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**BAYETHE:** His Majesty King Mswati III and Inkhosikati LaMahlangu sharing a light moment before the start of proceedings at TECO company yesterday.  
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## 2 NATIONAL NEWS

# WOMEN WITH SUGAR DIABETES GO THROUGH BITTER, PAINFUL SEX

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Bulembu

IN a rather startling revelation, Swaziland Diabetes Association Director and Founder Dumisile Mavuso revealed that sex is extremely painful for women who have sugar diabetes.

She said it was quite laborious such that it could leave women with injuries similar to those rape victims

● *Most diabetic women do not even know that they have intimacy issues caused by the disease hence for many women it remains a silent problem that goes undiagnosed and untreated*

would suffer.

"When you say diabetes and sexual dysfunction, people automatically think it's a men's only problem.

Women with diabetes can also have sexual problems related to their sugar

levels," she said during a conference at Bulembu. She said women with diabetes would suffer from painful sex caused by the lack of natural vaginal lubrication.

Mavuso said the lack of lubrication

could impact a woman's sex life negatively and would further make sexual intercourse uncomfortable.

She said a diabetic woman would sustain painful bruises, sores and horrible yeast infections causing uncontrollable itching where women would be seen even scratching uncontrollably in public.

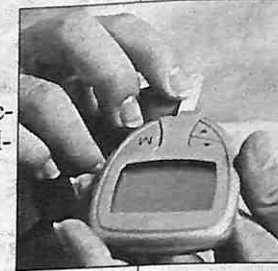
"During foreplay, a man can be shocked to find his partner still dry, this often causes men to think negatively about their partners and other lovers could be tempted to be promiscuous," she

said. Mavuso said it would take quite sometime for women with diabetes to admit they had a problem in bed due to the lack of

public awareness on the matter.

She noted that the local medical community had also been slow to study the issue of sexual dysfunction in women.

"Most diabetic women do not even know that they have intimacy issues caused by the disease. For many women it remains a silent problem that goes undiagnosed and untreated," she said.



## PAC shocked cops who stole fines money still employed

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini  
Lobamba

PARLIAMENTARIANS are shocked that police officers who looted public funds two years ago are still employed by the police service.

The police officers helped themselves on taxpayers' money, brazenly stealing various amounts held in their custody. Police National Commissioner Isaac Magagula's explanation that these thieving officers have already been charged with various criminal counts for their wayward actions could not convince the Public Accounts Committee yesterday.

The PAC is an oversight parliamentary committee looking into the expenditures of government ministries so as to ascertain if the money that was budgeted for and allocated to the departments was eventually spent appropriately.

In terms of government budgetary principles, it is an offence on the part of a department to either under-spend or overspend. This parliamentary committee, therefore, ensured on behalf of the taxpaying citizens in particular and the nation in general that public funds are not misappropriated. Appointed MP Thuli Dladla chairs the committee.

Manzini South MP Owen Nxumalo told Magagula that police officers were so deeply involved in corrupt activities so much that they surpassed civilian criminal gangs.

MP Nxumalo wondered what happened to the discipline they so much loved to proclaim in their quest to appear as a disci-



HOW NOW?: Police National Commissioner Isaac Magagula.

plined force in the eyes of the unsuspecting public.

"Clearly, *lapha kuka machan-cha nje*, where people siphon public funds willy-nilly without any controls," decried Nxumalo. Mbabane West MP Johane Shongwe, a former police officer himself, demanded answers from the national commissioner why it took so long for the Royal Swaziland Police Service to get rid of these criminal elements?

### Masquerading

At the very least, MP Shongwe wanted to know why were these criminal suspects masquerading as police officers not being suspended. Shongwe said during his days as a cop, the involvement of a police officer in criminal cases was unheard of and, in the event any officer was fingered of any wrong doing, the leadership at the time did not hesitate to fire that officer.

Magagula was at pains trying to explain that the proverbial long arm of the law has already caught up with these suspected officers.

He told MP Shongwe that the dark days when managers were law unto themselves and had the liberty to fire people on the spot

## CORRUPT COP STEALS E400 000

A corrupt police officer, as part of the looting of public funds, stole E414 000 over a period of two years.

Police National Commissioner Isaac Magagula told members of the PAC on its first sitting yesterday that the actions of this particular officer indicated that he worked for himself.

Magagula told stunned members of the PAC the thieving officer would wake up every morning to collect money from the public, which all ended up meeting his greedy needs.

### Structures

Magagula said they had dealt with the officer internally using their structures and further charged him with criminal counts that

he would face in a court of law in due course. Most of the money was collected as traffic fines in various roadblocks.

### Deposit

The auditor general said the police officer took general receipt books from Matata, which he used to collect the money, but did not deposit it to a government revenue office.



## Another found with E4 200 in pocket

ANOTHER police officer who was based at Lubulini was found with E4 200 cash in his pocket.

Magagula told the PAC he failed to understand why the officer did not keep the money in the available safe at the

## Another facing E64 000 theft charges

ANOTHER Siteki-based officer enriched himself by collecting money that was paid by mostly Mozambican nationals who had overstayed in the country at Mhlumeni border gate.

Each person is charged E120 for over staying. When the

immigration officers discover that the person had over stayed, they refer them to the police to pay the penalty.

Magagula said this police officer was currently facing criminal charges for having swindled government of more than E64 000.

had gone by. He said currently, there were laid down procedures which they were required to follow before any dismissal could be effected to make it legally binding.

### Force

He conceded though that indeed the force had a few rotten potatoes within itself.

He, however, denied that the once disciplined force as inferred by MPs Shongwe and Nxumalo had no controls and that it had not deteriorated to the level whereby it could be described as *kamachancha*, a lawless institution that has lost all its managerial controls.



TELL US SIR: Mbabane West MP Johane Shongwe.

He said these lawless officers, whom he chose to describe in vernacular as *emanyokololo*, were just some of the challenges they faced in the police service.

## Treasury department short-staffed

ACTING Accountant General Elizabeth Matsebula has told the PAC her department is short-staffed and has no officers to conduct regional inspections.

