely out of the agenda.

Man suspects one of the trafficked children to be his

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

AFTER reports of a Swazi who was arrested in South Africa for trafficking three children aged five, seven and 13 years old, a father whose child disappeared last year believes one of the trafficked victims might be his own child.

Bonginkhosi Thwala said after reading the article and noting that one of the children was seven years old his hopes of re-uniting with his long lost son were revived. He said his son Bongiswa Thwala (7) mysteriously disappeared during a visit

to his relatives at Hlatsi.

He said upon reading an article in the Swazi Observer titled 'Swazi arrested in SA for trafficking three children' dated 16/06/2016, he believed that his child might be among the three children.

Thwala said his son went with two other children to the river with the aim of taking a swim.

He said his son, who grew up around Matsapha, was not used to big dams in the rural areas hence he told his peers that he was going back home.

Thwala said his son never made it home, and when the other children returned it was discovered that Bongiswa was not among them. A

search for him around the area proved futile as the young boy was nowhere to be found.

He said all this happened while he was at Matsapha, where he is currently staying and only got to know about the incident the next day, which was a Monday.

He said he dropped everything he was doing and called the police, who opened a case for a missing child.

He said a certain woman Zodwa* (name withheld for ethical reasons) was a prime suspect in the matter of the missing child it is said on the day the child disappeared Zodwa had informed her family that she was going back to work in



MISSING: Bongiswa Thwala.

Matsapha.

However, her colleagues at her workplace in Matsapha told a different story, saying they were on break since it was December. And they even stated that Zodwa had told them that she was going to South Africa to visit her boyfriend.

The contradicting statements given by Zodwa didn't go down

well with Thwala, who suggested that she be questioned further by the police. It is said the police officer, who was working on the matter, did not take it seriously as he gave up without solving it.

Thwala said he tried to advise the officer that he must try and get phone call records from Swazi MTN, so that he would know Zodwa's conversations, as she was suspected of having trafficked the child to South Africa.

He said the police officer told him they were no longer given call records from MTN, as the company told them that they were being sued because of having done so. Bongiswa's father said he did not get any feedback from the officer.

He said he only got a call recently from the Nhlanguano police, who told him that they found a docket of the missing child lying idle and they were now working on the matter. Dlamini said the police promised to work with Interpol in solving the case.

Pastor sees missing child in a vision

THE father of a missing seven-year-old child said one of the family members had revealed that her pastor, whom he only referred to as Pastor Ndaba, told her during a prayer that he had a vision and saw the missing boy.

It is said the pastor directed the woman to the exact location where the boy was to be found.

Find

The pastor told the young woman that next to the place, where they were going to find the young man,

was a dead animal. And upon seeing the animal they would find the boy nearby.

Directing

Thwala said they went to that area and found the dead animal, which was an iguana (chamu).

He said the pastor was directing the search party via Whatsapp messenger application.

He said upon reaching the dead animal, a misunderstanding between the woman, who was helping them, and her husband ensued, leading to the search parties being divided and they couldn't proceed with it.

Thwala said he then lost contact

with the pastor as he left the country for South Africa.

The heartbroken father said he tried every prophet but they all told him the same thing, as they all said the person responsible for the disappearance of his child was a family member.

He said, however, all the pastors told him not to despair as his son was alive.



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI

INVITATION TO TENDER ITENDER No.51 OF 2016/17

CONSTRUCTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR MKHOSI TOWNSHIP IN MANZINI - PHASE 1

Tenders are invited from civil engineering contractors that are registered with the Swaziland Construction Industry Council under Category C2 or C1 for the Construction of Infrastructure for Mkhosi Township in Manzini - Phase One.

The work to be carried out consists of earthworks, construction of pavement layers of gravel, stabilization, drainage works, pedestrian sidewalks, asphalt surfacing, road marking, water reticulation, sewerage reticulation, electrical reticulation and street lighting.

Tender Documents may be purchased from;

Municipal Council of Manzini
Civic Offices
Ngwane Street
MANZINI

for a non-refundable fee of E500.00 per set from Monday, 18th July 2016. The method of payment shall be cash or bank guaranteed cheque payable to Municipal Council of Manzini.

An engineer will meet prospective Tenderers' representatives, who shall have technical understanding of the proposed construction work, at the Municipal Council of Manzini Civic Offices car park for the trip to the site at 10:00a.m. on Thursday the 21st July 2016 to conduct an inspection of the site. The Engineer will not be available at any other time for inspection visits.

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

Municipal Council of Manzini
Civic Offices, Office No. 213
Ngwane Street/Nkoseluhla Street
MANZINI

Not later than 12 Noon Swaziland time on Thursday, 18th August 2016 at which time the tenders will be opened in public.

The Municipal Council of Manzini does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, and reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

Lungile Dlamini
Town Clerk



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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI

MKHOSI TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Municipal Council of Manzini, through its mandate of facilitating an enabling environment for development of human settlements in Manzini, has planned to establish infrastructure services for the Development of Mkhosi Township. Due to budget constraints, the municipality has since secured funding from a local financial institution to establish the infrastructure services in two phases starting in the financial year 2016/17. The Mkhosi Township Development project is planned to be undertaken as **Mkhosi Township Development Phase I** which will deliver 105 serviced plots in 2016/17 and **Mkhosi Township Development Phase II** which will deliver 111 plots, upon completion of Phase I. At completion, the project is expected to deliver 216 serviced residential plots which were conditionally pre-allocated to the public. Since all the plots were conditionally pre-allocated, Council wishes to inform the public who were conditionally pre-allocated plots at Mkhosi Township that they will be contacted by Municipality officials from the 18th July 2016 onwards about further engagements on the development of Mkhosi Township.

*Municipal Council of Manzini is not liable for plot sales agreements and payments made outside Council formal structures & processes.

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NORTHERN HHOHHO NEWS

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PEAK TIMBERS FOREST FIRES DROP

DUE to more advanced fire fighting techniques as well as constant school sensitisation and educational programmes, Peak Timbers has recorded a drop in forest fires.

This is when compared with the same time last year.

Peak Timbers Fire Protection Officer Maxwell Mtsetfwa said 2016, has already seen 43 forest fires that burnt a total area of 81 hectares of valuable commercial forest.

In 2015, Peak Timbers recorded a total of 51 forest fires that burnt 121 hectares.

Mtsetfwa was making a presentation at the annual Peak Timbers high stakeholder meeting held at the Pigg's Peak Hotel last Thursday morning.

"These figures mean that citizens are getting the message of protecting the forests that provides livelihoods for many of the people in Hhohho. This is very encouraging to us as an organisation as we happen to also deal with forest fires," he said.



BURNT: Some of the forests owned by Peak Timbers which were burnt sometime back.

Mtsetfwa said the causes of the fires were predominately arson and bee hive robbing adding that both these had shown a decrease when compared to the previous year.

"In 2015, we had 43 fires caused by bee hive robbing and we had 17 fires caused by arson

attacks but this year only 27 fires from bee hive robbing and 16 fires from arson attacks were recorded," he said.

"Although these were all posi-

FIRE STATISTICS BY PEAK TIMBERS:

2015 Jan to July cause of fires	Number of fires
Arson	17
Bee hive robbers	43
2016 Jan to July cause of fires	Number of fires
Arson	16
Bee hive robbers	27
Total number of fires 2015	Total number of fires in 2016
51	43
Combined total area burnt in 2015	Combined total area burnt 2016
121 hectares	81 hectares
Total differences in fires over the two years	
Arson	1
Beehive robbing	7
Hectares burnt	40

tive numbers it does not mean the war on wild forest fires has been won, because this requires round the clock supervision.

Also it needs the public to also help the organisation fight the fires by reporting them immediately," he said.



THE FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT PEAK TIMBERS HAS;

1. A helicopter that carries 800l of water.
2. Six Nissan patrols that carry 600l of water each.
3. Two Nissan light fire tenders that transport 3 000l of water each.
4. Four man standard fire tenders that transport 4 500l of water each.
5. Four Hino light fire tenders that transport 4 000l of water each.
6. One Atego light fire tender that transports 5 000L of water at any given time.
7. One UD bulk supply that transports 8 000l of water.
8. 12 vans that transport 500l of water each.



Peak Timbers fire fighting vehicles, buffer zones paraded

PEAK Timbers has paraded some of its equipment it uses in fighting forest fires.

Peak Timbers Fire Protection Officer Maxwell Mtsetfwa also used the opportunity presented by the meeting to show attendants some of the firefighting equipment they boast of.

"Peak Timbers has an arsenal of 31 quick response fire vehicles that include a helicopter. We use these vehicles as soon as we identify any fire within our forests. These vehicles have a combined water transportation capacity of 63 400 litres and this is water on wheels," he said.

Mtsetfwa said they had 31 fire fighting vehicles, and also identified the company's advanced fire fighting techniques that are called fire breaks or buffer zones.

"We have also developed fire breaks or buffer zones that stop the fire from spreading or impede the fires movement from forest to forest. These work by the fire having no available source to ignite thus allowing the fire to burn out at certain strategic areas in the forest," he said.

Mtsetfwa explained that the fire breaks or buffer zones were stretches of land that Peak Timbers burn out and leave barren to block the wild forest fires from spreading in and out of any of the forest areas.

"We have internal or in forest fire breaks as well as external or out of forest fire breaks. We have a total of 64 external fire breaks scattered outside the forests as well as 70 fire breaks located within the forests. These breaks reduce the amount of forests that end up being burnt by the wild fires and the fire breaks cover a total of 347 hectares of Peak Timber forests," Mtsetfwa said. He stated that Peak Timbers' quickest and most effective way of fighting forest fires was due to the goodwill gesture extended by the residents of Hhohho who would call the company's toll free emergency hotline of 1313 any time a fire was spotted.

Male Circumcision
a man who Cares

Lihananadza Clinic runs circumcision campaign

LIHANANADZA Clinic in Pigg's Peak has added male circumcision to its back to school programme.

The Lihananadza Health Care Centre recently introduced male circumcision as part of its newest programmes in health care.

Already, about five pupils have been circumcised as part of its back to school programme in just four days.

Nurse Lungelo Matsenjwa revealed this during the annual Peak Timbers high stakeholder meeting held at the Pigg's Peak Hotel last Thursday.

Development

"We are very excited that the Lihananadza Health Care Centre will now also offer male circumcision as one of the many other free health care options are currently available. We are also

very pleased with the support that the youngsters of Hhohho have shown us in coming forward and taking advantage of this new development.

Youngsters

Already, we have circumcised five youngsters in just four days.

These came by themselves to the centre to circumcise and this is very encouraging to us as the younger generation hold the

future for the country," said the nurse.

Matsenjwa said the centre was constantly improving and upgrading its free services.

The main objective of the centre was to offer patient centred HIV care and treatment but it also offers TB testing as well as outreach programmes where nurses visit communities in need of medical assistance.

ELECTORATE WILL DECIDE OUR FATE - MPs

By Starsky Mkhonta
Mpatheni

AS those interested in politics have started gearing up for the 2018 national elections, Ndzingeni Constituency Member of Parliament (MP) Jeremiah Ndwandwe says a second term in parliament will be decided by the populace.

Ndwandwe was part of an agricultural project handover at Mpatheni last Thursday.

He said he could not publicly state whether he would contest the elections come 2018.

The MP was interviewed

shortly after the event.

He said it would be folly of him to go public and say he would remain MP when he was not even sure what 2018 had in store for him. Ndwandwe was one of the surprise packages in the 2013 elections after defeating Lutfo Dlamini, who all along had been called 'Litsembe LeNdzingeni.' "The people of Ndzingeni will decide who will represent them in parliament come 2018. If they feel I am their choice, then I can't refuse to continue being their messenger, it's up to the people of Ndzingeni," said the soft spoken

MP. Also, Mandla Nxumalo from Shiselweni I who was also another surprise package in the 2013 elections said his fate would also be decided by the people.

Nxumalo succeeded former Minister of Education Wilson Makhalampi Ntshangase as MP of the area. MP Nxumalo was also part of the event at Mpatheni. "It's the people who will make that decision. They are the ones who will decide who they feel can be their messenger," said MP Nxumalo, who is also a member of the ministry of agriculture portfolio.



NOT SURE: Ndzingeni MP Jeremiah Ndwandwe.

Job seekers camp at soon-to-open shop

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlango

NUMEROUS job seekers are now reportedly camping near the Clicks Store in Nhlango which will open soon.

Daily, scores of people are found standing next to the new building just opposite KFC.

It is said they were nursing hopes that they would be considered for employment opportunities with the opening of Clicks store in the town.

It is said some were found carrying documents which were believed to be required when one is looking for a job at this store.

Others arrive to assemble near the shop from as early as 07:00 hours and would leave as late as 17:00 hours. Despite that, work is still in progress in preparation for the opening on a date still to be announced. The job seekers have not lost hope and assemble there daily. Construction of the structure to house Clicks Store amongst others began nearly two months ago. Judging from the progress made, the shop was likely to start operating at the end of the month or early August. "Big shops have opened here and what has been happening is people from far away areas get employed. It does not benefit us to have a business opened in this town only to have people from far away getting employed. We deserve to be the first ones to get employment opportunities such as scrubbing the floors or any of the work that does not require one to arm himself with high qualifications. It's unfair to see companies hiring people from other places for jobs that can easily be done by anyone," observed Mbuso Khumalo.

Taxi driver nabbed for DD

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak Magistrate's court

A 41-year-old taxi driver from Pigg's Peak has been arrested for drunk driving.

The Pigg's Peak Magistrate's court heard how Sipho Shabangu, a father of three was arrested after he was caught driving his taxi drunk.

The incident happened along the M1 public road in Pigg's Peak at 02:00 hours on Saturday. Shabangu told the court that he was called by his friend, Mlungisi Simelane, to come and collect him from a local bar in Pigg's Peak.

"I thought I was fine to drive since I had stopped drinking the night before and went to sleep at 23:00 hours. I was confident when I reached the police road block that I was sober but to my shock I was arrested for being drunk," he said.



YOUR WORSHIP: Senior Magistrate Sipho Shabangu.

Shabangu registered a breathalyzer reading of 0.62 almost double the legal limit of 0.37 and attributed the high reading to the fact that he had sipped brandy.

Senior Magistrate Sipho Shabangu sentenced the taxi man to five months in a correctional facility if he failed to pay the E1 500 fine.

Meanwhile, in the same court, a 22-year-old Barberton resident was also arrested for drunk driving.

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Marvin Dlamini who works in Barberton, but originates from Buhleni, was also arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Dlamini told the magistrate's court that he was helping a friend of his to drive home when he was stopped by Buhleni police.

The incident happened at Buhleni on Saturday evening along the road heading towards Pigg's Peak.

Dlamini told the court that his friend was too drunk to drive home, so they both agreed that he would be the one driving as his state of sobriety was better.

Dlamini further informed the magistrate's court that he only drank six Castle Lite beer bottles, which gave him a blood alcohol reading of 0.50mg.

The magistrate sentenced Dlamini to five months in a correctional facility, if he failed to pay the E1 500 fine.

'Lavumisa MP can help with mealie-meal importation'

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Mbabane

AS Lavumisa residents complained of the new border importation adjustments hindering them from sourcing more mealie meal from South Africa, NAMBoard Chief Executive Officer Siphephiso Dlamini says the concerned people must engage their member of parliament (MP) on the matter.

NAMBoard is the National Agricultural Marketing Board and has recently notified locals that they would not be able to import mealie meal weighing over 20 kilograms.

Dlamini clarified that such an adjustment was not effected by the parastatal but by government

and that it would not only affect Lavumisa border gate.

"This procedure was not effected by NAMBoard unfortunately, and concerns should be directed to the Lavumisa MP Sandile Nxumalo and we will then take it from there," he said.

Attempts to contact MP Nxumalo proved futile as he did not answer his phone.

However, the Indvuna Yenkhundla Dumsani Mbhamali said they would heed the CEO's advice.

"Our people have been badly affected by this. We shall take NAMBoard's advice and correct this problem as the people rely on South Africa for commodities such as the mealie meal," Mbhamali said.

He noted that most of the people



OBSERVED: NAMBoard Chief Executive Officer Siphephiso Dlamini.

ple were still buying mealie-meal from the neighbouring country, while a few of those who could afford to bought it locally.

Court orders naked pastor's case back to umphakatsi

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

THE case of the pastor, who was caught red-handed in bed with another man's wife has been referred back to the traditional authorities of Mnjoli.

On Monday, some of the residents of Mnjoli, who appeared at the magistrate's court in Manzini, were informed by their attorney that their matter would now be dealt with by their area's umphakatsi.

The disgruntled residents: Vusi Masilela, Swazi Masilela, Nathi Masilela, Ganga Tsabedze, Guguta Mthembu, Simpempempeza Mavimbela, Mduduzi Dlamini, Bongani Nyoni, Mbuso Matimakhulu, Aaron Mavimbela, Green Mamba, Sihle Dlamini, and Mlungeli Masilela; were earlier this month

ordered by Magistrate Lucia Lukhele to unlock the church that was locked two weeks ago.

They were also advised to appear before the court on July 18, 2016, which was on Monday.

After being informed

that they were supposed to appear before their Umphakatsi, the residents made it clear that they intended hiring transport to take them to the headman so that they could engage in talks with him, that would see them solving the matter quickly.

"We are very angry and we want this matter settled quickly," a resident who preferred anonymity said.

The residents are said to have locked the church after the pastor got involved in an intimate relationship with a married woman.

It is alleged that the pastor ran naked upon being caught in the act with the woman.

The residents said they had engaged the services of an attorney, as the matter turned into a civil case since the pastor opened a case against them.

On Monday, at the Manzini magistrate's court, the residents were informed that the matter would be taken back to the area's umphakatsi. Upon hearing this news most of the residents said they felt happy with the court's decision to move the matter back to the community where it will be dealt with accordingly, by their traditional leaders.

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JA SWAZILAND 'TOUCHES' OVER 5 100 LEARNERS

Stories by Nomthandazo Nkambule
Mbabane

OVER 5 100 learners partook in the Junior Achievement (JA) programme last year, reflecting an increase of 779 participants when compared with the previous year (2014).

The exact figure for learners reached by JA in 2015 is 5 171.

JA instils an entrepreneurial culture into in and out of school youth and empowers them with economic and financial literacy while exposing them to the workplace.

As a member of JA worldwide, JA Swaziland's volunteer programmes foster entrepreneurship, workforce readiness and financial literacy.

The programme empower the country's youth aged 16 to 24 by teaching experiential based, practical and marketable skills in business and entrepreneurship thus giving them confidence, tools and training to become long-term contribution to Swaziland's growth.

JA Board Chairperson Nokukhanya Gamedze said 2015 resulted in a positive increment of 5 171 learners reached from the 4 392 covered in

The programme empower the country's youth aged 16 to 24 by teaching experiential based, practical and marketable skills in business

2014.

"Of course this positive increment was made possible through the team work of the JA board of directors, management and staff, sponsors, volunteer facilitators as well as the management of different schools in the country.

Notable

We thank you. During the year under review, we are proud to report that we experience quite a number of notable milestones.

The first milestone was participating in the JA Africa company of the year competition represented by Manzini Nazarene learners who did exceptionally well during our national expo," the chairperson said in the JA's annual report 2015. She said Manzini Nazarene during the Africa competition, made the country proud as they returned from Gabon victorious as they were crowned company of the year champions. Gamedze said such an achievement was instrumental in positioning Swaziland as an innova-

tive country and had the capacity of producing the next Bill gates and Aliko Dangote (world's richest black man).

The chairperson said JA was also proud to have accomplished a 17.7 percent increase in programmes implementation, which was made possible by the increase of revenue of up to 29 percent from the year 2014.

The increase in revenue was made possible by the public, private partnerships that exist between JA and its sponsors.

"We are specifically grateful to the embassy of China on Taiwan who joined us as a partner in 2015 providing E1 million contribution. We appreciate our board of directors who volunteered their services and expertise to JA, for once again providing immeasurable support in making 2015 a success year. To the Government of Swaziland and the private sector, we thank you for your belief in JA Swaziland thus providing the financial assistance that has resulted in the

Economic education increases in Shiselweni

THE Shiselweni region saw a significant increase in the number of schools where pupils were capacitated on basic economic education.

JA's 2015 annual report stated that in 2014, only five schools were reached through the JA company programme (JACO) adding that this figure increased to eight in 2015, marking a 60 percent increase.

JA said the company programme started in March/April 2015, with an initial number of 70 schools (71 clubs).

This programme provided basic economic education for high school pupils by allowing them to organise and operate an actual business.

JA added that pupils not only learnt how businesses function but were also sensitised about the structure of the free enterprise system and the benefits it provide.

The report said through the implementation and growth of our programmes," she said. Gamedze said JA's long term vision was that every Swazi child should have access to entrepreneurship education at least once in their lives through JA. She

company programme, volunteer facilitators from the schools and local community employed a variety of hands-on activities and technological supplements to challenge pupils to use innovative thinking. Under the guidance of the volunteer facilitators, pupils form and operate a mini-company as they would in the real world.

The pupils develop their entrepreneurship, teamwork and leadership skills and raise capital, elect officers, produce market real products and services, keep records, conduct shareholder meetings and liquidate at the end of the programme. Schools from the Hhohho region under the company programme increased from 14 to 20 (30 percent increase), Lubombo 12 to 16 (33.3 percent) and Manzini 21 to 25 schools, marking a 19 percent improvement.

said for this goal to be a success, they must work collectively in ensuring that they provide technical and financial assistance, as well as volunteer expertise to JA Swaziland to upscale reach of their programmes.