She said the department had five such officers but had to be redeployed to perform other assignments due to increased workload within the department. She said to salvage the crisis situation, government had to engage experienced retired accountants on a temporary basis. With the involvement of the retired officers, Matsebula said they were now able to make quarterly visits country-wide as part of their inspections.

## Accountant General to partner with Tinkhundla

THE accountant general's office is in the process of partnering with the ministry of tinkhundla administration and development to decentralise its services.

Acting Accountant General Elizabeth Matsebula told the PAC that the intention was to increase efficiency in the collection of public funds. Not only do they want to increase efficiency, but they want to reduce the rampant loss of public funds as well. She said they were currently introducing a public finance management system that would make it easier for them to introduce other forms of revenue collection. She said service providers had already submitted their proposals and were now being considered. The new models of payment may include collecting money electronically.

## CLARIFICATION

IN our Tuesday (May 17, 2016) publication we carried a story under the headline 'Project Managers risk a E100 000 fine'.

It has since been brought to our attention that the headline and the story were incorrect. In the story we reported that under the

Construction Industry Council Act, 2013, project managers face a fine of E100 000 for awarding tenders to unregistered construction companies. The correct stance is that its the project owners who are liable for such a fine not the managers. We unreservedly apologise for the error.

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## It's a lie! Khanyi did not lose virginity to Lucky Dube

JOHANNESBURG - TV personality Khanyi Mbau is seething over another 'fake' article, which claims she lost her virginity to the late Lucky Dube.

The article, which is currently doing the rounds on social media claims that Khanyi left fans in shock,

after she 'revealed' through a social media post that she lost her virginity to legendary musician Lucky Dube when she was 18-years-old.

### Blazing

Speaking to TMG Entertainment Khanyi has come out guns blazing to slam the article, labelling it

a "smear campaign."

"Last night I was confronted by the most disturbing post on social media claiming 'I made a confession about having sexual intercourse with the late Mr Lucky Dube.' It came as a pain at first but mostly it was disgust in how there is a group of

people hell bent on destroying my name and blowing my light out. It's public knowledge that I have major projects in the pipeline - things that were initially stolen from me years ago due to my naïve and immature self," Khanyi said.

Times Live



# E186 MILLION NEEDED TO FINISH SASCCO BUILDING



## COVER STORY

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Matsapha

**MEMBERS of the Swaziland Association of Savings and Credit Cooperatives (SASCCO) have to find a way of getting E186 million to finish off the project they started in 2001.**

SASCCO is an umbrella organisation of savings and credit cooperatives in the country. The organisation embarked on a project in which it erected a building 14 years ago.

The building is situated in Mbabane, just above Emaphalwini Mall, which is otherwise known as the new mall. It remains unfinished until now.

It has been turned into a sex den and haven for anything illegal.

The building was supposed to encompass a cooperative bank, conference facility, office tower and a parking space.

SASCCO President James Nkambule told the members of the cooperative societies that the state of affairs in which the project found itself in was caused by many problems, which were sometimes out of their control as members.

He was speaking yesterday during the SASCCO Indaba, which was held at Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha. He was presenting on the state of the project.

Nkambule said at times, the building would be found to be encroaching in other people's lands.

He made an example of an incident where they had a misunderstanding with owners of the new mall, where they had found themselves having encroached into their space.

"When we proposed to them that we buy the piece of their land which we had occupied, they told us they were not ready to sell that piece, but they were ready to sell the whole mall," Nkambule said.

Another problem that SASCCO had was that they could not get financing from the banks because they, as

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## Investors to profit in 20 years

**INVESTORS in the SASCCO building project stand to gain returns on their investments in a period of about 20 to 30 years if they continue to finish the project.**

This was revealed by SASCCO President James Nkambule. He said this would only be the case if they decided to rejuvenate the whole project and include other things that were not included when the project was conceived.

The rejuvenated project would cost an amount of E600 million. That is when the investors in the project, which include members of the savings and credit cooperatives,

SASCCO, also wanted to build a bank.

That cooperative bank of SASCCO was viewed as competition to commercial banks. In the eyes of the commercial banks, it made no sense to finance a venture that would be a competition to them.

### Amount

SASCCO was supposed to raise an amount of E30 million to carry out the project, according to Nkambule.

This amount was supposed to be raised from the members, who were about 25 000 at that time. They had targeted at least 15 000 members of the savings and credit cooperatives. Each of the 15 000 members, he said, had to fork out at least E2 000 to see the project through.

The cooperatives had to raise the E30 million within a space of 18 months. Within that period of time, the cooperatives had been able to raise E25 million.

He said this showed that the mem-

would stand a chance of gaining the profits.

Nkambule did not, however, give a specific amount of time to expect returns if the project was to be taken from where it was now. He said if they decided to continue with it as it was, they would have to fork out E186 million but he did not know when the returns on investments would be gotten.

Nkambule, however, said there was hope as he did highlight that organisations like government did have demand for office space, which meant chances were there that they would gain some returns, but not anytime soon.

bers had the capacity to finish off the project on their own. The project however, had stalled because of various impediments.

### Liabilities

The figure needed (E186 million), is a result of the liabilities they accumulated when the project was stalled.

He made an example of the money they borrowed from the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), which was E42 million.

The project was not registered under SASCCO. A new company was formed and it is known as Kwakitsi Investments (Pty) Ltd.

The problem that is said to have arisen concerning the members of the savings and credit cooperatives.

It was revealed yesterday that some savings and credit cooperatives would want to have permanent seats in the board of Kwakitsi Investments because they were contributors to the project.

## ...Project accumulates E97 million in liabilities

The stalling of the SASCCO building project has come as a blow to the members of SASCCO as they now find themselves having to deal with the E97.2 million the project has now accumulated in liabilities.

The accumulation has been caused by the fact that the project has stopped for about 14 years now.

The accumulated figure is a result of accrued interest on top of loans the organisation secured through various financial institutions.

SASCCO secured a loan from DBSA which was E25 million at the time the project was worked on.