CENTRAL BANK OF SWAZILAND

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)



The Central Bank of Swaziland (hereafter referred to as "CBS" or "the Bank"), being the apex Bank of the country, occupies a central position in the economic and financial development of Swaziland. In order to fulfill its vision of being amongst the top five leading Central Banks in the Eastern and Southern African Region, the Bank is inviting the following request for proposal;

Tender Name	TYPE	Tender Reference
SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF A COIN PROCESSING MACHINE & PACKAGING SYSTEM	RFP	CBS_COINS_CURRENCY_RFP_07_2016_L

The CBS invites eligible interested service providers to access the RFPs on the CBS website; www.centralbank.org.sz under Tenders

Closing date: 29 July 2016 at 16:00hrs

Please address all Enquiries to: Secretary, Tender Committee

Tel: (+268) 2 408 2000 Supply Chain Division – Fax (+268) 2404 0063

Email: tenders@centralbank.org.sz

All tender documents should be sealed and deposited in the tender box situated at the Umntsholi Building (ground floor) clearly marked;

Secretary, Tender Committee

Tender Name & Reference

Central Bank of Swaziland, Mahlokohla Street, Mbabane, Swaziland

The Central Bank of Swaziland does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender

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SWAZILAND ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO A WORKSHOP ON THE ELECTRICITY SUBSIDY FRAMEWORK AND ELECTRICITY CONNECTION CHARGE POLICY

BACKGROUND – ELECTRICITY SUBSIDY FRAMEWORK AND CONNECTION CHARGE POLICY

- Electricity tariff levels in Swaziland are expected to have movements that could be adverse in the near future. This movement in electricity tariff levels will have an economic impact on the country, affecting industrial, commercial and domestic users and government efforts to electrify the whole country.
- Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA) seeks to develop an electricity tariff support mechanism to protect/assist the poor households from the tariff increases whilst ensuring that the pricing mechanism remains cost reflective and fair to all customer categories. This will include the prices for connecting to the national grid.
- SERA therefore invites all electricity consumers (domestic, commercial and industrial customers and other stakeholders) to a workshop to discuss on these two policies as they are being developed. Potential customers already registered with new connection schemes are also invited.
- The objective of this workshop is to get input from our stakeholders as we develop these two policies as they impact directly on all our stakeholders.
- This workshop will be held at SIMPA Hall, in Matsapha next to the University of Swaziland starting at 9:00am, on the 9th and 11th of August 2016.
- The 9th of August will be a meeting for all commercial and industrial customers, and the 11th of August will be a workshop for domestic customers, and those registered on connection schemes for domestic electrification.
- Stakeholders should confirm attendance by contacting the SERA offices before the 29th of July 2016, through 24048425, and ask for Mr Nkambule Sikhumbuzo.
- For more information on this workshop and for booking, kindly contact Mr Sikhumbuzo Nkambule on 24048425/24041439 or via this email; info@sera.org.sz. Thank you.
- Inkampani lelawula kusebentiswa kwagesi eSwatini, I Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority, imema onkhe emakhasimende agesi emhlanganweni wekukhuluma tindzaba letihambelana nekuhlalabetwa entsengweni yagesi (subsidy framework), kanye netimali tekuchuma gesi etakhiweni (connection charge policy).
- Bantfu labatsintsekako bafaka ekhatsi; labo lesevele banaye gesi, labo lababhalisele etikimini tekufaka gesi emakhaya, kanye nabo bonkhe labatsintsekako ngentsengo yagesi.
- Umhlangano utawube ubanjelwe eSIMPA (IDM) Hall, ngentasi kwenyuvusi yakaNgwane, kuMatsapha mhlaka 09 kanye nemhla 11 Ingi 2016, ngensimbi yemfica ekuseni.
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1801 - A 1 235 pound cheese ball was pressed at the farm of Elisha Brown, Jr. The ball of cheese was later loaded on a horse-driven wagon and presented to US President Thomas Jefferson at the White House.

1810 - Colombia declared independence from Spain.

1859 - Brooklyn and New York played baseball at Fashion Park Race Course on Long Island, NY. The game marked the first time that admission had been charged for to see a ball game. It cost \$.50 to get in and the players on the field did not receive a salary (until 1863).

1861 - The Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, VA.

1868 - Legislation that ordered US tax stamps to be placed on all cigarette packs was passed.

1871 - British Columbia joined Confederation as a Canadian province.

1881 - Sioux Indian leader Sitting Bull, a fugitive since the Battle of the Little Big Horn, surrendered to federal troops. (Montana)

1917 - The draft lottery in World War I went into operation.

1935 - NBC radio debuted "G-men." The show was later renamed "Gangbusters."

1942 - The first detachment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, (WACS) began basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

1944 - An attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler failed. The bomb exploded at Hitler's Rastenburg headquarters. Hitler was only wounded.

1944 - US President Roosevelt was nominated for an unprecedented fourth term of office at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

1947 - The National Football League (NFL) ruled that no professional team could sign a player who had college eligibility remaining.

1961 - 'Stop the World, I Want to Get Off' opened in London.

1969 - Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr. became the first men to walk on the moon.

1974 - Turkish forces invaded Cyprus.

1976 - America's Viking I robot spacecraft made a successful landing on Mars.

1982 - US President Ronald Reagan pulled the US out of comprehensive test ban negotiations indefinitely.

1985 - Treasure hunters began raising \$400 million in coins and silver from the Spanish galleon "Nuestra Senora de Atocha." The ship sank in 1622 40 miles off the coast of Key West, FL.

1992 - Vaclav Havel, the playwright who led the Velvet Revolution against communism, stepped down as president of Czechoslovakia.

1998 - Russia won a \$11.2 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund to help avert the devaluation of its currency.

2003 - In India, elephants used for commercial work began wearing reflectors to avoid being hit by cars during night work.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



1992 - Paige Hurd (TV actor)



1973 - Omar Epps (Movie Actor)



MACFORD WELCOME SIBANDEZE
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IN my research at the topic, 'Why Women Lose Elections' I found myself on the doorstep of popular woman activist, Doo Aphane, who greatly assisted me on the subject.

Though I was meeting her for the first time, through ex-MP of Ludzeldze, Nonhlanhla Dlamini, I felt at home with her, as she poured her heart out on women issues, nationally, regionally and globally.

Taking a legal, sociological and psychological perspective, Aphane opened my eyes to a number of issues and why women struggle to make impact on the political landscape: why they lose elections, why even when they win, they make little impact, the masculine world, the not so level ground, perceptions, woman to woman, etc.

Locally, 2013, had been a big slap in the face of women activism as only one woman was elected into parliament. A big shout to the people of Mbabane East, for electing Hon. Esther Dlamini, it would have been disgraceful, if not despicable, that with the multitudes of women voters, they could not vote one of their own. Well, this of course does not deserve a loud and cheering applause but at least we have one elected woman! It could have been worse! And unknown to Hon. Esther Dlamini is that her historic election is now used as academic reference point not only among women activism but in top universities in the world.

My other research was on how Swaziland juggled with apartheid South Africa, socialist Mozambique and freedom fighters such as ANC and PAC. This topic took me to Dr. PQ Magagula and the Political Studies department at UNISWA. Once again, Magagula baptised me with hundred tons of academia and intellect and as pastors would say, 'I was never the same.'

I learnt a lot through his brilliant and articulate 'lecture' and gained insights from reading his PhD Thesis on Swaziland's Relations with South Africa and Britain (1988). And as we commemorate the life and times of King Sobhuza II, on July 22, I want to look at how, using Dr. PQ's words, King Sobhuza II, 'walked on a tight rope of diplomacy!'

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Swaziland is an independent state sandwiched between South Africa in the north, south and west and Mozambique on the

KING SOBHUZA II: WALKING ON A TIGHT ROPE OF DIPLOMACY

eastern part. Its economy lies in the periphery of the South African economy. Its rich neighbour, South Africa, as the local geo-economical and political giant, loomed large in the affairs of the kingdom of Swaziland.

SACU AND BULLY TACTICS IN THE CONTEXT OF APARTHEID

The apartheid government was legally obliged to continue supporting the country financially through the SACU agreement. Around 95% of the amount originates from South Africa but under the terms of the SACU agreement, it retains less than 50% after distribution to SACU partners; Swaziland, Lesotho as well as Botswana and Namibia. It is this dependence on South Africa that makes micro states like Swaziland to be vulnerable to their rich neighbour, 'a regional bully seeking to usurp the crown from its neighbours.'

APARTHEID, SOCIALISM AND FREEDOM FIGHTERS

When Swaziland got independence, South Africa was under the apartheid regime. The racist government created political instability in the region as it faced fierce opposition from banned parties such as the ANC and PAC. Due to geo-proximity, Swaziland found itself in the middle of a racist South Africa, a socialist FRELIMO-led Mozambique and freedom fighters. In other words, it was in the middle of a crisis; a land-locked country, with no access to the sea, having to balance its relations with both ruling regimes in Pretoria, Lourenco Marques (Maputo) and the freedom fighters for survival. Thus, according to Magagula (1988) King Sobhuza II found himself on a tight rope of diplomacy; being an ANC member yet not antagonising the Boers. And while pro-US, having to deal with a neighbour, Mozambique, who was pro USSR, a big foe for US.

For Swaziland, a deep seated secret was the fear of a socialist FRELIMO next door in Mozambique.

Angola and Mozambique, had emerged with close relations with the Soviet Union, Cuba and China. For Swaziland, this ideological threat had immediate resonance because of its proximity to Mozambique. At the time Swaziland and Mozambique were not in good books due to ideological differences.

Moreover, Mozambique had become a refugee for all those in the wrong side of King Sobhuza II who sought political asylum. So Swaziland was very apprehensive about the new socialist-oriented government in Mozambique. Its egalitarian agenda threatened the Swazi aristocratic order and its aversion for capitalism set it against Swaziland's liberal approach to the economy.

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COMMUNISM-A DISEASE TO BE STAMPED OUT

This is the period when communism was demonised and criminalised in such a way that even the ANC did not want to be associated with it. According to the Long Walk to Freedom (1996) in the Rivonia Trial Speech, Mandela disassociated himself with the Communist Party and communist tendencies. And in the book, Thabo Mbeki: Dream Differed (2013) it states that political activist and Rivonia Trialist, Govan Mbeki and his wife's communist tendencies were not welcomed by the ANC for quite some time.

TRUST DEFICIT

Economically, as already established, his survival dependent on his next door rich neighbour, whose seat of power was being destabilised by the ANC, MK, PAC whom King Sobhuza II had given asylum. King Sobhuza II then found himself walking in a red thin line, carefully, in diplomatic eggshells, with each party not feeling trust deficit in this polygamous relations. Yet among the three, apartheid held the four Aces! To satisfy all, King Sobhuza II had to live with the risk which in diplomatic relations has always existed since time immemorial!

Of course this was a risk with devastating consequences as apartheid South Africa was using the economy as a weapon. For a country like Swaziland with full circle dependence on South Africa it would have been disastrous. Countries which were at loggerheads with Pretoria such as Angola and Mozambique felt the wrath of economic weaponry. Though both countries had access to the sea, they were affected as South Africa had geo-proximity with them and its mineral abundance provided employment to its neighbours through migrant labour. And they could not trade with South Africa. Worse, South Africa destabilised them by funding guerrilla insurgencies, UNITA (Angola) and RENAMO (Mozambique) led by Jonas Savimbi and Alfonso Dhlakama respectively.

KOMATI ACCORD-ASKING A FAVOUR FROM YOUR ENEMY!

To prove that economic weaponry was working for the apartheid government, to the shock of Africa, on May 16, 1984, the Komati Accord was signed between South Africa and Mozambique. Part of the Accord was for Mozambique not to harbour freedom fighters from South

Africa and those who were already there had to vacate. On the other hand, South Africa would open trade with Mozambique. To the Boers this was a major triumph- the product of a deliberate, controlled military strategy designed to demonstrate who was the master of Southern Africa. The accord hit hard to freedom fighters hiding in Mozambique as the apartheid killing machine had free access of entry and exit, which was not there before the treaty. Machel's signing of the accord meant it was over for members of the ANC, PAC and SACP who were given asylum by the Mozambique. Many cadres were either arrested, injured or killed. Moreover, they had to change base yet Mozambique was strategic because of its geo-proximity to South Africa compared to Tanzania and Uganda. For King Sobhuza II it meant dealing with a fragile neighbourhood.

The gesture underlined the fact that the gravitational pull of the South African economy had proved difficult to resist. Mozambique was a country in a crisis and with its fall out with USSR, it was a country stripped bare; hunger, poverty, unemployment etc and government had to arrest the situation before it collapsed into a failed state. The solution to the crisis was to ask for a favour from the enemy which underlined the fact that economic hegemony was a key to political dominance.

SOBHUZA II'S OLIVE BRANCH TO SAMORAH MACHEL

With such prevailing circumstances, King Sobhuza II was able to sail through the turbulence as he maintained relations with the Boers who were enemy of the blacks while also maintaining close relations with black freedom fighters. He also sent an olive branch to Samorah Machel which culminated in the opening of embassies to both countries. Ironically, in his funeral, the two foes, Samorah Machel and PW Botha, sat next to each other and two years later, bridged the gap of hate, by signing the Komati Accord in 1984. Thus King Sobhuza II's legacy has to be understood from the context of a peacemaker and smooth diplomat! And in Political Studies all over Africa he is honoured as a Statesman in the league of Africa greats such as Nelson Mandela, Kwame Nkrumah and Julius Nyerere. He is also born in July just like Mandela and Kaundamonth of heroes!

NB: Information sourced from PQ Magagula, Doo Aphane, Ashton, UNISWA Political Studies, Ashton, Harden and Lindsay, Mandela, Mbeki.

WHEN Betty Friedan published *The Feminine Mystique* 50 years ago, little did she know that her call for greater gender equality for American women would reverberate around the world and impact the economic condition of women and men.

Today, we have the evidence to demonstrate there is a direct link between gender equality and economic growth. Those countries that invest in the education of women and girls have showed the highest rate of GDP increase. And the reverse is true; those countries that continue to treat women as lesser human beings and bar them from education because of tradition or religion stifle their country's ability to prosper.

This has been the conclusion of the World Bank, the World Economic Forum and the United Nations. Simply put, when women do well, everybody does better. It is not hard to figure out why. When women step into the world of production, rather than being focused exclusively on reproduction, the economy grows.

The greater the percentage of women in the workforce, the greater the number of goods and services will be produced and sold.

Gender inequality is no longer a burden placed on women alone, particularly in emerging market nations like Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC).

Restrictions on women — either to education or to their safety — act like a dead weight on the best-laid plans to boost economic growth and political stability.

This was the message from the symposium I recently participated in on 'Gender Inequality and Emerging Markets' at Green Templeton College at Oxford University.

When Clinton, upon assuming the post, elevated the Office of Global Women's Issues to ambassadorial level by appointing Melanne Verveer as its first ambassador, many assumed that women's issues would still be side-lined as soft issues. The real action lies elsewhere, they believed, where the men continue to strategise in traditional ways about how to keep the world safe for democracy.

But the more we learn about the untapped contributions that women can make to the economy and to civil society, the more clearer it becomes that the push for gender equality is central to our continuing quest for global stability.

The key to gender equality is obvious: access to education for girls. In a study of 100 countries, The World Bank found that every one percent increase in the proportion of women with a secondary education raises a country's per capita income growth by about 0.3 percent.

The high percentage of women in secondary schools and in uni-

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versities is the most dramatic change that has occurred since the publication of *The Feminine Mystique*.

Women now comprise roughly 60 percent of college students in the United States and that trend is becoming evident in other countries. In Africa, if girls can complete secondary school, they stand a greater chance of leaving poverty behind and seeing prosperity ahead.

Less obvious is that violence against women is toxic to women's ability to improve their lives. Girls and their parents need to feel safe to go to school and work without fear of being molested, raped or killed.

Where does religion come in? Eighty percent of the population, including women, in the Arab world support sharia law. But that figure does not necessarily doom women to second class citizenship.

Many women, having helped ignite the revolution in several countries, are now unwilling to step back into the shadows. Sharia law has many interpretations. Women are reading the (religious) texts themselves; they are fighting religion with religion.

A source of conflict for women everywhere is the pull between reproduction and production. Women worldwide have difficulty in balancing their dual roles as caregivers and providers. Access to family planning is crucial, expressed by women as, "sovereignty over our own bodies."

Policies such as maternity leave, sick leave, workplace flexibility and childcare make it more possible for women to fulfil both roles. (Ironically, the United States, the richest country in the world, lags behind the rest of the world in this regard.)

Power

Investment in women's earning power pays a large dividend for the entire family. Studies have shown that women spend their earnings differently from men. They invest it on their children's education, food, clothing and health care.

Men are more likely to spend their cash on alcohol, cigarettes, entertainment and cars. One study concluded that women spend 90 percent of their income on their families.

Political leadership is beginning to change from "pale and male" to greater diversity thanks to gender quotas. In 1997 the average percentage of women in parliaments around the world was 12 percent. The latest figure places that percentage at 21 percent. (The U.S. is below average, at 17.8 percent.)

How do we create the needed changes to improve the condition of women everywhere? There is cause for pessimism when we look at the increased rates of trafficking of women and girls.

Some 42 million human beings are trafficked around the world, often into slavery. Female infanticide is growing, with the aid of ultra sounds.

"Missing", (or murdered) infants, girls and women number 3.9 million women below the age of 30.

One answer is "naming and shaming," exposing these statistics, in ranking order, to the cleansing solution of sunlight.

There is also cause for optimism. Change is happening in unexpected ways that have little to do with government intervention. The most optimistic conclusion is that gender inequality is losing ground and that gender equality is gaining strength.

The hard data in support of equal opportunity for men and women is becoming an increasingly powerful tool for change. As countries digest these facts, the pressure for them to recognise that the old ways of suppressing women's potential must be counteracted because they are self-defeating.

By limiting opportunities for women, they are limiting their own economic growth.

We must speed up the time table for fathers, brothers and sons to provide their mothers, daughters and sisters with the same opportunities that they give themselves. The result will be a more prosperous and stable world, far beyond what Betty Friedan could have imagined 50 years ago.

By Madeleine Kunin, first female Governor of Vermont; Marsh Scholar, University of Vermont

Wit and Wisdom

1. "Simple can be harder than complex. You have to work hard to get your thinking clean to make it simple. But it's worth it in the end because once you get there, you can move mountains."
— **Steve Jobs**

2. "A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices."
— **William James**

3. "I do believe in simplicity. It is astonishing as well as sad, how many trivial affairs even the wisest thinks he must attend to in a day; how singular an affair he thinks he must omit. When the mathematician would solve a difficult problem, he first frees the equation of all incumbrances, and reduces it to its simplest terms. So simplify the problem of life, distinguish the necessary and the real. Probe the earth to see where your main roots run."
— **Henry David Thoreau**

4. "I will no longer mutilate and destroy myself in order to find a secret behind the ruins."
— **Hermann Hesse**

5. "I feel sorry for anyone who is in a place where he feels strange and stupid."
— **Lois Lowry**

6. "You can have many great ideas in your head, but what makes the difference is the action. Without action upon an idea, there will be no manifestation, no results, and no reward"
— **Miguel Ruiz**

7. "Everything you do is triggered by an emotion of either desire or fear."
— **Brian Tracy**

8. "Life doesn't make any sense, and we all pretend it does. Comedy's job is to point out that it doesn't make sense, and that it doesn't make much difference anyway."
— **Eric Idle**

9. "Keep me away from the wisdom which does not cry, the philosophy which does not laugh and the greatness which does not bow before children."
— **Kahlil Gibran**

10. "I cannot compromise my respect for your love. You can keep your love, I will keep my respect."
— **Amit Kalantri**

11. "Love only grows by sharing. You can only have more for yourself by giving it away to others."
— **Brian Tracy**

12. "The act of taking the first step is what separates the winners from the losers."
— **Brian Tracy**

13. "You can't dwell on what might have been...and it's not fair to condemn him for something he hasn't done."
— **Wendelin Van Draanen**

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Central Bank

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Moving Forward

SD TOPS AFRICA IN CROSS BORDER TRADE FACILITATION

By Manqoba Makhubu

SWAZILAND is ranked top in Africa under the management and facilitation of cross border trade dubbed 'the Big Bang,' according to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa.

The country is currently ranked number 30 in the world, according to the World Bank, investor road map rating on trading across borders.

This means the country has moved 128 places up between 2010 and 2016, after it only edged at 158 out of 171 countries in 2010 in the World Bank ratings in trading across borders.

This was revealed during the second steering committee meeting for the Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA) which took place at the Royal Swazi Sun Hotel, Ezulwini, early this month.

According to a statement by COMESA, the meeting brought together members of the steering committee drawn from the Swaziland Revenue Authority, the ministries in charge of commerce and international trade, finance and economic planning. Others were the Federation of Swaziland Employers and Chambers of Commerce, the European Union



IMPROVING TRADE: A group picture of members of the cross border trade facilitation steering committee after their meeting in the country at the Royal Swazi Sun Hotel recently.

Commission, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and COMESA.

COMESA said the meeting took stock of the progress made thus far on the implementation of the project and to reflect on any challenges in the implementation of the ASYCUDA World system after its launch on February 1.

SRA Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela said the outcome of the evaluation would enable SRA and the steering committee to determine a way forward on the rollout programme of the system and ensure that the benefits of the system were effectively realised.

"Unlike many administrations which have implemented a similar system ahead of us, we opted for a 'Big Bang' instead of a 'Phased' implementation approach."

He said despite a few connectivity challenges which were experienced during the first few days of implementation, this approach presented a number of advantages as reporting information was sourced from one system instead of two separate ones.

Success

COMESA Secretary General Sindiso Ngwenya urged other COMESA member states to emulate Swaziland's success on the ease of doing business.

He said the key benefits of the ASYCUDA system was the reduction in the border waiting time, as traders could clear their consignment before it physically arrived at the points of entry.

Ngwenya congratulated the country for the successful roll-out of the project and called for further improvement of the information

and communications technology sector if Swaziland is to sustain the various automated projects which have been implemented recently. He applauded the EU, UNCTAD, and government for the invaluable contribution made towards the implementation of the project.

The ASYCUDA Project was initiated in October 2014 immediately after the approval of the funding by the COMESA council of finance ministers under the Regional Integration Support Mechanism (RISM), COMESA Adjustment Facility (CAF).

"Swaziland should now start working on the possibilities of moving into creating a virtual one stop border post and introduce an e-application which will embrace all the stakeholders and ensure the ease of doing business is achieved," he said.

MONEY HELD BY BANKS INCREASES

By Linda Dlamini

THERE has been an increase of 1.9 percent in broad money held within the banking sector as evidenced by the increase in money supply in the Swazi economy.

According to the Central Bank of Swaziland recent economic development report May/June 2016, broad money supply settled at E13.7 billion. Broad money is the total money that is floating within the economy, it is broken down in quasi money and narrow money.

The CBS reported that narrow money, which refers to all the total money in coins and notes increased by 1.5 percent to a high of E4.6 billion. While, time deposits and savings deposits also known as quasi money increased by 2.1 percent to E9.1 billion.

"The growth in narrow money was on account of an increase in transferable deposits which increased by 2.6 percent which

outpaced a decline in currency outside depository corporations which contracted by sick per cent," said CBS.

The rise in quasi money supply was reflected in both its components, savings and time deposits which rose by 3.4 per cent and 1.8 per cent, respectively.

Compared annually, quasi money grew by 19.2 per cent, narrow money supply by eight per cent and quasi money by 25.8 per cent.

However, savings deposits over the same period have experienced relatively flat growth.

According to an economist, who spoke on condition of anonymity from one of the leading banks, increase in time deposits was largely accountable to corporates.

"The increase could be driven by larger volumes being deposited as

corporates are motivated by the higher interest rate environment," she said.

"Time deposits by their nature yield higher returns than savings deposits because banks keep time deposits for longer than savings deposits," she further noted.

The financial economist said interestingly there has been little significant increase in deposits by individuals, which may be a sign that individuals are not taking advantage of the high interest rate environment to maximise the returns they get from depositing money at the bank. Savings deposits over the same period have experienced relatively flat growth.

Savings deposits are those accounts that are held for transaction purposes like the ones tied to an ATM card account.

"Savings deposits are not exactly stagnant; they are just growing at a

slower pace than time deposits," the economist said.

The economist explained that the preference of the type of deposit chosen was largely tied to the purpose for which an individual was using those deposits.

"An individual could have both a savings and time deposits with a bank and keep them both for different reasons," she said.

"They could keep the savings deposit account because he can withdraw it anytime unlike time deposits in which the deposit is fixed for a certain period," she said.

"It depends on their preference, that being said, I cannot say if Swazis have grown to prefer time deposits over savings deposits," she added.

"From the data I have observed, as I have mentioned, it is mainly the corporates that are driving the growth rates of time deposits and therefore driving up the money supply in the economy," she said.



REGIONAL INTEGRATION, KEY FOR IMPROVING AGRIC VALUE CHAIN

By Linda Dlamini

REGIONAL Integration is key if the Southern African countries would like to move upward in the agricultural value chain.

This observation was made by Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati during the official opening of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) meeting of senior officials preceding the SADC meeting of ministers of agriculture and food security.

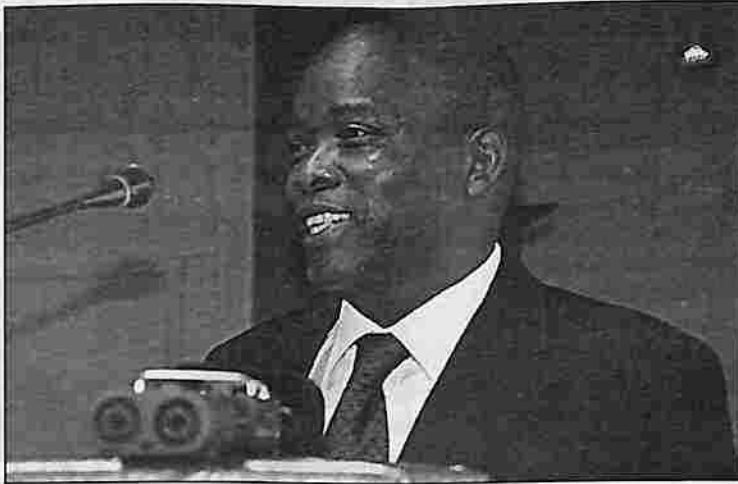
"It is imperative that countries like Swaziland cease just being primary producers and look towards making finished goods," he said. The minister made the example of Swaziland's number one agricultural export, sugar.

"Sugar is our main agricultural product which we export to the European market. However, I have observed that there are numerous sugar based products we import and as a result the sugar we export could be understood to being sold back to us with added value," he said.

The minister said the regional meeting was of significant importance to the development of agriculture within SADC member states as it provides a platform for the discussion of critical issues that affects the sector.

"This is where tailor made solutions to our food security are developed together with their implementation strategies.

"The SADC regional agriculture policy and its investment plan are critical documents that should be implemented to the letter if we are to win the fight against food insecurity. It should be regarded as a guide for developing our agricul-



FOOD TALK: Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati speaking during the official opening of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) meeting of senior officials preceding the SADC meeting of ministers of agriculture and food security at the Convention Centre yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



LISTENING: Some of the senior officials listening to the minister's speech.

ture to a stage where we will go beyond being just primary producers," he said.

The minister said the geographical location of the SADC countries makes them share some kind of homogeneity in terms of the problems they face in agriculture.

"This is more because we share almost similar environmental conditions. What compounds this situation even further is the fact that we share boundaries and that makes some of our problems

cross-boundary. All this makes it necessary to meet in this manner and employ a regional approach to solving problems and developing our agriculture," he said.

Vilakati said one cannot over-emphasise the urgent need for the region to up-scale innovation in the area of Climate-smart Agriculture.

"We should give priority to water harvesting technologies and efficient irrigation systems. We should also move fast in our

breeding programmes for climate tolerance and resilience."

The minister challenged the institutions such as the Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development in Southern Africa (CCARDESA) and the SADC Plant Genetic Resource Centre (SPGRC) to work closely in terms of assisting member states in applying the best research and development practices using the available genetic materials.

Maize prices might fall in 2017

By Manqoba Makhubu

WITH the highly anticipated bumper harvest resulting from the projected La Nina phenomenon, the region's and the country's maize price might fall.

According to South African media reports, in the Republic white maize prices were projected to drop to around E4 300 a tonne for white maize, while yellow maize was expected to fall to about E3 600 a tonne.

In 2015/2016, Swaziland imported over 29 000 metric tons of white maize from South Africa, according to Grain SA and as prices surged in the Republic and in the region, the National Maize Corporation was faced with a price squeeze.

As a result, according to the NMC price list, prior to November 2015, a 25kg of maize in the country cost around E88 and a 70kg E240. However, by February 2016, the price was up almost 70 percent.

NMC attributed the price upsurge to the continuous increase of maize prices in the region.

The US Department of Agriculture expects 2016/2017 corn production almost to double to 13.0 million tons following the anticipated improvement in conditions associated with a La Nina weather pattern.

Falling

Prices are seen falling next year after the early-February pollination stage passes if La Nina conditions materialise, the head of economic and agricultural intelligence at the agricultural business chamber, Wandile Sihlobo, told Reuters.

"(We) will be seeing pretty much some levels of normalisation and prices coming pretty much back to what we saw in 2013/2014," Sihlobo said.

La Nina, the opposite of El Nino, which generally affects the same regions as El Nino, tends to produce above-average rainfall and in some cases cooler temperatures.

Experts said should weather forecasts remain on course, agricultural production would be expected to bounce back by mid-2017 resulting in significant moderation in food prices, particularly grains.

Swaziland's projected yields is approximately 33 000 metric tonnes, which is about 12 000 tonnes short of the 1991/92 drought season yields where 45 000 metric tonnes was obtained.

Consumers can for now rest their hopes on the occurrence of La Nina, which is highly anticipated to result to bumper harvest in 2017.



'Improvement in trade border facilitation will fuel economic wealth'

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE Federation of Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce says the improvement of the country's rating in cross border trade facilitation will fuel economic wealth locally.

FSE&CC said this was mainly because trade facilitation was an essential dimension in economic development in today's globalised world, especially from a developing country perspective.

The federation was reacting to the news that the country has been named top in Africa in the management and facilitation of cross border trade and number 30 in the world.

"Developing countries normally have more cumbersome trade procedures, are more dependent on healthy environment for small and medium enterprises, and are more dependent on customs revenue collection and foreign direct investments.

"Yet, trade facilitation simplifies,

increases security and lowers the cost of complying with rules and procedures both for governments and businesses."

Adding, FSE&CC said trade facilitation also levels the playing field for SMEs in relation to larger companies and enable them to grow and trade more efficiently, while at the same time benefiting government directly in terms of increased security and customs revenue.

The federation said trade facilitation measures have as a result become a key instrument to create a better trading environment.

"The international community as it has acknowledged that for many lower income countries, having better market access to industrial countries is insufficient unless the capabilities to trade are addressed as well."

FSE commended the Swaziland Revenue Authority for the efforts

they have put in ensuring the successful roll-out of the ASYCUDA World Project, saying their existence proved beyond doubt that they were not just only about taxing business, but ensuring various modernisation programmes aimed at improving the delivery of modern day ease of doing business.

"As FSE & CC we acknowledge that such programmes are consistent to world standards and best practices as we journey towards 2022."

"As FSE & CC, we applaud the advice and suggestion by COMESA's Secretary General, Sindiso Ngwenya, that it is time Swaziland starts working on the possibilities of moving into creating a virtual one stop border post and introduce an e-application which will embrace all the stakeholders and ensure the ease of doing business is achieved," added the FSE.





INVESTMENTS



AN investment is an asset or item that is purchased with the hope that it will generate income or appreciate in the future.

It is the purchase of products or services that are not consumed today but are used in the future to create wealth.

From an economic/finance perspective it is worth noting that, investments and savings are different; Savings is the act of putting money away in a safe place with the intention of using the money in the future, investing involves committing money into an investment product in the hopes of making a financial gain.

Types of Investments

Nowadays, consumers in Swaziland have a wide range of investment products to choose from. It is very important that when looking to invest, one takes time to choose an investment product that is at par with his/her investment budget, goals, objective, and risk profile.

The vast different types of investments in existence are classified into the two investment classes below:

Real Assets:

These are physical or tangible assets that have value and can directly contribute in the production of goods and services due to their substance and properties. Real assets include precious metals, commodities, real estate, land, machinery etc.

Financial Assets:

These are intangible (non-physical) liquid assets that derive value because of a contractual claim of what they represent. Unlike land, property, commodities or other tangible physical assets, financial



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assets do not necessarily have physical worth but within being no more than just worthless papers and not directly contributing to the production of a commodity or service, they derive their great value from the claims they carry. Shares, bonds, bank deposits etc.

Individual and business investors may require both financial and real assets to continue to meet their financial and investment requirements.

A diversified (varied) portfolio with a balance of financial and real assets provides stability in the portfolio during the ups and downs of the financial market as it is more unstable and risky.

Investment Risk

When making an investment decision, an investor needs to also consider risk. Investment risk is the uncertainty of achieving the returns

as per the expectations of the investor.

With investments the level of risk associated with a particular investment or asset class typically relates with the level of return the investment might achieve.

Investment Risks are categorised according to their source and they include:

1. Business Risk - Is that which comes from the nature of the industry. For example, companies in different fields like agriculture, are affected by factors such as; weather conditions, cold waves and frost or extreme heat or diseases etc.

2. Economic Risk - Resulting from changes in macroeconomic factors such as rates of unemployment, inflation, government spending, budget deficits etc. These risks affect almost all sectors, but they

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vary in the magnitude of the impact depending on the relevance of the industry type to any of the overall economic factors.

3. Interest Rate Risk - Is the risk resulting from changes in interest rates in the financial system of the economy. This risk affects the financial sector and the companies operating in it, particularly banks.

4. Exchange Rate Risk - Stemming from changes in currency exchange rates. Usually, companies working in the business of importing and exporting are more influenced by this type of risk.

5. Liquidity Risk - It arises from the possibility of converting investment into cash (liquidating it). The higher the possibility of investment liquidation, the lower the risk and return.

Easing of risk remains the most important feature of an investment portfolio (a collection of investments held by individual, company etc.).

However, it is possible to have a stable return from investments with the presence of risk through a finance principle known as diversification. Diversification originally serves the investor in reducing the risk to their minimum, but it is not possible to eliminate all risk eventually.

Capacity building hinders radio producing industry growth

By Linda Dlamini

LACK of funds for capacity building in radio production is stifling the growth of the industry.

National Association of Development Programme Producers (NADPP) Chairperson Ntombiyembuso Tfwala said one of the initiatives of the body was to facilitate capacity building of members as this would improve their skills and further strengthen the producing industry.

She decried the lack of support from owners of the programmes in government departments, ministries, non-governmental organisations (NGO) and state owned enterprises in terms of capacity

building.

"As a group, the members feel that previous in-country workshops in radio production, sponsored by various donor agencies, did not sufficiently meet their needs.

Capacity

The ministry responsible for broadcasting (ICT) does not include the development programme producers in their training and capacity building programmes as only the state broadcasters belong to the ministry and the personnel from other ministries and NGOs, etc is excluded," she said.

Tfwala further explained the work of producers.

"Gathering programme materials is not done weekly. The general

pattern is that producers go into the field to collect materials for several programmes at a time. They also go into the field when a special event with their target audience is occurring or upon request by the intervention agency. Field activities do not always run smoothly for the producers.

Developing

They are sometimes hampered by the same problems that beset field personnel in other developing countries.

For example, transportation is not always available and hardware breakages and software shortages may occur," she explained.

Adding, Tfwala said development producers combined their knowledge of the technical

requirements needed to bring about a change with the target audiences and their communication expertise.

"Knowing the comprehension needs of the targets is critical because it gives producers a better understanding of which interventions will or will not work," she said. Producers need a platform to release their work and the Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services (SBIS) is one such outlet, Tfwala noted.

Critical

"Producers provide the critical local content that cannot be provided by the state broadcasters like SBIS, she said.

"However there seems to be a lack of mutual relationship

between SBIS and the different stakeholders like the supervisors of radio programme producers," she added. To put the presentation into context, the chairperson of NADPP further highlighted the importance of producers in the country. "Producers disseminate accurate developmental information drawn of the Government of Swaziland. Which is can and often is used as a tool to preserve Swazi culture," she said. Tfwala concluded by laying out some of the other issues faced by the industry in general. "The resources available for equipment is inadequate for the industry. There is no human resource development plan to cater for the training needs of producers. There is also an acute lack of support by supervisors to NADPP team, for instance, in relation to time, she closed.

EU WATCHDOG BACKS 'PASSPORT' FOR US HEDGE FUNDS IN EUROPE

EUROPEAN UNION - Hedge funds from the United States, Singapore and Hong Kong should be allowed to market themselves in the European Union, the bloc's financial watchdog said yesterday.

The long-delayed recommendation from the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) to the EU's executive European Commission for endorsement is a taste of what Britain's financial services sector might face after it leaves the bloc.

A new EU law requires ESMA to say for the first time if rules for hedge funds and other alternative investments such as private equity in non-EU countries are as strict as those in the 28-country bloc.

A positive view means that asset managers based outside the EU get a "passport" to continue offering



IN SUPPORT: Steven Maijoor, Chair of the European Securities and Markets Authority.

services to investors across Europe, replacing a system of country-by-country private placement authorisation.

Hedge

ESMA also gave the green light to hedge funds from Canada, Guernsey, Japan, Cayman Islands, Jersey, Australia, and Switzerland,

with provisos for some of them.

Preliminary

In a preliminary finding, ESMA had not been able to recommend equivalence for the United States, the world's biggest hedge fund centre, because of competition concerns.

Reuters

Nintendo's market cap doubles since Pokemon GO launch

JAPAN - Shares of Japan's Nintendo Co (7974.T) soared another 14 percent yesterday, more than doubling the firm's market capitalisation to 4.5 trillion yen (\$42.5 billion) in just seven sessions since the mobile game Pokemon GO was launched in the United States.

The phenomenal success of Pokemon GO - now available in 35 countries, the majority in Europe, and most recently in Canada - has triggered massive buying in Nintendo shares, surprising even some seasoned market players.

"I've never seen the trend of such a big company's shares changing so quickly in such a short period of time," said Takashi Oba, senior strategist at Okasan Securities.

Shares

Nintendo shares ended yesterday up 14.4 percent at 31 770 yen, bringing its gains to more than 100 percent since the launch



DOING BIG: A "Pidgey" Pokemon is seen on the screen of the Pokemon Go mobile app.

of the game on July 6.

Turnover in Nintendo shares hit 703.6 billion yen, surpassing the record for trading turnover in individual shares it set on Friday, of 476 billion yen.

Trading

Trading in Nintendo shares roughly accounted for a quarter of the entire trading on the Tokyo Stock Exchange's main board.

Reuters

SoftBank's Son challenges investors to 'feel the force'

LONDON - SoftBank Corp (9984.T) founder Masayoshi Son, who created a \$68 billion tech investment behemoth from a \$50 000 start-up, has divided investors and analysts with his latest "crazy idea," the \$32 billion acquisition of chip designer ARM Holdings (ARML).

Visionary, risky, or both, the deal announced on Monday caught them all on the hop.

Struck

But in the way it was struck and presented, they all recognised the signature style of the man whose chutzpah led to successes like early investments in Yahoo! (YHOO.O) and Chinese e-commerce company Alibaba (BABA.N), which briefly made him Japan's richest man.

Reuters



EXQUISITE: There are owners whose classic cars are kept wrapped in cotton wool - and then there are those who drive their pride and joy hundreds of miles to race round Le Mans. The French racetrack is famous for its annual 24 hour race, but every two years it also runs the Le Mans Classic, where historic cars - some of which are worth hundreds of thousands of pounds - also race through the night. Simon Lambert joined the British pilgrimage to the race. (DailyMail)

China uses public billboards to expose runaway debtors

CHINA - Above throngs of busy commuters at a Shanghai railway station, four large billboards - some sandwiched between screens flashing train times - were lit up with the name of the head of a mid-sized industrial products maker.

But he was not promoting his company or its goods. The Shanghai Railway Transportation Court put his name in lights earlier this month because his company failed to pay a 2.9 million yuan (\$432 945) debt. A separate court in the eastern Zhejiang province issued a freezing order over his company's assets two years ago for money owed to China Construction Bank.

As growth slows, struggling borrowers are finding it harder to repay their loans, pushing China banks' official soured debt above \$299 billion at the end of May, though analysts say they estimate the true level is much higher.

Reuters

TRUCKMAKER VOLVO BEATS EARNINGS FORECAST

SWEDEN - Swedish truckmaker Volvo (VOLVb.ST) reported better than expected second-quarter earnings yesterday as cost cuts and rising European sales helped fortify it against slumping US demand for commercial vehicles.

Heavy-duty trucks, where Volvo is competing with Germany's Daimler (DAIGn.DE) and Volkswagen (VOWG_p.DE), are benefiting from strong demand across Europe while battling downturns across the Atlantic.

Volvo, which sells trucks under the Mack, Renault and UD brands as well as its own name, scaled back its outlook for North America, saying it expected industry wide sales of 240 000 trucks, down from a forecast for 250 000 given in April.

Weaker markets in the United States and also China, where sales of construction equipment are falling,



will test the new leadership team's skill in boosting profitability.

Improvement

"In the second quarter we were able to continue the improvement of our underlying profitability despite declining sales, thanks to positive cost development," said CEO Martin Lundstedt, a former Scania boss appointed last year. Scania had long boasted some of the best profit mar-

gins in the business.

Gothenburg-based Volvo said order intake of its trucks fell eight percent in the second quarter compared with a one percent drop seen by analysts. A 29 percent fall in North American truck orders led the decline.

Volvo shares rose 0.8 percent by 0756 GMT (03:56 a.m. EDT), outpacing a 0.7 percent fall in the STOXX Europe 600 Industrial Goods and Services Index .SXNP. The stock is up 12 percent so far this year compared with a two percent drop for the index.

"The earnings are really good, and what stands out is primarily the 10 percent operating margin in trucks despite them scaling back output in North America," Handelsbanken Capital Markets analyst Hampus Engellau said. "This is exactly what one wanted to see."

Reuters

MTN shares nosedive on profit warning

JOHANNESBURG - Nigeria's mega fine on mobile network MTN [JSE:MTN] is still weighing on the company as it warned of forthcoming losses yesterday.

MTN told shareholders yesterday that it "expects to report negative basic headline earnings per share (HEPS) and basic earnings per share (EPS)" for the six months ended June 30. For the previous comparable period, MTN reported HEPS of 654 cents and EPS of 653 cents. The fall in earnings comes amid MTN having agreed to pay a 330 billion naira (R24.94bn) fine to the Nigerian government for its failure to register five million subscribers.

Amid the warning yesterday,

MTN shares fell over two percent to R137.80 at 09:49 in Johannesburg.

"The expected decline in the HEPS and EPS is primarily as a result of the Regulatory fine imposed on MTN Nigeria ('the Nigerian regulatory fine') following a resolution with the Federal Government of Nigeria on June 10, 2016," said MTN.

"The Nigerian regulatory fine is expected to have an estimated negative impact of 474 cents on HEPS and EPS, respectively," said MTN.