The reason they had to borrow that money was because of the problems the organisations had encountered where they had to fork out for costs, like having to pay the mall, whose land they were accused of encroaching. Other liabilities included money they owed the contractor of the building, which was E22.7 million.

Professional fees were up to E5 million, while SASCCO loans were up to E3.5 million.

Encroachment fees amounted to E1 million and members' contributions amounted to E23 million. The total amount of this is E97.2 million.

SASCCO President James Nkambule noted that members had the capacity to finish off the structure on their own.

He told the members that their building was still fit for human

occupation, if it were finished.

"The evaluation process that was done on that building in 2010 tells us that the building is 60 percent complete and it costs about E64 million. That was in 2010," Nkambule said.

Nkambule said as a way forward, they could hold talks with government, so that it continues with the project, because government also had a huge demand for office space.

He also told the members that they could also liquidate the whole project because of the amount of money being owed to the above organisations.

### Option

He said the option they wanted was to take up the project as members and finish it off. He said the members had the capacity to do so.

The president reminded them that they were able to raise E25 million within a relatively short space of time so they could finish the project.

He said all that was needed was commitment and cooperation from the members.

Quoting the opening remarks of Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini. He said the minister implored them to be finders of solutions to every problems they faced.

"The minister said we must not always talk about problems because doing so did not help, but we can talk about problems and then suggest solutions to those problems," Nkambule implored the members.

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# ELECTRIC CARS FOR

By King's Office Correspondent

**TAIPEI, TAIWAN** - A Taiwanese company that recently carried out preliminary investment feasibility has proposed setting up an electric vehicle manufacturing plant in the kingdom with the possibility of supplying these eco-friendly models to the region.

Electric vehicles are becoming a common feature in developed countries as the world seeks to reduce carbon emissions that are held largely responsible for the now common destructive weather patterns.

TECO Electric and Machinery Co. Ltd told His Majesty the King and his delegation that it could start with electric buses and a roll-out of electric charging facilities being placed at strategic places throughout the country. Depending on the type of charger, it normally takes between an hour and eight hours to charge the electric vehicles.

This was revealed during a tour of the company which was exclusively arranged for the king who

is in Taiwan for the inauguration of the 14th term president of the Republic of China (Taiwan) taking place today. He is accompanied by Inkhosikati LaMahlangu.

TECO also said they found a possibility of venturing into renewable energy products for



**WELCOME:** Inkhosikati LaMahlangu receives a gift of appreciation from TECO Electronic and Machinery Co. LTD, Sophia Chiu. (Pics: State Photographer Len Mohale)



**ROYAL TOAST:** His Majesty and Taiwanese Ambassador to Swaziland Thomas Chen toast to the good relations that exist between the two countries.



**BAYETHE:** His Majesty the King and Inkhosikati LaMahlangu posing with executive management of TECO Electronic and Machinery Co., Ltd after a tour of the facility yesterday. (Pics: Len Mohale)



**ELECTRIC:** Chief Executive Officer of TECO George Lien explaining how they have developed electrically charged scooter motors amongst a host of other advanced products.



**ROYAL ADDRESS:** His Majesty addressing the gathering during a welcome dinner on Wednesday evening at the Grand Hayatt hotel in Taipei.



**DISCUSSION:** Minister of Economic Planning and Development Prince Hlangusempi converses with Taiwan Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Javier Ching-shan Hou and his wife shortly before hosting His Majesty to a welcome dinner on Wednesday evening.



**APPLAUD:** Executives that met with His Majesty and the Swaziland delegation at the company yesterday.



**LISTENING:** Members of the king's delegation listening to presentations at TECO company yesterday.



# SWAZILAND



**YOUR MAJESTY:** His Majesty and Inkhosikati LaMahlangu toast to the continued relations between Swaziland and the Republic of China, Taiwan during a welcome dinner on Wednesday evening.

Swaziland that is not only in need of an independent supply of electricity, but was also faced with the challenge of reducing the current consumption.

Chairman of the TECO Board of Directors Sophia Chiu said they are impressed with the geographical location of the country from where they could launch their products into the southern African market as they have no presence there at present.

"Our findings also show that Swaziland and Taiwan have been partners for 48 years but there is minimal trade between the two countries so we hope to increase this area."

"Part of the TECO strategy is to venture into Africa because the global economy is seeing Africa as a rising star."

We have visited several African countries including Swaziland to explore investment

opportunities," she said.

Some of the positive attributes on Swaziland according to Chiu is the country's close proximity to the ports of Maputo and Richards Bay and her membership to trading blocs SACU, SADC and COMESA.

"We are also happy to learn that the Swazi government provides strong support to business by way of incentivising investors and we look forward to hearing what you can do for us," she said.

His Majesty appreciated the interest that TECO has shown in Swaziland as an investment destination and welcomed the draft proposal. He assured the company of full government support to help it realise its goal of tapping into the African market from a Swaziland base. "We are working hard to make it easier for our businesspeople to take their products to all parts of the world, especially from our new international airport."

We also have a good rail system which will be complemented by plans in the region to construct a new railway line linking several countries in the region for ease of movement of goods," said.

The king said he was impressed with TECO's environmentally friendly products.

"We have to learn from the mistakes of the past that are now causing mass destruction due to the climate change. We need to move to environmentally friendly technologies as we develop. Swaziland has set her sights on becoming a first world country and products like yours are ones we need to develop using facilities such as the Bio-tech Park which we are constructing."

This is a facility you can also use to expand your diverse products as you venture into the African market," he said.