MTN further said it's been hit by "foreign exchange losses in a number of operations, losses from joint ventures and associates and hyperinflation adjustments on MTN Irancell". Fin24

Focus on SA scene

DA TO PROTEST OUTSIDE PARLY OVER AXING OF SABC JOURNOS

JOHANNESBURG – The Democratic Alliance was expected to picket outside Parliament yesterday against the dismissal of four journalists by the SABC.

"The DA is appalled at the firing of four of the SABC 8 – Jacques Steenkamp, Krivani Pillay, Foeta Krige and Suna Venter. It would appear that the SABC staffers were fired for slighting SABC COO Hlaudi Motsoeneng's fragile ego by allegedly 'undermining the SABC and the authority of its management'," DA national spokeswoman Phumzile Van Damme said.

"It is clear that the wrecking ball that is Hlaudi Motsoeneng is going to continue smashing through the integrity of our country's public broadcaster, and do so with the tacit support of the ANC. As such, we



will be picketing for the reinstatement of these SABC staffers and for Parliament's intervention in the ongoing crisis at the SABC."

Planned

The DA initially planned a picket calling on the ANC's chief whip, Jackson Mthembu, to support its call for an urgent meeting of Parliament's portfolio committee on communications to consider the ongoing crisis at the SABC.

Van Damme said the DA would include a memorandum calling for

the reversal of the dismissals.

The memorandum would be delivered to the ANC offices in Parliament as well as the office of Communications Minister Faith Muthambi.

Safeguard

"The DA will continue to work tirelessly to safeguard media freedom and against the capture of the SABC by the ANC. We encourage the rest of South Africa to do the same," she said.

Africa News Agency

SABC like a kangaroo court in dismissing journalists - Union

JOHANNESBURG – Trade union Solidarity said yesterday that the battle lines were drawn on Monday night when the SABC dismissed four journalists with immediate effect and without disciplinary hearings.

"In my 20 years of involvement in labour relations I have not come across anything like this," Solidarity chief executive Dirk Hermann said in a statement. "It can be likened to a kangaroo court that executes an accused while an appeal process is still pending. In this instance, legal processes are being disregarded."

Dismissal

"The dismissal letters state that it is common knowledge that the journalists do not respect the SABC's management and that they would continue to undermine the SABC's authority and its management. According to the SABC, the journalists' behaviour is untenable and the

employment relationship has been terminated on 18 July," Solidarity said in a statement.

The SABC dismissed Foeta Krige, Suna Venter, Krivani Pillay and Jacques Steenkamp after they were initially suspended.

The public broadcaster also initiated disciplinary action against the four and four of their colleagues because they had allegedly distanced themselves from the SABC's censorship decision not to broadcast violence during protest actions.

Believe

"It is as if the SABC's executives believe that they are above the law and that it would be of no consequence," Hermann said. "The battle lines have been clearly drawn and we are going to involve the best top lawyers available. We believe in the rule of law and that unlawfulness should have consequences."

Africa News Agency

Independent councillors will get no municipal budgets

MBOMBELA – An African National Congress leader in Mpumalanga has admitted that it was his voice on a recording on which he can be heard saying no money will be allocated to a municipal ward won by an independent candidate.

The ANC leader, Majaheni Nyalunga, who is a serving councillor in Mbombela's Ward 35, issued the warning, which was secretly recorded by a community member, last Tuesday.

"If there's one person who is [an independent] councillor, against 100 [ANC] people, where will she ask for the budget? Because she has to ask for it from us, and then we will [decide if we] give it to her. If she is not

part of us, we definitely will not give it to her. If she is voted for and wins here, she will stay for five years and not a thing will happen here. That's the truth that we cannot dispute," Nyalunga is heard saying in the audio.

The main contenders for Ward 35 are the ANC's Reina Seepsop and independent candidate Elizabeth Mndawe. Both candidates are branch executive committee (BEC) members of the ANC. The ANC leaders in the province, however, opted for Seepsop while the community favoured Mndawe in a bizarre nomination process where voters were asked to whistle. The candidate who received the loudest whistles won the contest.

News24

Public Protector 'shocked and appalled' by office invasion

JOHANNESBURG – "Traumatised staff" working under Public Protector Thuli Madonsela are receiving counselling following the "acts of a bunch of rascals that invaded her office" on Monday.

In a statement yesterday, Madonsela said she was "shocked and appalled" after the "group stormed the office and overpowered security personnel stationed at the entrance, jumping over the front desk to gain access to the rest of the building".

Reports said the protesters were from the Black First, Land First movement who were unhappy about an apartheid-era spy issue.

"Police were called in and the situation was defused, with members of the group being apprehended," the statement said.

"The Public Protector believes that such an illegal violent act, which allegedly included intimidation of staff



SHOCKED: South African Public Protector Thuli Madonsela.

and taking at least four of them as hostages, should be condemned in the strongest possible terms by all those committed to constitutional democracy and the rule of law."

Unruly

Madonsela said "the unruly group is not complainants in the matter provided as a basis for their actions but have recently started inquiring about an

investigation lodged by advocate Paul Hoffman of the Institute for Accountability Southern Africa".

"It is important to point out that the investigation is not and could not look into any apartheid crime of theft or any other as that would fall outside the remit of the Public Protector," the statement added.

TMG Digital

Govt, traditional leaders must stop albino muti murders - ANCWL

JOHANNESBURG – The African National Congress Women's League (ANCWL) yesterday said it "is dismayed by myths that muti made with the body parts of people with albinism can make the user wealthy".

Secretary-general Meokgo Matuba called for the country to "collectively stand up against those who are peddling this myth as it results in... barbaric, cruel muti killings".

The league made the statement to

"applaud the traditional healer in Manguzi in KwaZulu-Natal who blew the whistle after he was allegedly approached by a woman who wanted to sell him a child... with albinism".

Media reports earlier this month said the healer, James Mthembu, had tipped off police after the woman offered him the child, who had been missing since June 28, for R100,000. She was arrested by Empangeni police.

The ANCWL's Matuba said the "Bill of Rights in the Constitution

of South Africa... enshrines the rights of all people in our country and affirms the democratic values of human dignity, equality and freedom".

Cruel

"These rights are for all people, including people with albinism," she noted. "Our government must work with traditional leaders and the community at large to put an end to this cruel, barbaric practice. Anyone who is involved in this barbaric cruel acts must face full wrath of law." *Times live*

More needed in the fight against AIDS - Ramaphosa

DURBAN – While much had been achieved in the fight against HIV/Aids there was still much that needed to be done, South African deputy president Cyril Ramaphosa said on Monday.

"Our actions now will determine whether our gains can be sustained," Ramaphosa said speaking at the official opening ceremony of the 21st World Aids ceremony. Ramaphosa said that all the world aids conferences had played a criti-

cal role in tackling the disease globally. He also paid tribute to all those that had fought for the right to receive treatment.

Success

"The success we have achieved is largely because of you." He said that South Africa's rolling out of the largest anti-retroviral treatment campaign in the world was "a powerful statement to the world about the government's determination to save lives".

Africa News Agency

'ALTHOUGH I LOST HER, SHE CONTINUES TO LIVE ON':

MOTHER DONATES LATE DAUGHTER'S HEART TO ANOTHER GIRL

CUMBRIA - Losing her daughter in a car crash at the age of seven was unbearable for her mother.

Yet Debbie Stoner found a way for her little girl Jade to live on after taking the courageous decision to donate her organs to save the lives of others.

Now, for the first time, her mother has met Nellie-Mai, the new-born girl who received it, and listened to her daughter's heart beating in her body.

"The first time I'd heard Jade's heart beating was when I was pregnant with her at my ultrasound scan and it sounded just as strong," she said.

"I knew her heart was no longer Jade's because she's no longer with us but it was a part of her."

"Although I lost the most precious thing in my life, she is continuing to live on, in a way."

Nellie-Mai Evans was born with cardiomyopathy and doctors feared she wouldn't pull through after she had a series of heart attacks.

Abandoned by her parents and struggling for life, doctors asked volunteer foster parents Jeff and Sarah Evans to sit with her so she wouldn't die alone.

Transplant

Mr Evans, 53, and his 42-year-old wife, from Cumbria, overheard doctors saying that without a family Nellie-Mai couldn't be put on the transplant list so they immediately decided to foster her.

The Evans have now adopted Nellie-Mai, who has learning difficulties and severe epilepsy.

At the same time, almost 300 miles away in Dorset, seven-year-old Jade died after being knocked off her bike by a car.

Her mother and father John, from Christchurch, Dorset, decided to donate her daughter's organs in the hope they might give life to others.

Four people - two adults and two babies - received Jade's organs.

Nellie-Mai, 11, received Jade's heart in 2006 and immediately started to thrive.

Although the involved families are not supposed to have contact, Nellie-Mai's foster father, a retired



LIFE-CHANGING: After her beloved daughter Jade passed away aged seven, Debbie Stoner (pictured, with her daughter) decided to donate her heart to Nellie-Mai Evans and years later she met the youngster and listened to it beat.



BEAUTIFUL GIFT: The Stoner family (left, Debbie holds up a photo of her daughter) decided to donate Jade's heart to Nellie-Mai (right, with Debbie) because their daughter was such a 'giving' child.

police detective, managed to track Jade's parents down after reading about Jade's death in a newspaper.

Ten years on, the families met.

At the meeting, the Evans' offered Mrs Spooner the chance to hear her daughter's heartbeat.

"It was something I assumed she'd want to do but maybe she didn't want to ask," Mrs Evans said.

"I didn't want her to leave and not hear it. When I asked her, she put her hands to her face, started crying and said: 'Are you sure?'"

"I was pleased we could do it because thank you will never be enough."

Worst

Talking about the Mrs Stoner, 45, said: "It's the worst time of your life when a family member dies, and even worse when it's your own child - it's heart-breaking and unbearable."

"But I get a lot of positivity from knowing that thanks to Jade, other children have been given a life. I miss Jade every day, but I know I made the right decision."

"Thanks to Jade, two babies have grown up with a life, so her death wasn't in vain. Through Nellie, Jade is still living."

Mrs Stoner said it was 'fate' that Nellie-Mai had received her daughter's heart as they share many qualities.

"Nellie was just so caring and loving, just like Jade was," her mother, who has a daughter Amy, 14, and son Ben, six, added.

"I'd do anything to have Jade

back, but there was nothing that could be done to save her - seeing Nellie in the flesh and seeing how thriving she is helped so much."

"As sad and painful as it was losing Jade, it was fate and it was meant to be."

"Nellie is still poorly, but whatever happens with her in the future, I'm so pleased she had a chance to live and that Jade gave her the chance."

Mrs Stoner added that it was difficult to make the decision to donate Jade's organs.

Donate

"Initially Jade's dad said he didn't want to donate her heart, because she was all heart and he didn't want people pulling her apart and taking parts of her body - he wanted her kept whole," she said.

"But I said she was seven years old - she was healthy and there was nothing wrong with her, so maybe we should think about it."

"In the end we both came to the same conclusion - she was so giving and loved helping people, so I like to think she would've wanted us to do it."

Nellie-Mai's father Jeff recalled the moment he saw his daughter after she received Jade's heart.

"We watched the harvesting team carrying Jade's heart into the hospital," he said.

"It was all very surreal, and we were both scared. Nel was so horrendously ill, and we couldn't fathom how such a complex medical procedure was ever going to succeed."

"When it was over and we were allowed in to see her I got a shock - prior to the transplant

I'd only seen this grey, lifeless child, she was very pale, pallid and cold."

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Mob stabs Christian to death

MINYA - Egyptian officials say a Muslim mob stabbed a Coptic Christian to death over a personal feud. Bishop Macarius of the southern Minya governorate says the group attacked the families of two priests with knives and batons in the village of Tahna al-Gabal late on Sunday. Fam Khalaf, 27, was killed and the father of one of the priests was wounded. Police confirmed the incident and said they arrested four people. Christian residents gathered at a local church for prayers for the dead and protests.

AP

Maximum dollar resale in Nigeria

LAGOS - Nigerian currency dealers have introduced a maximum resale premium on dollar trades on the interbank market to boost liquidity after the naira touched a record low in thin trade. The naira traded without a pre-determined premium - or spread - on Friday, a trader at one of the 15 primary market dealers, told Reuters. Traders under the umbrella of the Financial Market Dealers Association (FMDA) set the spread at a ceiling of 0.50 naira per dollar on Monday, he said.

Timeslive



Politicians try break deadlock

BENGHAZI - Libyan rival politicians are meeting in Tunisia to search for a way to break the deadlock in the country's crisis, including changes to the UN-brokered road map for its political future. Libya is split between rival governments and parliaments based in the western and eastern regions, each backed by different militias and tribes.

AP

Ethiopians in food crisis

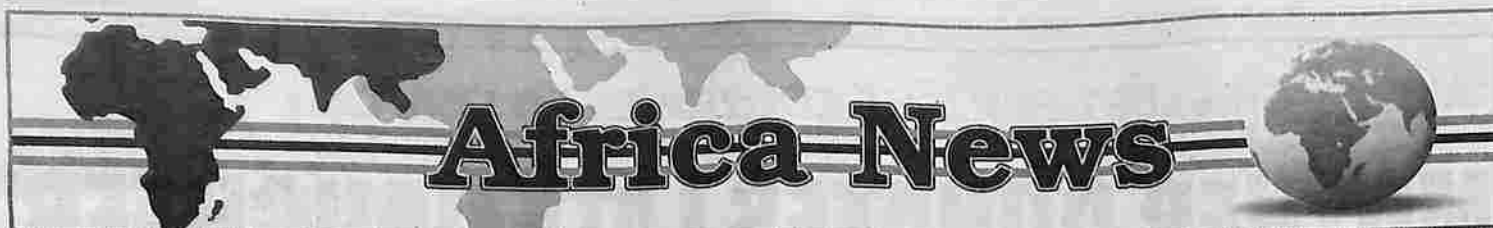
LONDON - Millions of Ethiopians in the grip of a severe hunger crisis are at risk of being forgotten by the international community and urgently need more aid to help them recover, former Olympic champion Haile Gebrselassie said on Monday. Despite recent rains, Ethiopia is still reeling from its worst drought in 50 years, and 10.2 million people, one-tenth of the population, need food aid, according to the United Nations' World Food Programme (WFP).

Reuters

Boko Haram suspects freed

LAGOS - About 250 people who were arrested and held on suspicion of links to Boko Haram Islamists, have been released and given \$10, Nigeria's army said on Monday. "A total of 249 cleared suspected Boko Haram terrorists and accomplices were released... as approved by the chief of army staff in Maiduguri," said army spokesperson Sani Usman. Colonel Usman said in a statement that those released included 46 women and 34 children. They were handed over to the Borno state government in northeast Nigeria and told "to remain law-abiding and go about their lawful business," he added.

AFP



'PROLONGED STAY IN ADDIS WON'T HURT ANC PRESIDENTIAL BID'

JOHANNESBURG - African Union Commission Chairperson Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma said on Monday her prolonged stay in Addis Ababa would not affect her possible campaign for the ANC presidency.

She was due to finish her term as AU Commission chair in October, but AU leaders meeting in Kigali, Rwanda, were unable to agree on a replacement on Monday. So they asked her to stay on until January when new elections would be held at the next AU summit in Addis Ababa for the chair and all other members of the AU Commission.

"Of course my term should have ended in October, but the way I look at it is that I'd come to serve the continent and if the continent has challenges, and they



NOT SHAKEN: Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma.

want me to stay an additional six months, I should do it, and do it with pleasure," Dlamini-Zuma told journalists after the summit ended. On the possible impact of

her delayed return to South Africa on the presidential bid she is widely speculated to be planning, she said: "No this has got nothing to do with the ANC. The

ANC has its own processes. "And in any case, the conference is December 2017," she added, laughing.

Replace

Earlier, the AU leaders held an election for a new AU Commission chairperson to replace her, but none of the three candidates won the two-third majority required by AU rules, said outgoing AU Chairperson Idriss Deby, president of Chad.

The three candidates were Botswana's Foreign Affairs Minister Phelemon Venson-Moitsoi, representing southern Africa, Equatorial Guinean Foreign Minister Agapito Mba Mokuy representing central Africa, and former Ugandan vice-president Specioza Naigaga Wandira Kazibwe representing east Africa. *Africa News Agency*



BRAVERY: The footage was captured by a tourist to Florida who was exploring the iconic wetlands on a small hovercraft alongside a tour guide and other visitors. In the clip the people can be heard voicing their concern as the curious predator approaches the side of the vessel. But instead of attacking, the creature appears to introduce itself and playfully interacts with the brave guide. (Dailymail)

Four police officers charged with murder in Kenya

NAIROBI - A Kenyan High Court charged four police officers on Monday with murder over what human rights groups say were the extra-judicial killings of an activist lawyer, his client and their driver in late June.

Rights groups said they believed foul play was behind the deaths of the three and demanded an investigation into that and other allegations of police corruption and heavy-handed tactics.

The four defendants - Frederick Leliman, Leonard Maina, Stephen Morogo and Silvia Wanjohi - pleaded not guilty on Monday, court documents showed.

Accused

They are accused of killing rights lawyer Willie Kimani and his client Josephat Mwendwa, and their taxi driver Joseph Muiruri on June 23. The three disappeared after Kimani and Mwendwa made a court appearance.

Kimani and Mwendwa had

filed a complaint alleging that Mwendwa had been shot and injured by police in April.

After lodging the complaint, Mwendwa was charged with a range of offences, including possessing drugs and resisting arrest, according to rights activists.

The four police officers were remanded in custody until August 16 when they are to reappear in court and allowed to apply for bail.

Reuters

Buhari fears delays in corruption trials

ABUJA - Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari said he was concerned about delays in prosecuting former public officials for corruption, warning it could harm his high-profile stance on graft.

"I am worried that the expectation of the public is yet to be met by the judiciary with regard to the removal of delay and the toleration of delay tactics by lawyers," he said.

"When cases are not concluded the negative impression is given that crime pays," Buhari told a summit examining the role of the judiciary in the overall drive against corruption.

Change

"This certainly needs to change if we are to make success in our collective effort in the fight against corruption."

Buhari, who was elected last year on a platform to tackle graft, has said "mind-boggling" sums of public funds were stolen over decades and has made recovering the money a central plank of his presidency.

AFP

ZIMBABWEAN SOLDIERS STILL NOT PAID

HARARE - Zimbabwe has delayed paying its soldiers for a second successive month, sources said Monday, underlining the worsening economic crisis that has triggered recent protests.

Ten days ago, President Robert Mugabe's government was shaken by a national strike led by civil servants frustrated over several salary delays as Zimbabwe's treasury struggles with a severe cash shortage.

The military are normally the first priority for payment due to their role in protecting the regime of Mugabe, 92.

AFP

World News

MELANIA TRUMP HIT BY SPEECH PLAGIARISM CONTROVERSY

CLEVELAND – Portions of Melania Trump's prime-time speech to the Republican National Convention on Monday appear to have been plagiarised, tarnishing what should have been her big moment to introduce herself to the American public.

The apparent plagiarism came to light shortly after the 46-year-old former model took to the stage with husband Donald Trump on Monday night, to offer an eloquent testimonial of his strengths as a husband, father, and potential leader of the United States.

A section of the speech describing the values that shaped her life strongly resembled a passage from Michelle Obama's speech to the 2008 Democratic convention.

"My parents impressed on me the values: that you work hard for what you want in life. That



TARNISHED: Donald Trump and wife Melania.

your word is your bond and you do what you say and keep your promise.

That you treat people with respect. They taught me to show the values and morals in my daily life. That is the lesson that I continue to pass along to our son," Melania Trump said.

"And we need to pass those lessons on to the many generations to follow. Because we want our children in this nation to know that the only limit to your achievements is the strength of your dreams and your willingness to work for them."

AFP

Johnson to make first US trip for ISIS talks

LONDON – New British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson will tomorrow make his first official visit to the US, meeting international counterparts as part of the fight against Islamic State (IS).

The former London mayor, a surprise choice to become Britain's top diplomat in new Prime Minister Theresa May's government, made his first overseas engagement on Monday, meeting with European leaders, many of whom were angered by his campaign to take Britain out of the EU.

Johnson will meet with US counterpart John Kerry in London yesterday to "underline the importance of the special relationship following Britain's decision to withdraw from the European Union".

He will then host a meeting of counterparts from Germany, France and Italy, and the EU High Representative to discuss the conflict in Syria. AFP

Kidnapped Pakistani judge's son found bound in chains

KARACH – Pakistani soldiers rescued the kidnapped son of a senior judge from his Taliban captors yesterday, after finding him bound in chains with his mouth taped shut and wearing in an all-enveloping burqa to hide his identity, the army spokesman said.

Awais Shah, the son of Sindh provincial Chief Justice Sajjad Ali Shah, was kidnapped from outside a supermarket in the southern port city of Karachi on June 21.

Shah was found in the backseat of a car in a town bordering the northwestern tribal areas.

Army spokesman General Asim Bajwa said three "terrorists" were killed during the rescue, adding that the kidnappers belonged to a splinter faction of the Tehreek-e-

Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

Bajwa told reporters the operation took place at approximately 2 a.m. near the town of Tank, when the kidnappers were transporting Shah, possibly with a view to transferring him to Afghanistan.

Tank, a town in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on the border with the South Waziristan tribal area, is approximately 885 km (550 miles) north of Karachi.

Television footage showed Shah reunited with his family at their Karachi home. Shah's father said he did not know which group kidnapped his son.

"I don't know anything other than that my child has been returned to me," he said.

Reuters



BALLING: UAE royalty has been photographed riding the London Tube yesterday. The Ruler of Dubai and Prime Minister of the UAE Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum (left) rode the underground with his son, Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum, the Crown Prince of Dubai (right).

UNITED STATES – The US and EU Monday warned Turkey to respect the rule of law after President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government launched a crackdown following the failed coup.

Germany and the EU also said any move by Turkey to reinstate the death penalty for the coup plotters would derail Ankara's long-stalled membership bid.

US Secretary of State John Kerry and EU Foreign Policy chief Federica Mogherini said in Brussels that last Friday's attempted putsch was "no excuse" for excessive action, as Turkish authorities said they had arrested more than 7 500 people and

NO DEATH ROW OR ELSE, TURKS TOLD

sacked more than 9 000. The EU commissioner dealing with Turkey's long-stalled bid for membership of the bloc said it appeared the government had prepared a list before the coup of people to be rounded up.

Prepared

"I mean, [that] the lists are available already after the event indicates this was prepared and at a certain moment should be used," Johannes Hahn said. After Erdogan said on Sunday Turkey would consider a return of capital punishment, German government spokesman Steffen Seibert said such a move "would mean the end



WARNED: Portraits of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan hangs on a building near Taksim Square in Istanbul.

of EU membership talks". Mogherini was quick to echo the German position. "Let me be very

clear ... no country can become an EU state if it introduces the death penalty," she said. AFP

BRIEFS

Florida hospital shooter 'mentally ill'

ORLANDO – An attorney for a Florida man charged with fatally shooting a patient and employee at a hospital in an apparent random attack, says his client is severely mentally ill. Harley Gutin is an attorney for 29-year-old David Owens. He said on Monday that his client is incompetent to stand trial. Titusville, Florida, police say Owens entered Parrish Medical Centre early on Sunday and fatally shot 88-year-old patient Cynthia Zingsheim and employee Carrie Rouzer, who was sitting in Zingsheim's room.

AP

N.korea test-fires ballistic missiles

SEOUL – North Korea test-fired three ballistic missiles yesterday, South Korea's military said, just over a week after issuing threats to respond to the planned deployment of a US anti-missile system in the South. The missiles, launched early yesterday from the western city of Hwangju, flew between 500 and 600 kilometres (311-373 miles) toward the Sea of Japan, the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said in a press statement. The range of what were believed to be SCUD missiles could reach anywhere in South Korea, the JCS said, adding the military was keeping close tabs on the North's movement.

AFP



Iran nuke programme to ease

VIENNA – A document obtained by The Associated Press shows that key restrictions on Iran's nuclear programme will ease in slightly more than a decade, halving the time Tehran would need to build a bomb. The document is the only secret text linked to last year's agreement between Iran and six foreign powers. It says that after a period between 11 to 13 years, Iran can replace its 5 060 inefficient centrifuges with up to 3 500 advanced machines.

AP

German police kill Afghan teen

BERLIN – German police shot dead a 17-year-old Afghan refugee on Monday after he attacked train passengers with an axe and a knife, seriously wounding four in what one official said was a "probable" Islamist attack. Several other people were also injured in the assault on a regional train near the southern city of Wuerzburg, police said, adding that the teenager was killed as he tried to flee. Joachim Herrmann, the interior minister of Bavaria state, said the assailant had arrived as an unaccompanied minor in Germany and had lived at first in a shelter and then more recently with a foster family in nearby Ochsenfurt.

News24

Ex army captain dies in prison riot

GUATEMALA CITY – A former army captain convicted of murdering a Guatemalan bishop was killed on Monday in a prison riot in which 13 people died, the National Institute of Forensic Sciences said. A spokesman for the institute said the death of Byron Lima Oliva, who was serving 20 years for the murder of Bishop Juan Gerardi in 1998, took place in Pavoncito, a prison 18 miles (30 km) from the capital, Guatemala City.

Reuters



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Miss Cultural Heritage recruitment begins

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

THE search for the one girl who possesses the most Swazi beauty inside and out has officially begun as current Miss Cultural Heritage Nosipho Dlamini's reign has come to an end.

The regional recruitment is dependent on whether the minimum number of girls is met or not. Each region should at least have five girls or more. Failing which, the girls in that particular region will automatically fall onto the national eliminations.

The national eliminations are set for early September just after the national Reed Dance.

"Girls are encouraged to prepare themselves as the recruitment process will be underway shortly," Head of Public Relations promotions and Marketing Sedatia McClain said.

The Swaziland National Trade fair hosted from 26 August to 05 September will have a stall for the Miss Cultural Heritage Crowning



LISTENING ATTENTIVELY: Culture Manager Thembekile Dlamini listening at the Arts and Culture offices in Manzini. (Pics: By Majaha Nkonyane)

where tickets will be sold and promotions will be held.

Pageant Requirements

...Recruitment road shows

THE recruitment road show process will be conducted in the four regions of the country in the following dates.

- 30 July Siteki
- 06 August Nhlalango
- 13 August Piggs Peak
- 20 August Manzini

● Must be between the ages of 18 - 24, on the day of crowning be 18 years and may turn 24 during year of reign.

● Please make a copy of the completed entry form for your records. Copies will not be provided once they are in our possession.

● Must be a natural born female.

● Must not be married, divorced or widowed or have any children and/or pregnant.

● Must not have ever been convicted of a crime.

● Must be a resident of Swaziland for five full years, residency must be completed two years before pageant.

● Must be Swazi citizen

The qualified girls will be taken on a cultural boot camp at Umphakatsi in Malindza and Ekwendzeni. There will also be a pre-judging boot camp before the finals proposed for 29 October 2016.

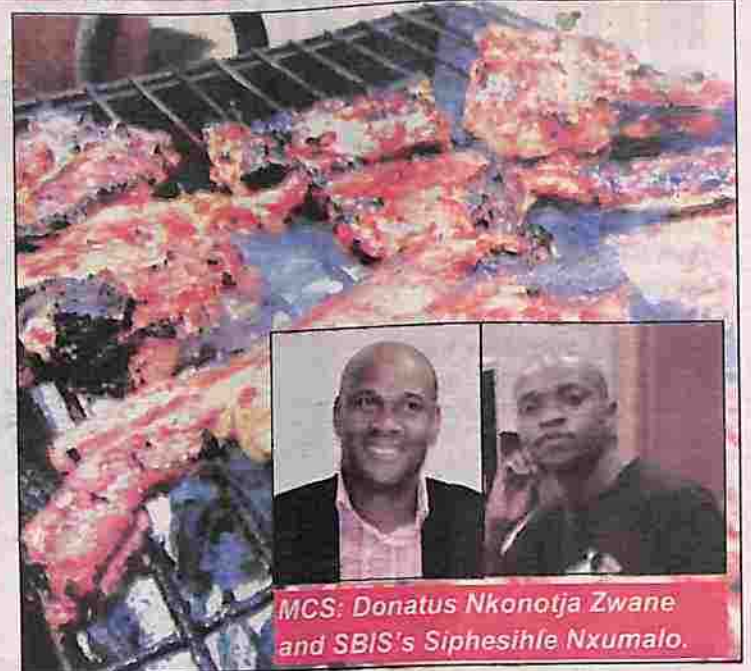
Tickets

Tickets for the Miss Cultural Heritage grand finale will be found at:

- Siteki Hotel
- Nhlalango Youth Centre
- Manzini Ford and Gorge Hotel
- Mbabane Kia and Ford Car dealers
- Piggs Peak Channel S offices
- Ezulwini Phila live gym



IT'S ON: Homeboy Dlamini, Given Mathabela and Ernest Mavuso Sales Manager of Traditional African beverages at Swaziland Beverages.



MCS: Donatus Nkonotja Zwane and SBIS's Siphesihle Nxumalo.

MCs for Biggest Braai unveiled

By Nomfundo Sifundza

SWAZI TV news anchor Siphesihle Nkwanyane, SBIS's Siphesihle Nxumalo and Donatus Nkonotja Zwane have been unveiled as the MCs for the Biggest Braai event.

The experienced trio of program directors shall host the event courtesy of Dr Sikhomba Gumbi's company called REDI. Donatus Nkonotja Zwane will take over after the lunch hour to relieve the two until the end of the event.

Siphesihle Nkwanyane's MC Skill's have been seen in quite a number of events and now she has been given the task of leading the proceedings, along with Siphesihle Nxumalo, otherwise known as 'Sihlabani Sebenguni' who is a favourite to radio listeners. His effortless ability to captivate listeners from the comfort of their homes, cars or offices is remarkable.

Philani Maswati Chairman Lutfu Dlamini expressed jubilation in readiness for

the day.

The ultimate goal of the Biggest Braai initiative is to raise funds towards charity, as per Philani Maswati mandate.

Adding to the line-up of artists on the day, which include afro soul sensation Sands will be a stream of talented DJs. These

include the likes of DJ DD Cool, Master P and DJ Lolo to mention a few.

Vibrant Siphesihle Nkwanyane expressed excitement for being roped in as an MC for such an event. It will be the first time in her career to do anything in the Queen Mother's presence.

"It is quite an honour really, I have never had MC duties in her Majesty the Queen Mother's presence and so I am looking forward to Friday. I

would also love to invite the public to come to the biggest Braai because at the end of the day it is for a good cause" she said.



BEEN THERE: Siphesihle Nkwanyane.

Mshikishi (61) never to quit music

By Nomfundo Sifundza

MASKANDI artist Mshikishi Mndzebele has vowed never to retire from music, until death does them apart.

Mndzebele, revealing that he is currently in the process of recording album number 7 titled 'Over Time,' firmly stated that he would never in his lifetime quit music. The energetic Mndzebele believes he

was married to his art and does not see any other reason besides death that could possibly stop him from pursuing music. His new album will consist of 10 songs that mainly speak to all the years he has lived and his musical experiences.

"I have been out of the country for some time recording my album in South Africa, I promise my fans the best they could ever hear from me. I will be performing at the Biggest Braai event on Friday," he said.

Mndzebele also shared what he termed a 'major factor' only to be experienced for the first time by those who will attend the Biggest Braai. "I will be displaying new and magnificent dancing skills on Friday, I haven't been performing in a while and all I have to offer now is none other than greater dance moves," he said. The 61 year old is still going stronger by the day as he is hopeful that by the time he dies he shall have 12 albums under his belt.

Imvelo Sibhaca finals announced

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE long road to Sibhaca finals has finally reached its destination as Swaziland Beverages, will this Saturday host the finals at the Old Trade Fair, Manzini.

After successfully visiting the four regions of the country and selecting winners from the competing teams regionally, the day

has come for the remaining teams to battle it out.

The decision comes after the finals were postponed from the past weekend July 16 because some of the participants had to attend a royal function.

"We would like to invite the Swazi nation to come enjoy the final, all teams are working hard, whilst we were moving from region to region, we noticed that the people were eagerly waiting for this competition as they came

in their numbers and they really love Sibhaca." Sales Manager (Traditional African Beverages) at Swaziland Beverages Ernest Mavuso said.

Dvokodvweni, Hhukwini, Maseyisini and Kukhanyeni were the regional areas that produced the competing teams. Three teams for Sibhaca and two for ingadla were selected in each region.

This year's sponsorship money has increased from the previous

year as Swaziland Beverages sponsored the competition with E75 000 from E 45 000.

The day's proceedings will be spiced up with poetry, music and comedy.

The grand prize is a sum of E5000 and a trophy for ingadla category, whilst the sibhaca champions will walk away with E10 000 and also a trophy.

The competition will also award up to eight runner ups in both ingadla and sibhaca.

Billa's Car Wash pours in profits to charity

By Phumelele Mkhonta

LOBAMBA socialite and businessman Mncedisi 'Billa' Dlamini donated items and groceries worth E1 000 at

Valley Charity NCP last week Wednesday.

Dlamini, owner of Billa's car wash, poured in all profits he made from an explosive car wash session he hosted in July, 9 towards charity; there were per-

formances from popular deejays with the likes of NYD and Swaziland's female kwaito artist Nobuhle Gama. According to Dlamini, he has a soft spot for the less privileged and he feels it is a social responsibility to be

involved in charity work.

"I also made a promise to Mbuso Dlamini (Secretary to the Cabinet) that I will give back to the community after he assisted me financially in opening this car wash. Now is the time where a man keeps his promise and I have yet to be involved in charity projects," commented Dlamini.



HAPPY: Mncedisi Dlamini of Billa's Car Wash taking a group photo with Valley Charity NCP, after donating the profits he made from a mega car wash session, two weeks ago.



FOR CHARITY: Valley Charity's Zanele Msweli, Billa's Car Wash's Mncedisi Dlamini and teacher Nomphumelelo Nkambule.

Master P to play alongside SA's PH

By Phumelele Mkhonta

HIP/HOP fanatics are about to be pampered with a night of hip/hop which will feature South African DJ known as PH at Déjà vu Cocktail Lounge at Esibayeni Lodge this Saturday.

The show comes courtesy of Swazi Boy Entertainment.

According to Swazi Boy's Mthunzi 'Shadow' Zwane, this show is part of the stable's 10 year celebrations; which will last

until the end of the year.

"PH is the real deal as he was the resident deejay at the South African Music Awards (SAMAs) this year, in Durban. PH is known for his thumping mixes which were played on DJ Fresh's Ultimate mix on 5FM.

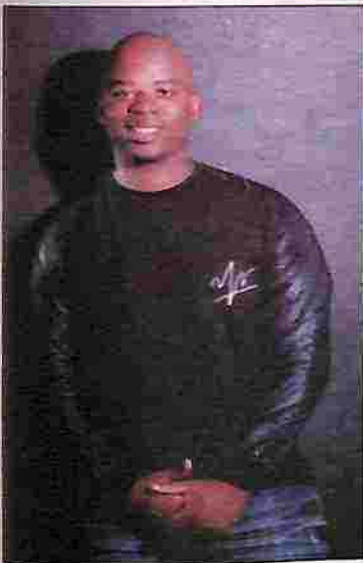
This talented spinner has graced a number of big international music concerts held in the Republic of South Africa, with the recent one, which featured internationally acclaimed rapper J.Cole, at the Ticket Pro Dome. He has also been featured in top

events such as the Vodacom Durban July and the J&B Met in Cape Town.

This inevitably tells our fans, supporters and hip/hop lovers that it will be a mind blowing night of hip/hop," commented Zwane.

Joining PH will be the talented deejays from Swazi Boy Entertainment; DJ Papz, DJ MBO, Tempt who will be joined by the equally experienced 1D.

The show starts at 7pm and damages will be E60 before 11pm and E100 after.



GUEST: DJ PH.

Mahalia's general tickets selling fast

By Nomfundo Sifundza

GENERAL tickets to Mahalia Buchanan's album launch have moved and sold fast as the outlets they had been designated to are only left with VIP and VVIP tickets.

The tickets that cost E100 have been selling faster than anticipated since being released a week ago, for the show slated for July 30.

The former Joyous Celebration vocalist, SABC Crown gospel award winner and SAMA nominee is set to perform at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre where she will be launching her album, 'Redeemed to worship' in Swaziland as part of her world tour.

Mahalia, in her visit to the country a week ago, gave hope to two vocally gifted St Michael's pupils as she made a promise that they could perform at her show.

Mahalia's manager, Doctor Makhubele said "It was truly a blessing for us when we brought her to the country as she did radio and TV interviews, that made us realise how much her fans love her and were looking forward to seeing her perform live on July 30, Makhubele further stated that the VIP and VVIP tickets which cost E250 and E350 are not just about preferential seating only but will include Mahalia's live CD and DVD. "We want her fans to have something they can take home after the July 30 experience" he revealed.

Other local artists that will mesmerise fans include the newly re-launched redemption Choir, which delivered a world standard performance during the Joyous Celebration show at Mavuso Trade Centre, Banele and Bongekile. Yonder Worship Centre Founder, Pastor Bakhe Dlamini, will set the tone for the evening as he will deliver a motivational sermon before the music flow. Locals are set to witness the stellar growth of the artist who evolved from her days at Joyous Celebration to the solo artist she is today.



LADY OF THE SHOW: Mahalia Buchanan.

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HIGHLIGHTS



A PASSION FOR REVENGE TODAY 13:50 | TELEMUNDO (118)

"S1/E107 - 1/107" Cayetana orders Sofia not to go back with Arturo. Isadora reveals to Sofia

that she would die for Arturo. Emilio stops Isadora from killing Sofia.



JILL AND JESSICA COUNTING ON TONIGHT 20:55 | TLC ENTERTAINMENT (135)

The Duggar family are back in the spotlight with sisters Jill and Jessa taking centre stage in this new series. It was supposed to be the happiest time in Jill and Jessa's lives - a new baby, a new marriage, an exciting new chapter for both, but when devastating news

about older brother Josh was revealed, the sisters' worlds were shattered. Jill and Jessa share how their lives have changed forever, and how this remarkable family continue to go forth and multiply! From tonight, at 20:55 CAT.



GRAVITY FALLS: BETWEEN THE PINES TONIGHT 19:05 | DISNEY CHANNEL (30')

Fans can discover exclusive information and secrets about 'Gravity Falls' in this fascinating behind-the-scenes documentary which features an interview with creator Alex Hirsch, who delves into the personalities of the characters

and reveals hidden details in the show. Fans can discover fascinating exclusive information and secrets about the show. 'Gravity Falls: Between the Pines' will be airing as part of the Thank Disney it's Tomorrow at 19:05 CAT.



BOXING: DEREVYANCHENKO V SOLIMAN FRIDAY 02:00 | SUPERSPORT 7 (207)

Premier Boxing Champions 2016
IBF Middleweight Eliminator:
Sergiy Derevyanchenko vs Sam

Soliman (12 Rounds)
from Foxwoods Casino -
Connecticut, USA. LIVE

Friday, 21:00 | ITV Choice (123)

THIS week on Long Lost Family two stories of missing mothers stretching back over 50 years are featured.

A grandfather who after 20 years of searching for his birth mother is running out of time; and a woman looking for the mother who disappeared when she was a toddler. Peter Arundel is a devoted father and grandfather.

Despite always knowing he was adopted as a six week old baby, he has known almost nothing about his birth mother, and out of respect to his adoptive parents he never asked about her. Since they passed away 20 years ago, Peter has tried to uncover the circumstances of his adoption but has found no record it ever took place.

Abandoned

Desperate to meet his birth mother before it's too late, he knows he doesn't have much time left. Also, the story of Maureen Saville's search for the mother who abandoned her as a toddler over 60 years ago. Maureen has spent her life wondering about the mother she has no memory of. Having never even seen a photo of her, Maureen just wants to be able to look into her mother's eyes and finally find answers to the questions that have always haunted her.

Watch to see what happens when

LONG LOST FAMILY



we finally find Peter and Maureen's long lost fami-

ly. Presented by Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell.



WHAT WOULD BE YOUR MIRACLE?

Friday, 20:00 | ITV Choice (123)

IMAGINE being told your wildest dreams could come true. In this brand new series, Emma Willis follows the inspirational stories of families whose lives are transformed by the power of modern medicine.

In each episode, Emma meets two people having incredible operations in the hope of changing their lives forever and hears their dreams for the future.

Over two years, she'll then chart the progress of these ordinary families going through extraordinary times.

Having had their operations and,

in some cases, gone through months and months of rehab, Emma will witness the moment they find out if they'll get the miracle they've dreamed of for years.

Voice

From parents watching their 10-year-old child try to take their very first steps on their own to a daughter hearing her dad's voice through

her new cochlear implants, to a woman seeing after many years of blindness, these are the incredible moments when they realise that life is changing forever.

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In this heart-warming series you'll see things you thought were impossible become a reality. First and exclusive broadcast in Africa.



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Celebrity News

'BECOMING A MOTHER MADE ME RESPECT MYSELF'

NEW YORK - Alicia Keys believes she learned how to properly respect herself after becoming a mother. The No One singer has sons Egypt and Genesis with husband Swizz Beatz, and after realising how precious family time was, she finally started to say no when career or other ventures would take her away from her boys. "I think that was the biggest change for



GROWN WOMAN:
Alicia Keys

me when I had my first son," she tells *Citizens of Humanity* magazine. "I really kind of respected myself for the first time. I know that might sound weird, but I feel like in a lot of ways I did: I respected my time for the first time, and I respected the value of what that meant and what I was giving up when I spent it incorrectly or when I used it correctly. *Drum*

GAME OF THRONES FANS DISAPPOINTED

HOLLYWOOD - Game of Thrones' fans are set to be disappointed as the upcoming seventh series of the show will be spread over just seven episodes - three less than previous seasons. HBO bosses confirmed the news as they also announced that the show's air date is being pushed back from the traditional April release to summer 2017 to

accommodate shooting schedules.

Casey Bloys, president of programming at the network, explained: "Now that winter has arrived on Game of Thrones, executive producers David Benioff and D.B. Weiss felt that the storylines of the next season would be better served by starting production a little later than usual, when the weather is changing."



DISAPPOINTING:
Game of Thrones actor Kit Harington.

eOnline

KIM K WANTED TO RELEASE SWIFT-KANYE FOOTAGE

NEW YORK - Kanye West and Taylor Swift's phone conversation over select lyrics in "Famous" took place in January. The rapper first played the song for the public in February, when he debuted his Yeezy Season 3 collection during New York Fashion Week. Almost immediately, he faced backlash over a lyric in the song referencing Taylor ("I feel like me and Taylor might still have sex / Why?



THIS IS WAR: Kim Kardashian, Taylor Swift and Kanye West.

I made that b***h famous").

The Kanye-Taylor feud that started in 2009 was reignited and continued to escalate as the months passed by. So why, now, did Kim

Kardashian finally post the video to Snapchat of her husband's call with Taylor? *eOnline*

MJ HAD INJECTIONS TO DELAY PUBERTY

LOS ANGELES - Michael Jackson still performing with the Jackson Five. had hormone injections when he was 13 to delay puberty and keep his voice high, his ex doctor has claimed. Dr Conrad Murray, who was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the singer's death, has made a series of revelations about his former patient in a tell-all titled *This Is It*. Jackson turned 13 in 1971 and was



PULLED ALL STOPS:
The late Micheal Jackson.