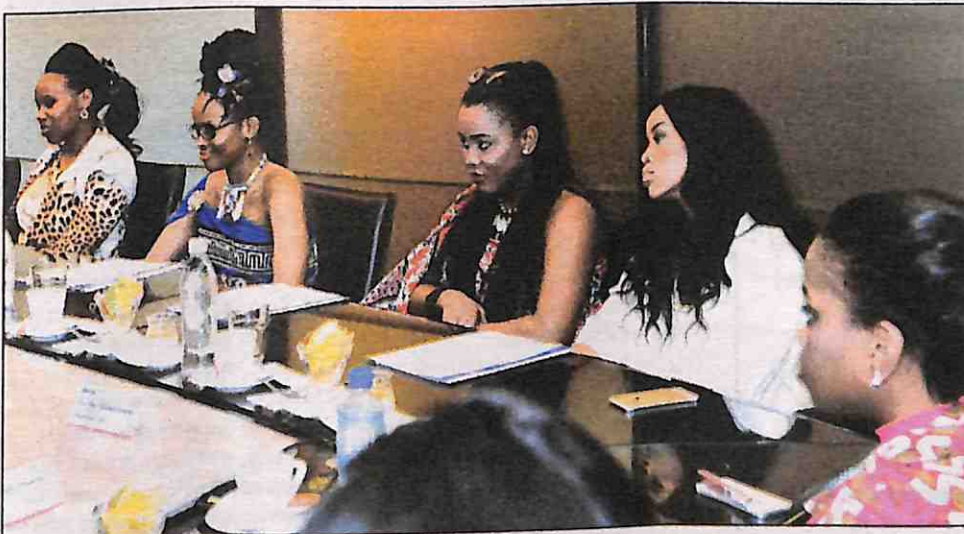
**UP THERE:** The King admires an advanced scanner that is manufactured by the company while Inkhosikati LaMahlangu looks on during the tour.



**ROUND TABLE:** Home Affairs Minister Princess Tsandzile (4th from left) seated with Emazinyane during the dinner on Wednesday night.



**PRESENT:** The King's Private Secretary Mbongeni Simelane with Director administration in the King's Office Sihle Dlamini and Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development Bertram Stewart during the dinner hosted for His Majesty on Wednesday evening.



**ATTENTIVE:** Inkhosikati LaMahlangu and Emazinyane listening to presentations at TECO company on Wednesday.



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# WOMAN [29] DUMPS NEWBORN IN TOILET

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**AN unplanned pregnancy has resulted to a woman of Mbelebeleni dumping his new born baby inside a pit latrine.**

Thembelihle Mathema Dlamini (29) of Mbelebeleni was arrested after she disposed her baby in a toilet.

The incident happened on May 4. It is said the accused dumped the baby in the toilet with the intention of killing the child and the child eventu-

ally died.

The accused was then arrested and charged with murder.

She made her first court appearance before Manzini Magistrate Sebenzile Ndlela-Kunene.

Dlamini, who made her way to the dock after her name was called, seemed to be rather

at ease when asked if she was going to need the services of an attorney. She said she would conduct her own defence.

The prosecutor applied that the accused be remanded into police custody until next Wednesday.

Dlamini was further advised that due to the seriousness of the offence, it would be handled by the High Court.



## Plan for after life - Paul

By Gugu Simelane  
Ezulwini

**ACTING Prime Minister Paul Dlamini has appealed to all Swazis to start thinking and planning for after life despite that it is hard to think of one own's death.**

Dlamini was speaking during the trustee training on death beneficiary funds that was hosted by Fairlife Benefit Services Swaziland held at Sibane Hotel.

Dlamini said it was important to plan for afterlife so that one would not leave any confusion and fights after passing away.

He commended Fairlife for providing an information forum on governance of beneficiary funds.

"As enlightened citizens, we should not be self-centred and think as well as plan for ourselves only while we

live.

"We should also plan for governance of our death benefits to show the difference between people who had the opportunity to learn about new development initiatives compared to those who are not exposed," he said.

He said the training would empower the trustees to understand their roles in handling beneficiary finances, the social responsibility of Fairlife and tracing the guardian of beneficiaries, children, parents and whoever stands to benefit.

"We commend Fairlife for recognising the need to empower both the public sector, which is His Majesty's government directors and the private sector. I thank the direct of Fairlife Benefit Services Swaziland for being instrumental on training Swazis on death benefits," he said.

Dlamini said government was fully committed in the administration of

death benefits and governance of beneficiary funds.

However, he said government alone could not do it thus it needed institutions like Fairlife to serve as an extended arm of government.

Dlamini warned families to be open and honest about such benefits so that the family members may be aware of such savings in case the worst happens.

He made an example of an instance where a man becomes very sick to a point that he can no longer talk, and the wife becomes so frustrated not knowing where she will get money to help save her husband yet the husband has some money stashed somewhere.

He then appealed to all companies to be transparent and make sure that what clients were promised when joining the policies, they get when it was time for a payouts. He called upon the relevant labour organisations to be more concerned about matters that touch on matters of the welfare of employees than on matters that do not concern them.



**PARTICIPANTS:** A section of the participants who attended a trustees training on the death beneficiary fund at Sibane Hotel. (Pics: Gugu Simelane)



**STRESSING HIS POINT:** The Acting Prime Minister Paul Dlamini making his remarks.

## Warm weekend ahead - MET

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**PEOPLE should expect a warm weekend, forecasters have said.**

"Temperatures will, however, drop drastically today though they can be expected to rise again on Saturday. It will be cloudy and mild, but cold in the Highveld with occasional drizzle and fog

mainly on high ground," said the forecaster.

Today's high temperature will hit up to 20 degrees Celsius in the Lowveld while the Highveld will hit up to 13 degrees Celsius.

Temperatures are expected to stay below 30 degrees in the Lowveld for the whole weekend.

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Tomorrow morning fog otherwise partly cloudy and mild to warm in the Lowveld.					
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On Sunday, there will be morning fog at places, otherwise fine and mild but hot in the Lowveld.					
8/20	9/21	11/23	10/21	12/24	13/25



**MEET:** His Beatitude the Pope Theodoros II presenting a book to acting Prime Minister Paul Dlamini. (Pic: Gugu Simelane).

## Greek Orthodox Pope to build school, clinic in SD

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**THE leader of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa Pope Theodoros II paid a courtesy visit to the acting Prime Minister Paul Dlamini yesterday morning.**

Amongst his delegate was the eminent Archbishopric Sergios Metropolitan Bishop of Good Hope.

Dlamini welcomed the Pope to the country and said Swaziland allowed all types of religions, adding that they should feel at home.