But he began his solo career immediately afterwards, with his first album, *Got To Be There*, coming out in 1972.

Murray, who served two years out of a four-year sentence between 2011 and 2013, claims Jackson told him about getting hormone shots in a confessional conversation. *eOnline*

SA Celebrity News

BLACK COFFEE REVEALS GRIM SIDE OF FAME

JOHANNESBURG - So you want to be famous, hey? Well, Black Coffee might want to have a word. The DJ is known around the world as one of the brightest musical talents but despite having the world at his feet (and in his passport) the DJ has revealed the dark side of the fame game. In a candid Instagram post recently, Black Coffee lifted the lid on some of the struggles he's been having lately. "I



NOT ALL ROSEY:
Black Coffee.

miss home. Travelling the world on tour looks like the most coolest job ever...the job itself is such a blessing doing what I love with all my soul for a living....but the traveling hours, the fatigue, lack of sleep, lack of good diet and exhaustion got the best of me this week," he wrote. *Drum*

CONNIE FERGUSON'S NEW SHOW

JOHANNESBURG - Hot on the heels of their immensely popular telenovela *Igazi*, the Fergusons are launching yet another one *The Queens*, which will hit the small screens on Mzansi Magic on August 1 at 21:00. The Renowned actress Connie Ferguson will once again play a savvy businesswoman Harriet Khoza, who is forced by circumstances to do something out of charac-



NEW SHOW: The Fergusons.

ter when her husband's secret comes to light. Connie's husband Shona will also star on the show, as will Mara Louw, Themba Ndaba, Sello Maake Ncube, Mbali Nkosi Dineo Moeketsi, amongst others. *Drum*

SAM MEYIWA WELCOMES KELLY'S BABY

JOHANNESBURG - Despite being at loggerheads with Kelly Khumalo, Sam Meyiwa, who is the father of slain Bafana Bafana goalkeeper Senzo Meyiwa, has reportedly accepted and welcomed Kelly and Senzo's daughter into his family. Speaking to Sunday Sun, Sam revealed that he was willing to put the past behind him for the sake of his granddaughter. Thingo, after Kelly's mother started taking her to visit him in his KwaZulu-Natal home.



GROWN MOVE:
Sam Meyiwa

"I've realised that as much as there's a level of hatred towards Kelly, I can't punish my granddaughter for her mum's sins," he told the local publication. "I can't just let life continue without loving my granddaughter - she's the happiness for both her parents," he added. Sam revealed that it all started when Kelly's mom called him and explained that Thingo was not well, before suggesting that she would probably feel better after paying her paternal family as a visit. *Drum*

PRINCE KAYBEE, EVENT ORGANISER IN FEUD

JOHANNESBURG - Award-winning house music producer and DJ Prince Kaybee reportedly failed to show up for a live performance, and as a result, is now embroiled in a dispute with the event organiser. According to Sunday Sun, Kaybee was booked to perform at an event called *The Heavyweights*, at Carnival City, in Ekurhuleni. However, it is alleged that the *Better Days* hitmaker snubbed the



FEUD: Prince Kaybee.

event at the last minute. Speaking to the local publication, the event's organiser Richard M Ramudzuli revealed that Kaybee's manager, Tuxedo, started giving him excuses an hour before the start was scheduled to be on stage. In the aftermath of Kaybee failing to show up, Richard claims his event's reputation has been harmed. *Drum*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY



ASSAULT: Ntandane.

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

ISIDINGO

TODAY



RETALIATION: Tyson.

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

Muvhango

TODAY



SOLUTION: Azwindini.

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

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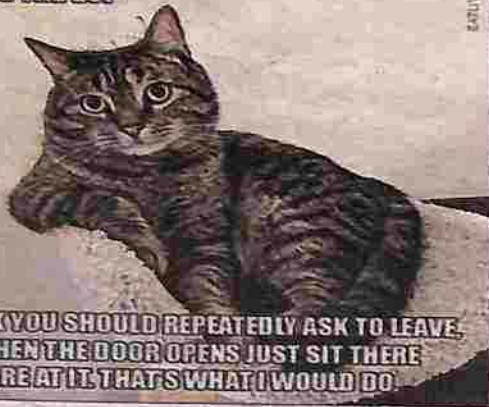
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DISTRAUGHT: Puleng.

Renelwe has found out that Zolani is engaged to be married. Lerato thinks that she is onto Brenda. Suffocate tells Puleng that Themba is coming to stay with her. Bash - not knowing the full truth about recent events - tells Themba he's onto him.

-CAT, WHAT'S YOUR OPINION ON BRITAIN LEAVING THE EU?



-I THINK YOU SHOULD REPEATEDLY ASK TO LEAVE, THEN WHEN THE DOOR OPENS JUST SIT THERE AND STARE AT IT. THAT'S WHAT I WOULD DO.

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn
December 22 – January 19

You are a very feeling person and can sense the drift of a situation without a lot of analysis. You radiate energy and information and you may have to just accept the fact that people like to learn from you. People may gather around you when you are talking about statistics, probabilities and simple insight into what had previously been thought difficult.



Cancer
June 22 – July 22

As a phenomenal worker, you pour yourself into any task with absolute determination. You are responsible to the extreme and take on obligations as though you just cannot get enough. Your drive to succeed is strong and although you have made some progress in creating a balance for your life—there is still work to be done. Comedy relief and books on organization may be the avenue of balance.



Aquarius
January 20 – February 18

Legal work, not necessarily problems, may come into play. Perhaps there is someone near you who needs your guidance. Your very fine verbal skills and a natural sense of justice make legal work a distinct possibility. If you are not a lawyer, you may have decided to take the dictation in courts.



Leo
July 23 – August 22

An unexpected career opportunity presents itself today. Money-making ideas come pouring out of your brain. If you find yourself in a professional meeting, you will find yourself taking the lead in the decisions-making area. Obviously, your creative side is on fire. If you are an artist or you are in the advertising business, this is the time to present your ideas.



Pisces
February 19 – March 20

Your timing should be perfect today; the right words, good choices and spontaneity are easy. There are lots of communication, investigation and research, with probing questions. You are not afraid of saying the truth and you seldom pull any punches.



Aries
March 21 – April 19

If you are not on vacation this week, you should be. This is a most pleasant time to travel. If you have no inclination or opportunity to travel the universe may be pushing you into the direction of change. Give yourself options to drive a different route to a regular destination or plan a weekend visit to a new tourist attraction or new store.



Taurus
April 20 – May 20

There may be several times today where you could be in a position to guide young people. Perhaps several new young people are helping in the workplace for a few weeks. This could mean taking inventory or rearranging inventory. You have a natural sense for communicating with others, especially those younger than yourself.



Gemini
May 21 – June 21

Outer circumstances are favourable for whatever you want to accomplish. Things may seem almost magical in the way they work out in your favour. You are so grateful for this fine day that you may do a little shopping for someone else during your noon break. This is a great time to organize and get things accomplished. Quick answers, great wit and an excess of insights are available.



Scorpio
October 24 – November 21

Emotional security, a sense of belonging and nurturing are strongly felt now. You can be very commanding. You have great confidence and a "take-charge" sort of manner. You are a great doer—once you make up your mind about your choices. Others accept your decision-making and support you in your decisions.



Sagittarius
November 22 – December 21

A new or alternate lifestyle and new ways in which to make a living have your interest today. You are economy minded, always able to salvage and redeem anything. You like to tend and care for people and things.



BABY BLUES



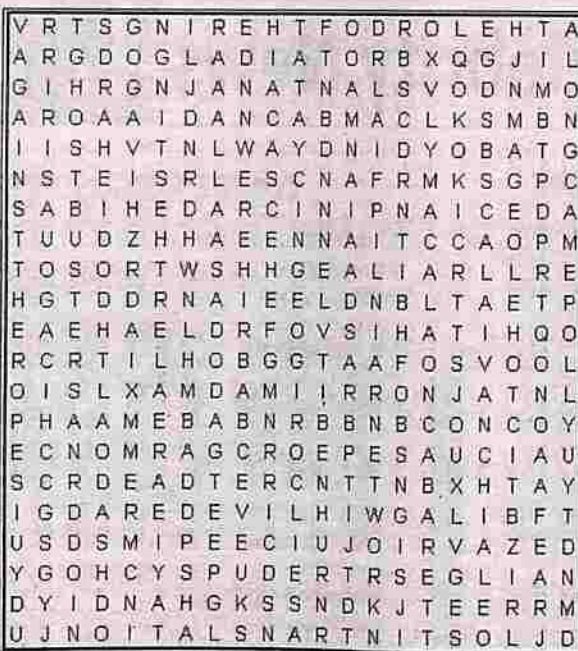
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HANS OLAFSEN

Walking through Chinatown, a tourist is fascinated with all the Chinese restaurants, shops, signs and banners. He turns a corner and sees a building with the sign, "Hans Olafsen's Laundry." "Hans Olafsen?" he muses. "How in hell does that fit in here?" So he walks into the shop and sees an old Chinese gentleman behind the counter. The tourist asks, "How did this place get a name like 'Hans Olafsen's Laundry'?" The old man answers, "Is name of owner." The tourist asks, "Well, who and

where is the owner?" "Ma...is right here," replies the old man. "You? How did you ever get a name like Hans Olafsen?" "Is simple," says the old man. "Many, many year ago when come to this country, was stand in line at Documentation Centre. Man in front was big blonde Swede. Lady looks at him and go, 'What your name?' He say, 'Hans Olafsen.' Then she look at me and go, 'What your name?' 'I say Sem Ting.'

USELESS FACTS

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2. Count the number of cricket chirps in a 15-second period, add 37 to the total, and your result will be very close to the actual outdoor Fahrenheit temperature.
3. One-fourth of the world's population lives on less than \$200 a year. Ninety million people survive on less than \$75 a

year.
4. Butterflies taste with their hind feet.
5. Only female mosquito's bite and most are attracted to the color blue twice as much as to any other color.
6. If one places a tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion, it will instantly go mad and sting itself to death.

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BRAinteasers

1. What has hands but cannot clap?
Answer: A clock.
2. A house has 4 walls. All of the walls are facing south, and a bear is circling the house. What colour is the bear?
Answer: The house is on the North Pole, so the bear is white.

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BRAinteaser's

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Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa Gelane Tigilile Mtsetfwa kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatisa baka Mtsetfwa eTimbutini eVulamehlo eNyakeni eLulwimini kuMaliyaduma naku Matsetsa kaLanga ka Zombodze nebekhabo nina ka Shongwe eMdumezulu. Utawufihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 23/07/2016 ekhaya lakhe eTimbutini. Kuyalindzela mhlaka 22/07/2016. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Simo Mthethwa amnakabo egameni lemndeni.



It is with great sadness to announce the sudden demise of Bongane Gumedze popularly known as Makhuta. Memorial service will be held on 22 July 2016 at Ludzeludze St. Augustina at 2pm. Funeral at Ludzeludze on 22 July 2016. Announcement by family.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni, bangani nebekhabonina wakhe kaMkhabela nabaka Sikhondze ekhakhakhe, nelibandla lakhe lase, Evangelical



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baGogo Ennie Vangile Magagula lobekaliwa ngekutsi nguGogo Zulu Kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 23 July 2016 ekhaya lakhe eMliba emvakwenkonzo lemfishane ntsambama ngaleSihlanu mhlaka 22 July 2016. Kwatiswa ematombeni onkhe nebaka Zulu eswatini nase South Africa kanye nelibandla lemaNazarene kutsi nabo babekhona. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani bamake Shingele Annah Dlamini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni, bekatiwa ngekutsi nguMaglazi. Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 23 July 2016 emvakwemlindzelo ngaleSihlanu eZibonele. Kwatiswa

bakaGogo wakhe kaShongwe eTjeppe nebasekhaya kubo bendlu yaNgangaza, nelibandla leNdiphethe. Simemetelo sikhishwa bantfwabakhe egameni lemndeni.



Relatives and friends of Donald Madonela Mdluli who was working for RSSC are notified of his demise. Funeral at his parental eNkambeni on Saturday 23 July 2016 after a night vigil on Friday. Memorial at Simunye Hall on Thursday at 3pm. Announcement by indvuna Siguca Mdluli.



Kwatiswa tihlobo, bakaNgwenya Embelebeleni, nebakaSikhosana eSiphofaneni, bangani bakhe nebasemsebentini eRFM hospital kaManzini, kutsi Manqoba Aldan Delisa Ngwenya akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ekhaya kubo eMnyokane ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 23 July 2016. Kutawuba nenkonzo yemkhumbuto ngaleSihlanu emini nga 2pm eChrist Embassy kaManzini. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguyise Joachim Sifosini Ngwenya egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baKhulile Nkwanyana naKunene kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 23 July 2016 emvakwemlindzelo ngaleSihlanu. Imemorial service itaba seNazarene Church kuMaliyaduma ngaleSihlanu nga 3pm. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni



Kwatiswa tihlobo taSindisiwe Christina Nkonyane kutsi akasekho emhlabeni, bekaneSalon eSkom Manzini iSindis Salon. Kwatiswa bakaNkonyane eNkondolo, eNgwavuma Victoria nebekhabonina kaDlamini eMndlebeni nebelibandla lakhe lase, Ark of God, batochuba umsebeni kanye nebangani bakhe. Kulindzela ngaleSihlanu, abekwe ngeMgcibelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumake wakhe Lindeni Nkonyane egameni lemndeni.



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kuBulunga kuMalindza kutsi Inkhosikati Dollar Joanah Dlamini, lobekendze eLundzi kaMhlakuvane ekhakhakhe akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa NgeliSontfo 24 July 2016, emvakwemlindzelo lotawuba ngeMgcibelo. Kwatiswa nelibandla lakhe lase Old Apostolic Church. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguMyeni wakh e umntfwaneNkhosi Masikutu Simon Dlamini



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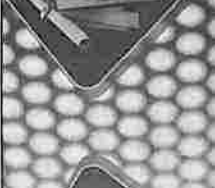


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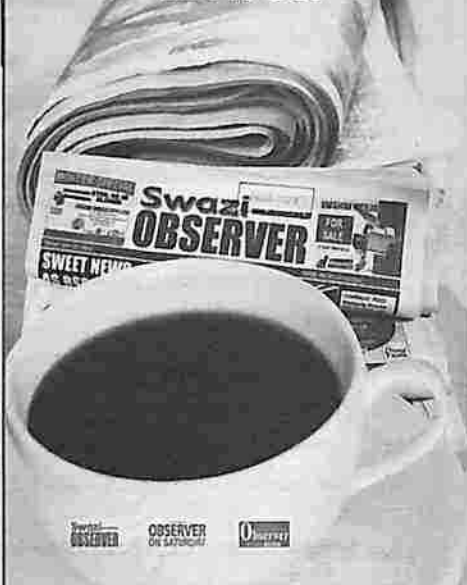
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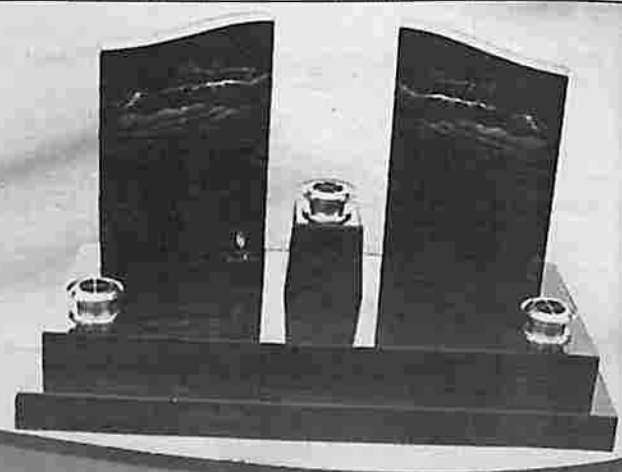
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JOSE MOURINHO UNHAPPY AT EPL FIXTURE SCHEDULING

MANCHESTER - The Premier League would not sanction a postponement of Manchester United's October trip to Chelsea should Jose Mourinho request it amid Europa League commitments.

United's manager is said to be frustrated at a lack of preparation time before their clash at Stamford Bridge on the weekend of October 22/23.

It is scheduled for Saturday (October 22) but likely to be played a day later (October 23) given Europa League group fixtures on the Thursday (October 20).

That leaves a three-day rest period

... but Premier League will turn down any attempt to postpone clash

and Sportsmail understands that United have not contacted the Premier League and postponing is out of the question regardless.

Antonio Conte's side are planning an assault on the title and it is doubtful they would agree to such a move given the likelihood of the two clubs being top of the table rivals.

Despite Mourinho's disappointment, United know the complications of the fixture list and are set to

fall in line.

Playing Thursday and Sunday is common practice for teams in Europe's secondary competition. The potential for pushing back until Monday October 24 is highly unlikely given the League Cup fourth round matches that week.

Mourinho is irked that Chelsea will enjoy a full week off prior to their game.

Daily Mail

'Xhaka the perfect signing for Arsenal'

LONDON - Per Mertesacker expects Granit Xhaka to set the tempo from the Arsenal engine room this season and described him as the "perfect signing" for the club.

The 23-year-old, who joined Arsenal in May, captained Borussia Moenchengladbach to fourth place last season and also helped Switzerland reach the last 16 of the Euro 2016.

British media reported Xhaka's transfer fee at about 30 million pounds (\$43.95 million), which would make the midfielder enforcer Arsenal's third most expensive signing behind Mesut Ozil and Alexis Sanchez.

"He's a leader and that is really

important, especially in midfield. He has got a very good attitude, is very composed on the ball and contributes a lot," Mertesacker told the club's website (www.arsenal.com).

"He is a good passer as well, so he will set the tempo. I am looking forward to how he does it, how composed he will be in training and in the games.

"He will be the perfect signing for us."

Francis Coquelin, who played 26 league games last campaign, said Arsenal needed to dig deep in big games and must pay closer attention to details in order to push for the title after finishing second to champions Leicester City. *Reuters*

Stoke City bid £20m for Saido Berahino

STOKE - Stoke City have made a £20million bid for West Bromwich Albion striker Saido Berahino.

The 22-year-old is also a target for Crystal Palace after turning down the chance to sign a new four-year contract at the Hawthorns.

The offer is an increase on the £16m

offered last month and closer to the bid Stoke put in in January.

Berahino only has one year left on contract but West Brom, who are continuing talks over a takeover, value him at £22million. Sportsmail revealed earlier in July however that Berahino is happy to stay at West Brom next sea-

son if his future isn't finalised by the end of the July. The striker does not want to be involved in another saga and if he is not sold by the end of the month he will be fully focused on the season ahead. Albion have also had a £9m bid for left-sided Leicester defender Jeffrey Schlupp rejected. *Daily Mail*

New-boy Ibrahimovic to miss China tour

MANCHESTER - Zlatan Ibrahimovic will miss Manchester United's pre-season tour of China as the Sweden striker takes an extended break following Euro 2016.

Ibrahimovic joined Jose Mourinho's side on a free transfer after leaving French champions Paris Saint Germain at the end of last season, but the Premier League club's legion of fans in

China won't get a first glimpse of the marquee signing in a United shirt.

Although United's 25-man squad for the trip includes Wayne Rooney, Marcus Rashford, Chris Smalling, David De Gea and Paddy McNair, who all exited Euro 2016 later than Ibrahimovic, the former Barcelona and Inter Milan forward was granted extra time off by Mourinho. *Sport24*

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Applications are invited from Suitably Qualified Lifts and Escalator Installation Specialists that are registered with the Swaziland Construction Industry Council (CIC) for the financial year 2016/17 wishing to tender for the above mentioned project. Joint ventures between local Contractors and reputable international contractors are welcome.

Tender returns comprise the following:

1. A completed set of Tender Documents
2. A valid Trading License
3. A valid Labour Compliance Certificate
4. A valid Tax Clearance Certificate
5. A valid tender surety worth E10 000.00
6. A valid certification of registration with the Swaziland Construction Industry Council
7. Details of proposed Joint Venture Agreement
8. Signed Site Inspection Certificate

Tender documents will be available from 8 am on Wednesday 20th of July 2016 and may be collected from:

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Tender bids should be returned no later than 10 am on Wednesday the 17th of August 2016 to the ICC Site Office and must be addressed as follows:

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3. A valid Labour Compliance Certificate
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6. A valid certification of registration with the Swaziland Construction Industry Council
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MKHABELA READY FOR CHIEFS PRESSURE

JOHANNESBURG - Newly signed Kaizer Chiefs midfielder Enocent Mkhabela says he is aware of the approach the club has for every game.

According to the club's official website, the 27-year-old admits there is a lot of quality in the side following several new additions to the squad.

"There is a lot of quality in the team," comments Mkhabela.

"The competition is high here; the guys are taking their job seriously at Chiefs." Amakhosi had a 10-day training camp in



Mpumalanga. Ironically, Mkhabela hails from Naas Township, which is just outside Nelspruit.

"It was good to be in my backyard," he reacts with a

big smile on his face.

"I couldn't visit my family due to the tight schedule at camp, but it was good to be in my home province."

Sport24

Sekola hunted by Celtic, Chiefs

FREE STATE - Free State Stars striker Moeketsi Sekola is set to leave the club ahead of their new Premiership campaign, after receiving a number of

transfer offers.

His agent, Ratshibvumo Mulovhedzi, has confirmed that Kaizer Chiefs, Wits and Bloemfontein Celtic have tabled offers.

Sale

Stars are expected to offload the bulk of their players after the sale of their Absa Premiership status to National Second Division outfit Moroka Swallows.