"The constitution of Swaziland allows for practice of any religion. We also appreciate the good work that your church has done in helping Swazis. We also request for your prayers as the country is currently faced by a lot of challenges such a drought, unemployment and disease," he said.

Dlamini encouraged the pope and his entourage that next time they come, they must spend sometime so as to explore the country.

The pope said he was happy to be in the country as Swaziland had always been one of his favourite countries.

He revealed that the Greek community had been in the country for about 42 years now, and they had helped in various projects such as creating jobs for Swazis. He asked the government to provide them with land in the rural area so that they would build a school and a clinic.

"All over Africa, we have built 500 schools and 5 000 clinics and we would like to be allocated land in any rural area so we can build a school and a clinic. These will be of benefit to the less privileged populace. As the Greek Orthodox, helping is our priority," he said.

The Greek Pope further presented the acting prime minister with a number of books, which he said would enlighten him on the Greek Orthodox religion.

The Greek Pope and his delegation then proceeded to a baptism ceremony held at the church in Pine Valley.

At dawn on Monday May 9, 2016, His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, arrived in Kenya, accompanied by the Reverend Protoprbyter Athenodoros Papaevripiadis, Exarch of the Patriarchate in Cyprus where he performed the enthronements of the two new Bishops of Nyeri and Mount Kenya, His Grace Neophytos and Kisumu and Western Kenya His Grace Athanasios within the next few days.

He was welcomed by His Eminence Makarios Metropolitan of Nairobi, their Grace the two Bishops, the Ambassador of Greece Mr Konstantinos Moatsos, the Ambassador of Egypt to Kenya Kadri Abdel-Motelib, and many priests. His Beatitude the Pope revealed that when he left Kenya, there was so much rain, added that he would pray that the country experience the same thing.



# Two-year-old found wandering at Nguyeyedvwa Mountain

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

**THE Royal Swaziland Police Service is seeking help from the public mainly residents of and around Mbelekweni area in the Manzini region to help identify a toddler who was found wandering in the area's mountain last week Thursday.**

The toddler, a boy, is suspected to be about two years old and he could not talk yet.

The toddler was found last Thursday at Nguyeyedvwa Mountain, seemingly in a confused state and wandering about. He was found by a 56-year-old

man at about 1630 hrs.

The old man found the boy while herding his cattle in the mountain. The toddler was carrying a backpack which had a few of his clothing items.

The man then alerted the Manzini police who came and took the boy. He is currently kept at the Halfway House in Zakhele.

## Family

Attempts to find the boy's family proved futile as families from around where he was found could not recognise him.

RSP Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba is appealing to the public to help identify the

child so that he would be reunited with his family.

He said it was hard to ascertain what might have happened for the boy to end up in the mountain alone, as he is still too young to talk.

"There are many theories that come up if you look at the matter. The boy might have been dumped by someone seeing that he had a backpack with his items inside, or he might have lost his way somehow.

We just appeal to the public to help identify the child," he said.

Anyone who might have any idea of the child's identity must contact the nearest police station or the PICO, Khulani Mamba.



**LOST AND FOUND: The toddler boy who was found at Nguyeyedvwa Mountain in Mbelekweni. Anyone who knows him is urged to contact the Manzini Police. (Pic: Gugu Simelane)**

# AG TURNED AWAY IN PARLY

By Sabatha Dlamini  
Lobamba

**ATTORNEY General Majahenkhamba Dlamini was yesterday shown the exit door by the Government Assurance Committee (GAC) when he attempted to stand in for Justice and Constitutional Affairs Minister Senator Edgar Hillary.**

The AG appeared before the GAC leading a delegation of two female officers, comprising the ministry's Acting Principal Secretary Gugu Sibandze and Nothando Xaba, a crown counsel in the same ministry. Sibandze's substantive position in the ministry is that of undersecretary.

The GAC, chaired by Kwaluseni MP Bukhosi Dlamini, summoned Minister Hillary to answer on behalf of his ministry for his alleged failure to meet several resolutions of the House of Assembly. Instead of the minister heeding the summons or at least requesting a cabinet colleague to represent him, the AG appeared on his behalf accompanied by the officials and he was ready to provide the required answers to the committee. The GAC chairman MP Dlamini made his usual preamble, welcoming the delegation and allowed the 'acting minister' to proceed and respond to the committee's con-

cerns as per the communication sent to the ministry.

The AG, a senior official in the justice ministry and top government legal advisor, indeed took up the challenge. Just when he was making his introductory remarks, it dawned on the GAC that the senior government legal advisor could not be allowed to be both a referee and a player in the game of politics.

Khubutha MP Njabulo Mabuza fired the first salvo, interrupting the 'acting minister's preamble and questioning his legality to appear before the committee as an 'acting minister'.

## Informed

The AG had already informed the Committee that his responses may not be fully adequate because he was not the 'substantive minister'. MP Mabuza argued that the AG never at any point in time took the oath of office being a minister.

Mabuza also noted that even in his introductory remarks, the AG, like a typical lawyer, was leaving room for himself to escape the penalty that would be meted on him in the event it transpired the ministry failed to meet the House resolutions.

Ironically, the GAC had to seek advice on the matter from the very same AG. His advice was that protocol dictated that a minister be represented by another minister,

adding that even at cabinet he can't stand in for a minister.

The AG is an ex-officio member of both cabinet and parliament. He is also a former cabinet minister. AG Dlamini hinted that he was looking forward to the GAC Secretary Mathokoza Dlamini to advice on the matter, pleading that this was his first appearance to a GAC, implying that he did not know the rules involved.

Following the opinion given by the AG on the matter, Somtongo MP Sandile Nxumalo noted that indeed it would be inappropriate for them to allow the AG to be a player and a referee at the same time.

Under the circumstances, the chairman intervened and resolved the matter by dismissing the AG and his delegation. 'Seemingly, we are not on the right track.

We are definitely not doing the right thing," said the GAC chairman.

He said the best option was to wait for the minister of justice or his representative who would be expected to be a legally appointed minister.

Minister Hillary was away on state duties in Switzerland and according to the acting principal secretary of the day in the ministry, Gugu Sibandze, the minister was expected to return by yesterday.



**CHAS-HED AWAY: Attorney General Majahenkhamba Dlamini.**

## Cops to pounce on ponzi scheme managers

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**WITH ponzi schemes mushrooming everywhere around the country promising unsuspecting Swazis to join with the hope of getting their money back with a higher interest, police are now investigating those pyramid schemes and the people behind them might find themselves behind bars.**

This comes after a complaint against one local pyramid scheme was reported at Sigodvweni police station.

The police have since started investigating the matter and have vowed that those behind such schemes would face the wrath of the law. The name of the scheme which is under investigation was not revealed by the police as the investigations are still ongoing.

Deputy Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that a ponzi scheme matter has been reported with the Matsapha police. However, Vilakati was quick to clarify that it was not MMM that was being investigated but it was a local scheme. The Deputy PICO said no arrests have been made yet. The founders of the pyramid scheme might be charged with money laundering.

Worth noting is that this publication reported last month that one of the local ponzi schemes which was established by a Tsabedze family at Ngogola in the Manzini region, Money Flight 2022, collapsed just after two months of its existence and was unable to pay back the investments of its members. It was said that some members of the scheme who felt robbed vowed to fight to get their money back. This is after the administrators of the scheme also stated that they currently do not have the money needed to pay investors back. The founders of the scheme reported to the group that they were currently sick and would attend to them at a later date when things would come to normality. However this is not to suggest that Money Flight 2022 is the scheme that is being investigated.



SNAT SAVINGS & CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

## NOTICE

The general membership of SNAT Savings and Credit Co-operative Society is cordially invited to a BUDGET MEETING for the year 2016/2017.

**DATE: 28 MAY 2016**  
**VENUE: UNISWA SPORTS EMPORIUM HALL**  
**TIME: 0930HRS**

## PROPOSED AGENDA

- Opening prayer
- Chairperson's remarks
- Minutes of the Last Budget meeting 2015/2016
- Budget Presentation 2016/2017
- Closure of the meeting

Please note that Registration will strictly be done between 08:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Members should note that Lunch shall only be given to those who have registered.

Members are requested to bring the following for Registration purpose:

- Swazi ID or Driver's licence
- Latest payslip

Members should also please note that the Banking Hall shall not operate, as members are expected to attend the Meeting.

Thank you  
**BY MANAGEMENT**  
**16/05/2016**

# BIG GAME PARKS CULTURE DAY SUNDAY

By Simon Shabangu  
Mbabane

**BIG Game Parks will host an inter-park traditional dance competing and culture day on Sunday.**

Marketing Coordinator Melusi Dlamini said the event would see culture groups from the three big parks competing against each other.

He said the aim of the event was to celebrate, encourage and promote the country's cultural heritage.

Dlamini said beyond the competition, this would be an opportunity to pro-



mote and foster good relations amongst employees of Big Game Parks.

The event is scheduled for Sunday at Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary and it would be a family outing set-up where there would be a showcase of cultural dances and performances of different kinds. "The day will provide an ideal environment for family and corporate breakaways. A number of dignitaries

will grace the event. The competition will comprise cultural teams from our three parks who will showcase their dancing skills. There will be a competition for *ingadla*, *sibhaca kuvikisana* (stick fighting), *sizingili*, *sangoma* dance and *umbholoho*," he said.

He invited the nation to join them during the culture day and interested parties must bring E30-E40 with children paying half price. Dlamini said they had identified a special panel of three judges for the competition and Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture CEO Stanley Dlamini was one of them.



# Witchdoctor escapes arrest, client arrested for witchcraft

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

A Mbhuleni witchdoctor has evaded arrest after his client was found using muti he gave her at another man's home.

Information gathered is that the witchdoctor gave the woman (Ntombi Shongwe) muti and told her to perform certain rituals including feeding dogs her vomit.

Little did the witchdoctor know that it was a crime to pretend to use traditional powers for the purpose of gain.

Police will be clamping down on people who engage on such practices.

The witchdoctor escaped from being arrested as the complaint was lodged against his client by the people who caught her performing the rituals in their home.

It is said the woman who is in her early 40s consulted a witchdoctor and was given muti that would help her son win a case of house breaking and theft.

The police said they relied on the person using supernatural powers to admit to them that he or she was using muti, then he or she would be charged and arrested.

The police stated that such acts date back

centuries but it was for the public to come out and lodge complaints against false prophets and witchdoctors.

Police were said to be clamping down on people who put adverts and claimed to be using charms, supernatural powers, witchcraft, sorcery, enchantment or conjuration.

## Wrath

Some false prophets have already faced the wrath of the law and others were charged with contravening section 80 of the Crimes Act.

Worth noting is, this Act is titled "pretending to use supernatural power for purposes of gain".

It states that any person who for purposes of

gain pretended to exercise or use any kind of supernatural power, witchcraft, sorcery, enchantment or conjuration or undertakes to tell fortunes or pretends from his skill or knowledge in any occult science to discover (where or in what manner anything supposed to have been stolen or lost may be found) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of E400 or imprisonment not exceeding one year.

The Act continued to state that any person who practiced as a diviner, witchdoctor or witch finder shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon conviction to a fine of E400 or imprisonment not exceeding one year.

What you wear might get you in trouble people should be careful of what they wear.

Section 78 (2) of the Crimes Act 6 of 1889 states that any person who is found wearing any charm, dress, ornament, emblem or insignia which according to Swazi custom indicated the wearer as a diviner, witchdoctor or witch finder shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction a fine of E200 or imprisonment not exceeding six months.



**FAMILY:** Pastor Phetsa Dlamini and his wife Gcebsile Dlamini were also invited to taste the new dish.

## Nando's reveals new pap dish

By Manqoba Makhubu  
Mbabane

RESTUARANT chain Nando's has revealed a new exciting dish, quarter chicken and pap with relish in its existing menu options.