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Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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

Category A

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

Category B (Limited Tender)

- B1 Tent Rentals, Deco & Furniture for VIPs

Category D

- D1 Stage & Canopy
- D2 Sound and Lighting

Category C

- Mobile Toilets Rentals/Hire

Category E

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

The application for Expression of Interest should include the following:

1. Full names and contact details of Directors and Shareholders.
2. Company Business Profile
3. Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation
4. Certified copy of current Form J
5. Certified copy of Form C
6. Certified copy of current Trading License
7. Certified copy of Department of Labour Certificate of Compliance
8. Certified copy of SNPF Employer's compliance Clearance Certificate
9. Current Tax Clearance Certificate
10. VAT Registration

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

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Tenders are hereby invited for suitably qualified Computer Hardware wholesale or retail entities for the supply of computer hardware for the abovementioned project, on Lot 2352 Mhlabathini Street, Mbabane.

The scope of works and product specifications are outlined in the tender document which may be obtained as from 10 am on the 15th July 2016, at Sincephetelo MVA Fund offices, 2nd Floor, Gwamile Street, Mbabane, on payment of a non-refundable deposit of E500.00 (cash payment only).

Tenderers should submit the following documents:

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- 3) Company profile and CV's of key personnel
- 4) Certified copy of valid trading license
- 5) Certified copy of valid tax compliance certificate
- 6) Company audited annual financial statements for the past three years or since company inception if newer than stipulated period
- 7) Names and contact details of at least three recent references
- 8) Certificate from hardware vendor indicating certification or authorisation to carry out similar work.

Tenders are to be deposited in our Tender Box in a sealed envelope with the project name not later than 12 Noon on Friday 12th August 2016, MVA Fund Office reception, 2nd Floor, Gwamile Street Mbabane. No late submission, no facsimile, email or other forms of submission will be accepted than the prescribed. There shall be a public tender opening immediately after the date of tender close.

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CHILEAN FOOTBALLERS VOTE TO STRIKE, MATCHES CALLED OFF

CHILLI - Chile's footballers have voted to go on strike, forcing the start of the league season to be postponed.

The players' union SIFUP is unhappy at a decision to reduce promotion and relegation in the new season, a move which it says has cost 120 players their jobs in the top two divisions.

It has also complained about unpaid wages at some clubs. "The professional players

unanimously decided to follow the call to stop the national championship," said SIFUP in a statement. The Chilean FA (ANFP) has ruled that only one team will be relegated and one team promoted between the top tier, known as the Primera Division, and second tier, known as the Primera B, at the end of the 2016/17 season.

Meanwhile, there will be no promotion or relegation at all

between the second and third tier, known as the Segunda.

SIFUP said the decision had "reduced the competitiveness of the domestic tournaments, where the clubs, who do not see themselves as threatened in case of a poor campaign, have drastically cut the costs of their squads."

It said that 120 players had seen their contracts terminated in the top two tiers and 300 in

the third tier.

The ANFP confirmed that the start of the season at the weekend would be postponed and said the reduced promotion and relegation was for the upcoming season only.

"We regret SIFUP's decision to ratify the strike, a situation which will have negative effects on the championship, the fans, the players and the sport in general," it said. *Timeslive*

FIFA promises 'appropriate steps' over alleged Russian doping cover-up

MOSCOW - Soccer's world ruling body FIFA has promised "appropriate steps" after a report on Monday said a dozen positive doping cases in Russian football were among hundreds covered up by Moscow.

However, FIFA did not comment directly on allegations in the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) report that Russian Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko, who sits on its supervisory FIFA Council, had ordered the cover-up in the cases of the footballers.

The independent WADA report, which followed an investigation led by Canadian lawyer Richard McLaren, concentrated on allegations of systematic doping by Russian athletes at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi. It said that Moscow had concealed hundreds of positive doping cases from a variety of sports, including soccer, in the run-up to the games.

"FIFA will request from WADA all details concerning the individual cases of doping in Russian football that are referenced in the McLaren report," FIFA said in a statement to Reuters.

Daily Mail

MURRAY PULLS OUT OF TORONTO EVENT TO FOCUS ON RIO



LONDON - Wimbledon champion Andy Murray has pulled out of next week's Rogers Cup in Toronto so he can give his body time to rest before he sets out in defence of his Olympic singles title at the Rio Games.

Britain's Murray won his third Rogers Cup title last year in

PULLS OUT: Wimbledon champion Andy Murray.

Montreal but the defending champion said after reaching the final round in each of his last five events, that he needed to take some time off.

"My body needs some recovery time after reaching the latter stages of tournaments over the past few months," Murray, who is second in the world rankings, said in a statement released by Tennis Canada. "I'm sorry to my fans in Toronto

but I look forward to being back in Canada next year."

Murray's decision marks the first time the three-times grand slam champion has skipped the Canadian event since his first appearance in 2006.

The Rogers Cup will run from July 23-31 and the tennis competition at the Rio Olympics will be held from August 6 to 14.

Reuters

BALOTELLI ATTRIBUTES TO BE ONE OF THE BEST STRIKERS

LIVERPOOL - Andrea Pirlo believes Liverpool striker Mario Balotelli has the makings of a top-class striker but has warned him he is wasting his talent by not living up to his potential.

The midfield maestro, who is currently playing for New York City, insists Balotelli is capable of becoming one of the world's best but has urged his former Italy team-mate to stop wasting time. "He frustrates me, but I do have so much affection for Mario," Pirlo told the Mirror.

"He is infectious to be around. When I used to see him walk into training for Italy, he would have



ADMIRER: Andrea Pirlo and Mario Balotelli.

this big smile on his face - and I would just burst out laughing - and start wondering what is he thinking, what is he up to?

"I have played with some of the best strikers, and I can tell you Mario has all the attributes to be one of the best strikers in the world." *Daily Mail*

Zidane admits his squad size makes Rodriguez's future 'complicated'

MADRID - Real Madrid Manager Zinedine Zidane has admitted he cannot guarantee James Rodriguez regular football at the Santiago Bernabeu this season.

The Colombian 25-year-old, who joined Real for £63million in 2014, is yet to truly establish himself at the club and there has been speculation surrounding his future.

James enjoyed an impressive debut campaign under Carlo Ancelotti but struggled last season, firstly under Rafa Benitez and then his replacement Zidane.

And his French manager, who led the club to a Champions League triumph last term, has conceded that James is by no

means a certain starter when the season begins. "The idea with James is the same as with everyone else - he's a Real Madrid player," said Zidane. "I'm not going to tell you that James is a starter."

He's an important player. We'll see what happens this year, I have a big squad and it's complicated. "I have to play the most competitive side I can and I'll do the same thing this season, that's my responsibility."

James managed 26 La Liga appearances for Real last season, scoring seven goals and popping up with eight assists but it remains to be seen if he will stay in Spain this summer. *Daily Mail*

Del Bosque has no regrets after stepping down



SATISFIED: Vicente Del Bosque celebrates winning the 2010 World Cup.

BARCELONA - Outgoing Spain coach Vicente del Bosque has no regrets as he prepares to leave his post at the end of July after eight years in charge during which they won the World Cup and Euro 2012.

He called time on his tenure after Spain's exit from Euro 2016 at the hands of Italy in the first knockout round and will formally leave the post when his contract expires on July 31.

The Spanish Football Federation is expected to appoint his successor straight after that date, with former Athletic Bilbao and Sevilla coach Joaquin Caparros the favourite for the role.

Del Bosque enjoyed a

dream start as coach after succeeding Luis Aragonés in 2008, leading Spain to the 2010 World Cup and helping them retain the European Championship two years later. Spain then suffered a shock group stage elimination at the 2014 World Cup and lost 2-0 to Italy in the last 16 of Euro 2016 after finishing second in their group behind Croatia. Asked if he had any regrets, the 65-year-old former Real Madrid player and coach said: "No, to be honest I don't. I'm not saying that I'm leaving having completed every task I was set, because we knew that was impossible and unachievable." *Daily Mail*

Stones keen to push through £50m move to Man City

LONDON - John Stones wants to push through a £50million move to Manchester City as early as next week.

The England international defender told Everton Manager Ronald Koeman he wanted to leave early this month and City have made initial contact.

City are reluctant to pay the asking price and have offered players plus cash in exchange as the clubs try to strike a deal.

22-year-old Stones is seen as a player who can bring the ball out of defence for Pep Guardiola, a key role in all his teams at Barcelona and Bayern Munich.

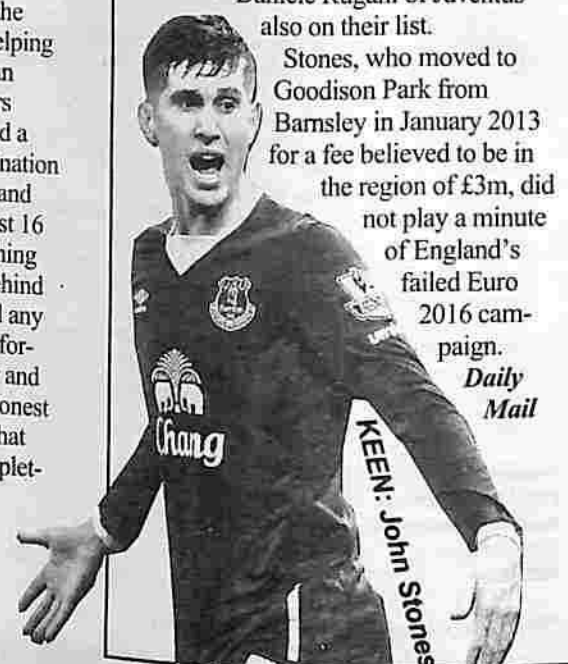
Stones is excited by the prospect of working with the Spaniard and believes it will make him a much better player.

Everton accept that Stones has grown disillusioned at the club and have already earmarked Chelsea target Kalidou Koulibaly at Napoli as a player they want to bring in. A meeting is scheduled for today over the 25-year-old Senegal international with Napoli looking for £40million. That may force Everton to look elsewhere with Porto's Bruno Martins Indi and Daniele Rugani of Juventus

also on their list.

Stones, who moved to Goodison Park from Barnsley in January 2013 for a fee believed to be in the region of £3m, did not play a minute of England's failed Euro 2016 campaign.

Daily Mail



RONALDO VOWS TO 'COME BACK STRONGER'

MADRID - In what will serve as an ominous warning to La Liga defences Cristiano Ronaldo is vowing to come back stronger from the knee injury that curtailed his involvement in this month's European Championship final.

The Portuguese star was injured in a first-half clash with France's Dimitri Payet and, despite his stubborn efforts to battle through the pain, left the Stade de France pitch on a stretcher.

But just over one week later the Real Madrid attacker has posted an upbeat video on Instagram.

He said: 'A big hug to my fans and tell them everything is fine, I'll come back stronger. Viva Portugal.'

The consummate professional Ronaldo set the wheels in motion on

his recovery process while on holiday with his family in Ibiza.

He attended a specialist clinic on the island to receive oxygen treatment and it is anticipated he will return in time for Real's home encounter with Osasuna on September 11.

His enforced lay off will at least afford Ronaldo a breather. He has

played more than 50 games in each of five of his seven seasons at the Bernabeu Stadium and last term featured 48 times for his club before joining Portugal's ultimately successful Euros campaign. Ronaldo will sit

out Real's pre-season involvement in the International Champions Cup,

which comprises of fixtures in the USA against Paris Saint-Germain, Chelsea and Bayern Munich.

Daily Mail



VOWS: Cristiano Ronaldo.

ZIDANE AMONG THE LEGENDS WITH SONS BREAKING THROUGH

Madrid - They won't be able to sing 'There's Only One Zidane' on Real Madrid's pre-season tour of North America because there are three - the legendary Zinedine, now manager, and sons Luca and Enzo who are both part of the squad to face PSG, Chelsea and Bayern Munich in the International Champions Cup.

And the Zidane offspring aren't the only famous names to be emerging in the game.

Zinedine Zidane and sons Enzo and Luca

Zizou needs little introduction. Regarded as arguably the great-

est European player of all-time, he won the World Cup with France and Champions League with Real Madrid, scoring in both finals.

Even his most infamous act, headbutting Marco Materazzi in the 2006 World Cup Final, hasn't diminished his popularity and the success gene has also translated to management, leading Madrid to the Champions League last season. Zidane Sr has four sons and two of them are in the 25-man Real Madrid squad currently on tour of North America in the International Champions Cup.

Daily Mail



YOUNG STARS: Enzo Zidane, son of France legend Zinedine Zidane, is on Real Madrid's books and is tipped to break through.

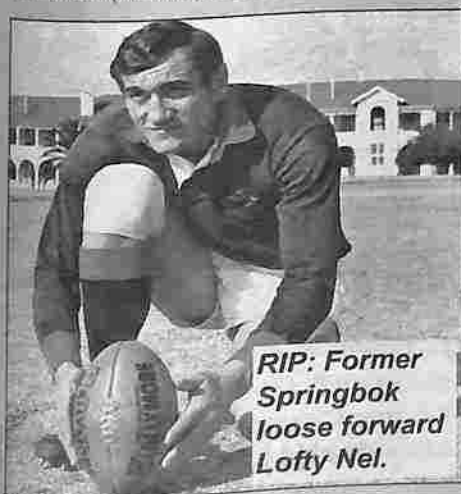
Ex-Springbok Lofty Nel passes away

CAPE TOWN - Former Springbok loose forward Lofty Nel passed away at the age of 80 on Monday.

Nel played 11 Tests at No 8 and flank for the Springboks between 1960 and 1970.

Nel made his Test debut at Ellis Park against the 1960 All Blacks and played his final Test 10 years later against the same opponents - again at Ellis Park. The Boks won both those Tests.

He played provincial rugby for Transvaal (now called Lions), Western Transvaal (Leopards) and South Eastern Transvaal (Pumas). *Sport24*



RIP: Former Springbok loose forward Lofty Nel.

WP president upset about stars leaving

CAPE TOWN - The Western Province Rugby Union wants to investigate why three of its brightest young stars will leave to join the Golden Lions next season.

Sport24 recently reported that Gianni Lombard (fullback), Manuel Rass (centre) and Khanya Ncusane (No 8) would be heading north next year.

The three Paarl Boys' High scholars were stars for Western Province's Under-18 side during last week's Craven Week, where the Cape side defeated the Golden Lions in the unofficial final at Kearsney College near Durban.

But the trio will next year join the very same team they helped defeat 27-20 at the Craven

Week. And WP president Thelo Wakefield is not happy with this. "It's sad that we'll be losing them."

We'll investigate why it happened. We're not just going to leave it there," Wakefield told Network24.

"We want to look at the role of people working with the players. The ones that we hold onto need

to develop into gems. Our kids showed at the youth weeks that we have fantastic depth and that we can depend on them."

Not only did WP dominate the Under-18 Craven Week, they were also the unofficial champions at the Under-18 Academy Week as well as the Under-13 Craven Week.

Sport24

Malaysia's Chia unfazed by Zika threats

MALAYSIA - Malaysian golfer Danny Chia is unfazed by the high-profile pullouts from next month's Rio Games over the Zika virus and believes he will still have to battle a world class field to return with an Olympic medal.

Golf's return to Olympics for the first time since 1904 has been hit by withdrawals by big names, including the world's top four players Jason Day, Dustin Johnson, Jordan Spieth and Rory McIlroy.

"It's a shame that golf will return to the Olympics after 112 years without the world's top

four stars and several other top players," Chia told the Malaysian media.

"There are still many world-class players in the 60-man field. They all want to win a medal badly for their country, including me. So, I think the golf competition is going to be a big success in Rio. I'm very proud to be part of it."

Mosquito-borne Zika virus can cause crippling birth defects in infants and has been linked to the neurological disorder Guillain-Barre in adults.

The Rio Games will be held from Aug. 5-21. *Reuters*

SWEDISH FREE-SKIER DIES IN CHILE AVALANCHE

SWEDEN - Swedish professional extreme skier Matilda Rapaport has died after being caught in an avalanche in the Andes mountains near Chile's capital Santiago, her sponsor Red Bull said on Monday.

Rapaport, who was 30 years old, was skiing during a film shoot outside the resort town of Farellones last Thursday after a major snowstorm when the avalanche occurred. She died later in hospital after suffering oxygen deprivation and brain damage.

"Matilda was an extraordinary

athlete, traveling the world to find her passion, ride steep terrain and share her bright smile," Red Bull said in a statement. Rapaport was an established part of the freeride skiing circuit, in which athletes rapidly descend steep, rocky mountain faces, and she had appeared in many ski films and magazines.

Her death occurred nearly two years after the Chilean avalanche deaths of famed extreme skiers Jean-Philippe Aucclair, a Canadian, and Clair Andreas Fransson, a Swede.

Reuters



Moyes visits Jordan FA to share coaching experience

JORDAN - Having managed Everton and Manchester United in the Premier League, David Moyes has plenty of experience to share and he has done so on a recent visit to Jordan.

Moyes, who also managed Preston in England, is still without a job after being relieved of his duties as Real Sociedad boss in November of last year.

And the 53-year-old Scot has made the most of his spare time this summer by flying out to Jordan where he has shared his coaching experience with the national team's coaching staff.

The former Old Trafford boss, who was linked with a return to Everton before Ronald Koeman took over the reins at Goodison Park, was holding coaching panels.

He also took time out of the session to pose for pictures and revealed he has followed Jordan's progress over the years.

"There is now a bigger understanding of football in this part of the world (Asia), and football in Jordan and Asia is growing," he told the Jordan FA's website.

"But its more important to have good coaches and good education in Jordan, its also important to work on the mentality of players.

They need to learn how hard they need to work in order to become professionals. You need good coaches with good leadership, and facilities to support the development as well.

Look at Iceland and the size of the country and its population and how they did at the Euros, maybe in Jordan you can have a model similar.

And therefore you need to have a plan and a vision for 10 to 20 years ahead.

It's also very important to develop the women's football and female coaches."

Moyes made a name for himself while managing Premier League outfit Everton, where he stayed for 11 years before leaving to replace Sir Alex Ferguson as United boss in 2013.

But he lasted just 10 months in Manchester before being sacked after a dismal run of form, which eventually saw them miss out of Champions League qualification.

Daily Mail

HHOHHO REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING



IN NUMBERS: A section of the stakeholders listening attentively during the Hhohho Regional Football Association (HRFA) General Meeting held at Mhlatane High School Hall on Sunday where more than 500 delegates attended. (Pics: Sanele Jele)



PRESENTATION: Parmalat Sales and Marketing Manager Qinisile Maphanga-Kunene delivering her speech.



REMARKS: CHAPS Outreach Coordinator Sabelo Mlambo addressing the gathering.



PONDERING: Treasurer Linda Mnisi and Secretary Nigel Shongwe during the meeting.



FOCUSED: HRFA Vice-Chairman Brilliant Motsa, executive members Nduduzo Dlamini and Ntokozo Tsela.



SWAZI TV CREW: Phatsizwe Msibi and Celiwe Dlamini upon arrival.



GUEST: NFAS President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa also attended the meeting.



IF I MAY ASK: Vovovo Director Sipho Bhembe was also amongst those who participated during the question and answer session.



ALL IS WELL: HRFA Chairman Comfort Shongwe making an intervention.



RELAXED: HRFA executive member Nkosingiphile Shongwe looking relaxed.



MY POINT: Mbabane Regional League Chairman Elliot Mkhathshwa stressing a point.



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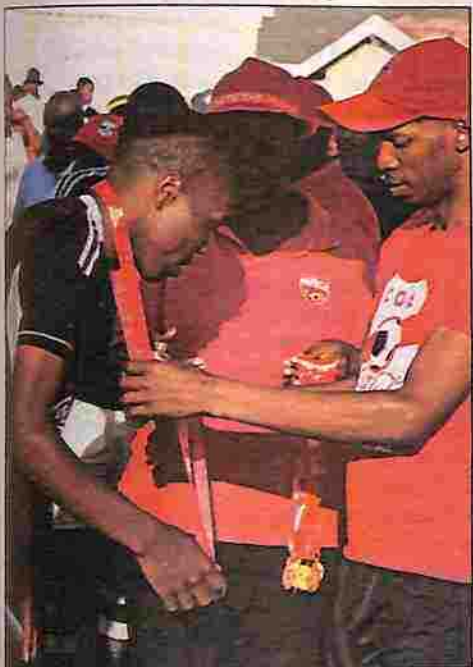
COPA COCA-COLA TOURNAMENT



CHAMPS: Duze High School captain, Ali Matse, receiving the trophy from Swaziland Beverages Marketing Manager, Mcolisi Dlamini and SSSA President, Celucolo 'Dino' Dlamini. Duze beat Hillside 2-1 in the COPA Coca-Cola tournament, at Manzini Club on Saturday.



IT'S A GOAL: Duze's first goal.



GOLDEN BOYS: Duze players receiving their gold medals from Swaziland Beverages Marketing Manager, Mcolisi Dlamini.



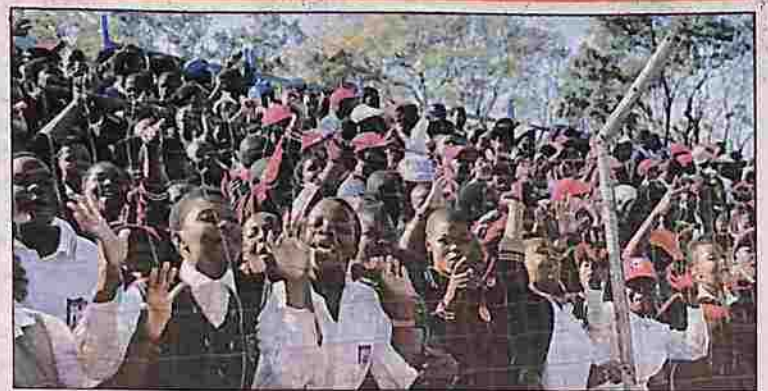
THE BEST: Swaziland Beverages' Mcolisi Dlamini congratulating Lindelwa Mngometulu.