The pap is served plain, with relish lemon and herb, with relish hot and with relish extra hot. It comes with side items favoured by customers including spinach.

Nando's Store Manager Mbongiseni Mangwe said this new dish was the first of its kind in Swaziland and in Southern Africa.

"Our aim is to focus on specific local cus-

tomers needs," he said.

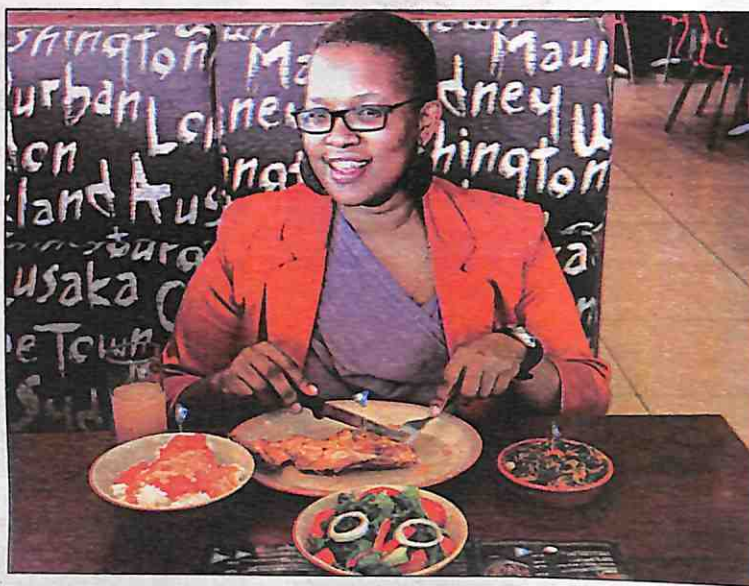
He said the motivation behind the menu was to avail favourite food dishes which are liked by Swazis.

Yesterday, the eatery invited a number of customers to taste their new dish.

"It's a very good natural taste, and well cooked," said Gcebsile Dlamini; one of the customers who came to taste the new dish.

"The relish makes the meal not to be dry, which is ideal as most fast foods are normally dry," she added.

"At least now the restaurant has an accommodative meal for our little kids, it is an ideal family balanced meal," added Dlamini's husband.



**DISH TASTING:** Swazi Observer Editorial Secretary Hlobile Dlamini tasting the new dish at Nandos Mbabane.



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## TENDER INVITATION

The Southern Africa Nazarene University (SANU) hereby invites tenders from suitably qualified suppliers for the financial year 2016/17 in the following categories:

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2.	Supply of Cleaning & Other Supplies	Tender #SANU002 of 2016/17
3.	Supply of Computer Consumables	Tender #SANU003 of 2016/17
4.	Provision of Printing Services	Tender #SANU 004 of 2016/17

Interested vendors may obtain copies of the relevant tender documents from the office of the Bursar at the SANU administration offices at a non-refundable fee of E300.00 per tender. Tender documents will be available from Tuesday, 17th May 2016.

The deadline for submission of tenders is Friday 3rd June, 2016 @ 12:00 hours local Swazi time. Submissions must be deposited into the tender box situated at the Finance Department at the SANU Administration Building. These should be clearly marked with the relevant tender number, name and addressed:

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Manzini, Swaziland

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## CIRCUMCISION COSTS BOY (9) HIS MANHOOD

BLANTYRE: A Malawian family has filed a K10m lawsuit against a local hospital after their son lost his penis following a forced circumcision.

According to Malawi24, the 9-year-old victim was found lying close to his home shortly after the procedure took place in the Chikhwawa district.

The boy's father alleged that he was operated on by the SSDI, a component of the ministry of health that did male circumcisions as a means of preventing the spread of HIV. The boy was said to have been taken along with several other minors after they were coerced

by sweets, juices and biscuits.

The father complained that his son was operated on against his will and contrary to Sena cultural laws.

Previous reports indicated that circumcision did not contribute to a decrease in the rate of HIV infection, with statistics showing that HIV rates had doubled in Malawi, despite a range of interventions having been put in place.

Other studies had found that circumcised men had the highest prevalence of HIV in Malawi, Malawi24 said in a separate report. News24



# TSC acquits Siphofaneni Primary School principal

Stories by Eddie Abner  
Mbabane

**THE Teaching Service Commission (TSC) has acquitted Siphofaneni Primary School Principal Enoch Makhanya of all charges he was facing.**

Information obtained is that Makhanya was hauled before the commission where he explained all the charges he faced.

He produced proof before the commission, which accounted for all the monies he was alleged to have

spent to the very last cent.

As the schools opened on Monday, Makhanya was expected to be back at the school executing his duties.

Efforts to get comment from TSC Acting Executive Secretary Ncamisile Mtshali hit a snag.

## Descended

Last year, parents descended to the school where they demanded a refund from a trip they paid for their children which never happened.

The parents had paid E200 for the trip.

Parents had also accused Makhanya

of taking E2 000 which was collected for a retired teacher's farewell.

They had asked for the intervention of the ministry of education which duly acted on the issue.

However throughout the protest of the parents, Makhanya had maintained his cool and stated that the money they wanted was in the school account and he told TSC the same.

Makhanya explained how he was yet to call a meeting for all those who paid for the trip to refund them before being hurled before the TSC.

## Man tells court demons 'pushed' him to assault another

By Jozane Maziya  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**A man who appeared before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi for assault said he was possessed by demons when he assaulted a man aged 20 years.**

Sandile Mabuza pleaded guilty to assaulting Sibusiso Shongwe at PTS, in Mbabane on May 14.

A medical report was presented as evidence in court, it stated that the complainant arrived at Mbabane government hospital at about 23:00 hours with a swollen left hand.

Upon further examination, it was discovered that the complainant had a broken middle finger.

"I cannot dispute the doctor's report, I am not a doctor and the doctor knows what he is talking about," the accused said in court.

Mabuza said the complainant and a group of friends were playing on the road leading to his (Mabuza) home and they damaged one of his car's rear-view mirrors.