SUPPORT: Gege MP Mbongiseni Malinga, Louis Nxumalo, and FA President Adam Bomber Mtsetfwa among the spectators.



SILVER: 'Dino' Dlamini giving out medals.



MAKE US PROUD: Duze High School pupils cheering on the players.



READY TO GO: Hillside and Duze players led by their captains, Sihle Mkhonta and Alli Matse.



THANK YOU: The players clapping hands for the crowd.

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● Leicester want £45m for Riyad Mahrez, 25, but are confident the Algeria forward will stay with the Premier League champions following France midfielder N'Golo Kante's departure for Chelsea. (*Telegraph*)

● Manchester United have delayed announcing their squad numbers for the new season - until they have completed the £105m signing of Juventus' France midfielder Paul Pogba. (*Sun*)

● Barcelona, Real Madrid, Manchester United and Chelsea have all made offers for Valencia's £54m-rated Portugal midfielder Andre Gomes, 22. (*Mundo Deportivo - in Spanish*)

● Arsenal are planning two defensive signings, with Manchester City's Jason Denayer, 21, and Borussia Dortmund's Matthias Ginter, 22, the targets. (*Sun*)

● Bayern Munich and Real Madrid are still interested in Germany winger and Manchester City target Leroy Sane, 20, according to the player's father. (*Manchester Evening News*)

● Arsenal have had a £2m bid accepted for Bolton and England Under-21 defender Rob Holding, 20. (*Daily Mail*)

● West Ham left-back Aaron Cresswell, 26, has backed former manager Sam Allardyce to take over as England manager. (*Guardian*)

● Hull boss Steve Bruce is the second man to be interviewed for the vacant England manager's position - but he is only expected to be offered the job if Allardyce cannot agree terms. (*Daily Mail*)

● Yesterday's Mirror back page featured Liverpool's interest in Newcastle's Netherlands midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum. (*Mirror*)

● Watford are chasing £3.5m Ivory Coast defender Brice Dja Djedje, 25, from Marseille. (*L'Equipe, via Watford Observer*)

● Diego Costa, 27, has not asked to leave Chelsea and the Spain striker is expected to stay at Stamford Bridge this summer. (*Evening Standard*)

● Meanwhile, new Chelsea Manager Antonio Conte has been in daily contact with Real Madrid forward Alvaro Morata, 23, assuring him of his role were he to join the Blues this summer. (*Marc*)



By Samle Jele

SOCCER - HHOHLO

Regional Football Association (HRFA) Chairman Comfort Shongwe has said a strong willingness to ward administrators, who seem to derive pleasure in putting the beautiful game into disrepute.

In his address during the HRFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Mbatane High School Hall on Sunday, Shongwe noted that even though there was steady improvement in the administration of football in the region as the competitions committee adhered to the timetables of the season, there were some individuals within the committee who did not want to work according to the laid down rules.

"Some administrators want a breakaway league and we are now aware of that. Telling clubs to form their own leagues is not the way to go.

HRFA CHAIRMAN COMFORT SHONGWE READS RIOT ACT



BE WARNED: HRFA Chairman Comfort Shongwe addressing the gathering.

Others do not follow the calendar and the plan drawn by the executive."

He said some administrators were all about personal gain. "These are some of the hiccups that compromise the governance and administration of football in the region.

On another note, Shongwe said they were working around the clock to have more playing

grounds in the region. "It is a known fact that we do not have enough playing grounds and the association is working tirelessly to address that concern."

Represented

This came to the fore during the meeting when one delegate decried the fact that the Super League teams, who represented the region in both the

Ingwenyama Cup and SwaziBank Cup, were forced to play their games away even when hosting, something which drained them financially.

In response, the chairman admitted there were not enough playing grounds or stadiums.

He said one compromising factor was the fact that the Rocklands Stadium was poorly managed hence it was no longer conducive for staging games.

He, however, assured the gathering that the association was working on that issue hence the opening of the Killarney Sports Ground.

HRFA Secretary General Nigel Shongwe had also highlighted in his activity report that there was lack of good sporting facilities in the region.

Cosmos, Chiefs officially crowned champs

By Samle Jele

SOCCER - FAIRVIEW

Cosmos are champions of the Total Riverview Manzini Promotional League.

The Manzini side was officially crowned champions during a prize presentation held last week at the Manzini Regional Football Association offices.

For their achievement, the team received £4 000 while Fairview Chiefs received £3 000 after topping the First Division, which was sponsored to a tune of £10 000. The promotional league was sponsored to a tune of £20 000.

Hub Sindown was also handed a trophy and medals after gaining promotion to the National First Division.

Worth nothing is that the Manzini Super League has no sponsor yet thus Sindown



REWARDED: Fairview Cosmos's Themba Twala receiving the trophy from Totals' Bethu Bartjies and Vincent Shabalala. (Pic: Samle Jele)

received a trophy and medals only.

Presenting the prizes was Total Riverview Filling Station's Vincent Shabalala.

"We are happy to partner with HRFA. We want to commit ourselves to the development of football in this region since we believe there is so much talent in the hub," Shabalala said.

HRFA Chairman Samora Simelane thanked the sponsor

for supporting them thus far.

"We are happy with their contribution towards developing local football. Mine would be to urge other companies to join hands with us as we seek to improve the standard of football in the country. It must be noted that without sponsors, football will not develop. We also congratulate the teams and fans for behaving well throughout the season," Simelane said.

SUCSA trip to CUCSA games cancelled

By Samle Jele

SPORTS - THE Swaziland University and College Sports Association has announced cancellation of the trip to the Confederation of University and College Sports Association games to be staged in Zimbabwe next month.

(Confirming the latest development was SUCSA Secretary Sibusiso Dlamini.

"The trip to Bulawayo for the CUCSA games has been cancelled because the government could not issue us a clearance due to the prevailing situation in Zimbabwe," Dlamini said.

The secretary has apologised to athletes for any inconvenience caused by the cancellation of the games.

"The games were scheduled for August 1-6. The team was expected to leave the country late last month but unfortunately we could not honour the games."

He then urged the athletes not to be discouraged.

"We have the SUCSA games in September where we expect them to take part. They must continue exercising to keep fit and be ready for the upcoming games," he added.

The secretary said these games would continue with or without SUCSA.

The next CUCSA games will be held in Angola in 2018.

Zimbabwe would be hosting the biennial games for the first time in 25 years as they were last held in Harare in 1991. The 18th edition will be staged in Bulawayo.

There was a change in the hosting procedure from a bidding process to being held rotationally in all the 10 countries to ensure all nations host the Games. The 10 countries in CUCSA Region Five are Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

There are nine sporting codes that would be contested for which include football, basketball, tennis, table tennis, chess, athletics, netball, karate and volleyball.

SNBL resumes this weekend

By Sibusiso Masilela

BASKETBALL - THE

Swaziland National Basketball League will return to action on Saturday following a three-week break due to the international tournament which took place three weeks ago.

The weekend games will take place at the Manzini Sports Centre where there will be mouth-watering clashes in both the Elite Men League (EML) and the National Women League (NWL).

According to a fixture released yesterday by SNBL Commissioner Melusi Hlopho, basketball fanatics will be treated to a tricky Mbatane derby pitting Imbumbi and Mbatane Raptorn as both teams will be looking to improve their standings on the log table.

Consolidate

Current log leaders and defending champions Mbatane Jazz will be out to consolidate their top spot against Luyengo Pacers, who had an unimpressive start in the new campaign.

Mbatane Jazz are on the

THE FULL FIXTURE:

All games at the Manzini Sports Centre			
Enjabeni Griffins	vs	Luyengo Jazz	9am
Superstars	vs	Cats	11am
Imbumbi	vs	Raptorn	1pm
Bosco Steels	vs	Cats	3pm
Mbatane Jazz	vs	Luyengo P	5pm

rampage and are yet to taste defeat this season.

Hub giants Bosco Steels will be hoping to use home ground advantage to tannet Cats in order to close the gap between them and the log leaders.

The NWL will see the inconsistent Enjabeni Griffins taking on Lady Jazz, who have so far had a good run in the league.

Zungu and Moneni Pirates in contractual disagreement

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – SOUTH African midfielder Vusumuzi Zungu's move to Moneni Pirates looks uncertain, as the player is reportedly in contractual dispute with his suitors.

The combative midfielder, who was instrumental at Mbabane Highlanders in the previous MTN Premier League campaign, is said to be unhappy with what the 'Buccaneers' are offering him, as part of the contract.

A source close to the matter asserted that the player was still undecided on whether he would be joining the 2015 SwaziBank Cup champions in the new campaign.

"He is not willing to settle for what Pirates are offering him. The player has requested the team review their



NEGOTIATING: Pirates Public Relations Officer Thamie Dlamini.

offer, and this has even delayed him from starting training with them."

The player is said to have given Moneni Pirates the first preference.

"He will know his fate on Saturday, during the team's big meeting, where they will also be revealing logistics of the new season," the source said.

Pirates Public Relations Officer, Thamie Dlamini, said they were still locked in negotiations with the player when contacted yesterday.

"The board is still working on the matter and we hope they will finalise everything before Saturday where we will be unveiling our new players. I cannot deny his quality and we would love to have him in our team," he said.

The 'Sea Robbers' openly revealed that they would be making new additions in the new seasons to replace the likes of Thabiso Gumbi, who has joined the Correctional Services side Green Mamba.

I quit Malanti to focus on my teaching career - Ernest

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - FORMER Malanti Chiefs head coach, Ernest Mavuso, has come out to say he asked to be excused from the team to focus on his teaching career.

Mavuso joined Malanti Chiefs towards the end of the season after a spell with Red Lions.

When Mavuso joined the team, they were at the bottom of the log, having collected three points in as many games.

Mavuso, just like senior national team coach, Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, is a teacher by profession.

He is a teacher at Swazi National High School.

Mavuso said, due to the fact that Malanti held their training at Motjane Sports Ground, whilst he worked at Matsapha, it was hard for him to find the balance between his teaching career and his passion for the sport.

"There was not enough time for me to juggle the two, hence why I told the club to go ahead and hire a new coach.

The workload was too much for me, so I asked to be excused. But had it not been for my work with pupils, who will be engaged in external exams soon, I will still be with the team," he said.

Mavuso said he had not quit the game, but was under no pressure to find a new team just yet, as there hasn't been any team that has approached him for his services.



FOCUS: Former Malanti Chiefs head coach Ernest Mavuso.

It has been reported that Mavuso has been replaced by Zimbabwe-born coach Lazarus Magaya.

'Downs set to sign Nigerian defender

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – MANZINI Sundowns are on the verge of signing former Tambuti FC Nigerian defender, Gabriel Goshen, ahead of the 2015/16 season.

The towering defender started training with the 'Kappa Boys' two weeks ago and is hoping to win a contract with the Manzini-based side.

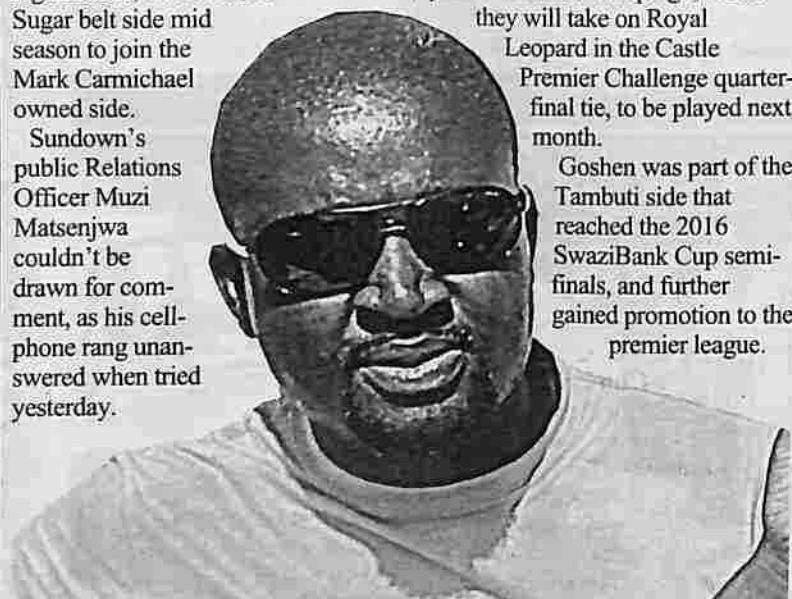
He is looking to impress the Musa Manyatsi led technical bench, together with former Manzini Wanderers pair of Mthokozisi Nkhambele and Sicelo 'Junior' Simelane, who are also trying their luck with the team.

Goshen is expected to form part of the team that will face South African National First Division side Black Leopards on Saturday, during a friendly slated for Manzini Club.

The friendly games will also feature premier league returnees,

Moneni Pirates. He will be the second Tambuti FC player to join Sundowns since Cameroonian defender Jean Nguimbois, who left the Sugar belt side mid season to join the Mark Carmichael owned side.

Sundown's public Relations Officer Muzi Matsenjwa couldn't be drawn for comment, as his cell-phone rang unanswered when tried yesterday.



NO WHERE TO BE FOUND: Sundown's Public Relations Officer Muzi Matsenjwa.

Sundowns recently roped in Former Head of Youth Development Penuel Malinga, as a their new physical trainer to help the side prepare for the new campaign, where they will take on Royal Leopard in the Castle Premier Challenge quarter-final tie, to be played next month.

Goshen was part of the Tambuti side that reached the 2016 SwaziBank Cup semi-finals, and further gained promotion to the premier league.

Coaches to be addressed on new laws of the game

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER – MTN Premier League and National First Division coaches will be addressed on the new laws of the game, during a workshop to be held at Lobamba Technical Centre, on Friday.

This is all according to a press release from the National Football Association of Swaziland.

"The FA will on Friday host a coaching workshop, at the Technical Centre, to help them understand the new laws of the game."

Target

This workshop is scheduled to start at 9am with the target audiences being the Elite league, National First Division and Super League.

"Amongst other topics to be discussed during the workshop are the coaching regulation policy for 2016/2017, and the recent amendments to the Laws of the Game," reads part of the statement.

On another note, the NFAS will again host another two-day anti-doping workshop on

Saturday and Sunday.

"This will be a two-day anti-doping workshop for both the Premier League and National First Division clubs."

It will be held at the OlympAfrica Centre in Lobamba, starting at 9am.

"Head coaches and the team manager are expected to attend the Saturday session without fail."

Then for Sunday, teams are expected to send their medical doctors.

Knowledge

"The main purpose of this workshop is to equip the football clubs with the knowledge, as well as the consequences of doping and dealing with injuries that are sustained by the players.

This will further place local players in good stead with the international requirements for anti-doping."

Doping tests are now a regular feature in international competitions, for which the country is now a regular feature.

"Football clubs, through their coaches, managers and medical doctors, are henceforth requested to attend without fail."

Malawi striker Gomez back at Malanti Chiefs

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – MALANTI Chiefs Malawian striker, Gomez Gondwe, is back with the team after trying his luck with a number of South African sides over the past three weeks.

The lanky front man is currently training with the rest of the team at the Motshane Sports Ground in preparations for the 2015/16 MTN National First Division season.

Malanti Chiefs Public Relations Officer, Mfanimpela 'Sikebhe' Mngometulu, confirmed the player's presence in the team when contacted yesterday.

"He is back with the team after having trials with several South African teams and we are very happy to have him in the team. We are also hoping to retain other international players in Bongani Tshabalala and Thokozani Khanyile."

Mngometulu said they almost had a full strength squad following the return of Tebogo Motale, who will give them the needed experience to help the regain promotion.

"We would love to have experienced players in the team because our main aim is to return to the premier league. I am happy with the response at training as the players are raring to go."

Malanti Chiefs were relegated



CONFIRMED: Malanti Chiefs Public Relations Officer, Mfanimpela 'Sikebhe' Mngometulu.

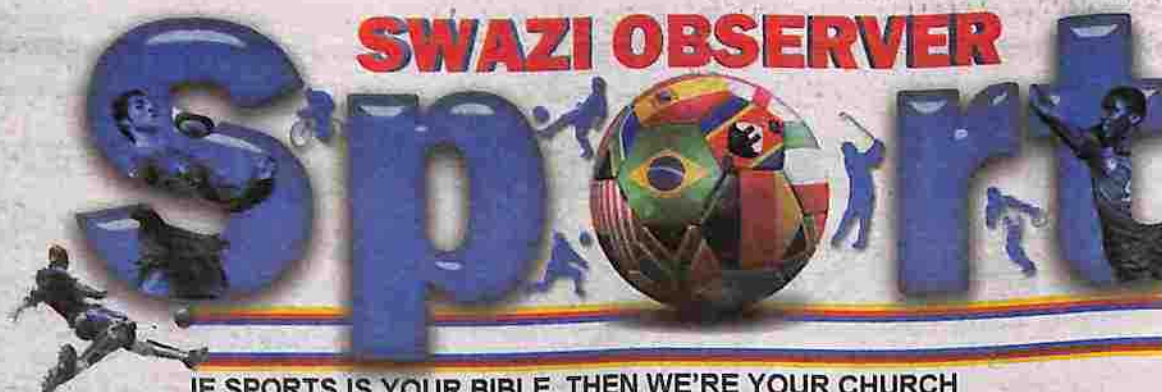
in the past season, following their poor campaign, which saw them changes three in one season. These are Sifiso 'Barnes' Mkhulisi, Franco Ndawa, Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini and Ernest Mavuso, who all failed to help the 2009 SwaziBank Cup champions cheat the dreaded relegation axe.

'Bafana Bemboyi' have reportedly roped in Zimbabwean mentor, Lazarus Magaya, to lead the team in the new campaign.



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'BIRDS' LEGEND 'SPARROW' HONGWANE DIES

- He died yesterday morning after an undisclosed illness
- Family and friends shattered, mum on his death
- Played for Mbabane Swallows and Sihlangu, retired in 1987

Stories by Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - ANOTHER huge loss to local football. Mbabane Swallows have lost one of their legendary players in Thabo 'Sparrow' Hongwane, who passed away yesterday after an undisclosed illness.

Hongwane was confirmed dead after going for medical attention at one of the doctors around Mbabane.

According to a source close to the matter, Hongwane was very unstable when he arrived at the doctor's offices as early as 7:30am. He was driving alone in a Nissan car and is said to have been leaning against the wall while making his way to the doctor's offices. Upon arriving at the offices, he was offered a chair by the security guard, who was also found at the scene, to sit and wait for the doctor, who usually shows up at 9am.

"Fortunately the doctor arrived just after 8am and Hongwane was helped inside the patient-room by him (security guard) and a cleaner. His



THERE GOES A LEGEND: A police officer and Mbabane Burial personnel carrying the body of the late Thabo 'Sparrow' Hongwane yesterday while some of his relatives look on. (Pics; Lucky Simelane)

situation was worsening as time passed and he couldn't walk afterwards," said the source.

Another source, who works with the doctor, said she arrived at work after 8am and was instructed to call the health emergency services.

"Both the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the Fire Emergency Services failed to

show up hastily and after about 15 minutes after the doctor had attended the patient, he was declared dead.

"The deceased had difficulty breathing and his chest was making a loud and peculiar sound. He wanted to talk but no words were coming out, he then started to shout outrageously," explained the source. His family was contacted and seemingly they were around town as they quickly showed up, unfortunately he had passed on.

"I browsed through his phone and went to the last number he dialled and made a call. Fortunately it was her niece on the other side and I narrated the ordeal and she quickly showed up with

another male relative but the deceased had already been taken by an ambulance on their arrival."

A family member, who preferred to speak on condition of anonymity confirmed the death of Hongwane but did not elaborate on the matter, citing that they were yet to inform the elders of the family, who were currently out of the country.

"I cannot say much because as a family we are yet to meet and inform the elders. If things would go my way, I would ask that you do not even publish it because I am not sure how the other family members would react upon seeing this article about the passing away of 'Sparrow'."

We have lost a true legend - Swallows

SOCCER - Mbabane Swallows, through the team's CEO Sibusiso Manana have mourned the death of the legendary Thabo 'Sparrow' Hongwane.

Manana described Hongwane as an all-rounder, playing every position there was in the field of play. Manana said he lacked the words to describe the enormous talent the former 'Birds' legend possessed.

"This is a very sad moment for the team; we have lost one of the greatest talents Mbabane Swallows have ever had. As a team, we would like to send our deepest condolences to the Hongwane family in these trying times. May the Lord comfort and be with the Hongwane family, friends and relative as this dark hour," he said.



BRIEF HISTORY

The name Thabo 'Sparrow' Hongwane sent shivers down the spine of many a defender in the early to mid-1980s. The former Sihlangu striker, who terrorised defenders in the famed red and white Mbabane Swallows jersey was a prolific goal poacher, who played alongside other departed greats like Ronnie 'Valiant' Dube, Pius 'Mkhari' Dube, Sipho Bhengu and other living 'Birds' legends like Wilfred Maria Maria Fakudze, Rueben 'Pele' Mncina, Differ 'Different Strokes' Maphanga, Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane, Lloyd 'Magic Feet' Maziya and others. He also played alongside his brother at Swallows, goalkeeper Styles Hongwane before calling it a day and hanging up his golden boots.

The lanky attacker was recruited and snatched by the then money spinning Denver Sundowns shortly after his return from a very brief stint in South Africa.

In his absence while in SA, his team, Swallows snatched the inaugural BP Cup in 1986 beating Manzini Wanderers 4-2 in a tightly contested final in front of a packed Somhlolo crowd. The father to Manzini Sundowns striker Delisa Hongwane played in arguably one of the most stylish Swallows sides and formed a lethal partnership with another late 'Birds' legend, former captain marvel Gift 'Cracker' Masina. He retired from active playing around 1987.

HONGWANE'S FINAL MOMENTS