## Ran off

The accused told the court that the friends of the complainant ran off and he managed to catch the complainant before striking his left hand with a knobkerrie.

Mabuza was found guilty and in mitigation, he told the court that he was unemployed.

"I did take the law into my own hands and I was wrong, however, I

have been cooperative with the police. I brought myself to the station when requested to do so. Demons forced me to assault this man," he said.

"There is no demon, we just attach too much value on our earthly possessions. You saw the damage on your car and took it to heart. Had the complainant died from your assault what would you do," the magistrate said.

Mabuza was ordered to pay a fine of E2 000 or spend two years in a correctional facility.

A request was made by Mabuza for the court to allow him to pay his fine in monthly instalments, but this request was denied.

## Senior cops transferred at Matsapha station

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Matsapha

**THE Matsapha police station has seen a major transfer as some of its top officials including Former Station Commander Howard Hlophe and His Deputy Elias Mlangeni being transferred to other police stations around the country.**

During the farewell function which was held at Sigodweni police station on Wednesday, Acting Station Commander Patrick Ginindza said the former station commander and his deputy served the station and the public well.

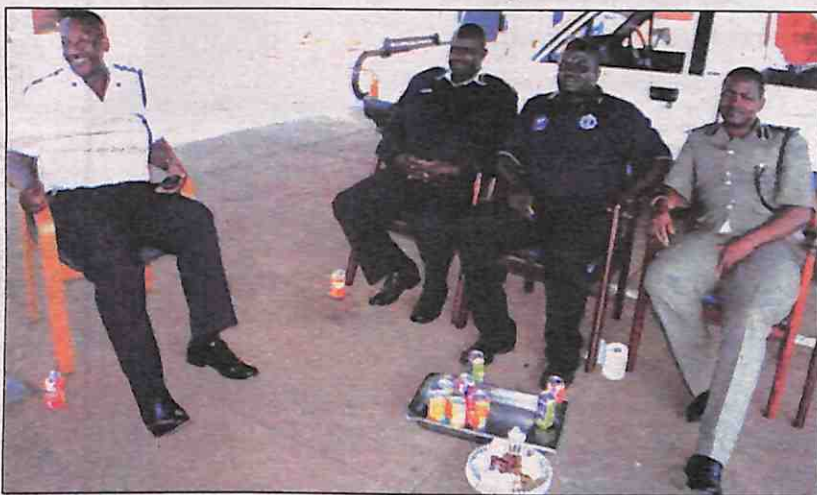
## Community

Ginindza thanked the Matsapha community for working harmoniously with the police.

He said the people of Matsapha responded promptly and alerted them on time when they were needed.

Ginindza said he also hoped that the transferred officers would serve well even in the different stations they have been transferred to around the country which include Lubulini, Mafutseni and other stations.

Ginindza said other officers from the traffic department were also amongst those who were transferred. Other officers came out in numbers to bid farewell to their colleagues during the function.



**REFRESHMENTS:** Acting Station Commander Patrick Ginindza, former Station Commander Howard Hlophe and His Deputy Elias Mlangeni and Officer Bonginkosi Dlamini having a meal during the farewell function.



**FARE THEE WELL:** Police officers enjoying themselves during the farewell function. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

## SWAPA's Bhembe to appear before PAC

**SUSPENDED Swaziland Principals Association (SWAPA) Chairman Mduduzi Bhembe will soon face the Public Accounts Committee headed by Thuli Dladla.**

He will be joined by Mbeka Primary School Principal Derrick Xaba, Lucky Mhlanga of Letindze Primary School, Mzameni Motsa of Nkanyezini Primary School.

These principals have already appeared before the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) on different charges including alleged embezzlement of school funds and misconduct. Information gathered was that the ministry of education was busy concluding a report on the cases of the different teachers which was expected to be presented to the PAC.

## Death Notice



## Sibongile Simelane (nee Zwane)

Friends and relatives of Sibongile Simelane (nee Zwane) are notified of her Demise. A memorial service will be held on Friday 20/05/2016 at Mbabane Alliance Church starting at 12 noon.

There will be a night vigil at her marital home in Moihoe, Lawuba, starting at 9pm. Funeral will be on Saturday, starting at 6am. Announcement by family.



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## HAPPY FACES:

Ezulwini Town Board Chairperson Busi Mayisel-Bhembe (Right) and CEO Vusi Matsebula with some of the teachers during the donation of shoes at Ezulwini Catholic Primary School recently.



# EZULWINI MUNICIPALITY DONATES SCHOOL SHOES

By Simon Shabangu  
Ezulwini

THE Municipal Council of Ezulwini has brought smiles to 73 underprivileged pupils from different schools around the

valley, by donating shoes to keep them warm this winter.

Council's Chairperson Busi Mayisela-

**SHOES:** Ezulwini Town Board CEO Vusi Matsebula lacing up one of the children with a new pair of shoes at Ezulwini Catholic Primary School. (Courtesy pics)

Bhembe led councillors and management to present the shoes to pupils of Ezulwini Catholic Primary School on Tuesday.

The shoe donation was through the council's project called 'Warm Shoes for Warm hearts' which was initiated by the council's employees last year.

"We appreciate the Ezulwini municipality's initiative, as they have made a remarkable gift to the children. This activity themed 'Warm Shoes for Warm Hearts' was launched last year, when the municipality donated shoes to 40 less privileged children at this school. It really touched our hearts to see that some children are so underprivileged that they do not have access to basic necessities such as a pair of shoes," she said.

## Benefited

She said other schools that benefited from the 'Warm Shoes for Warm Hearts' were Ezulwini community high and primary schools as well as Somnjalose High School.

"The municipality acknowledges that the collaboration between the schools and the municipality is strengthened for the benefit of the pupils. We hope to work with the schools to raise awareness and educate our children on different issues that affect them especially on issues of sexual reproductive health, including HIV and AIDS," she said.

She said, they recently presented E37 500 donated by different companies to children from around Ezulwini that were studying in different schools in the valley, for the back to school campaign.

"We promise to continue investigating other means, so that we can improve our corporate social responsibility to the communities. I also thank all the teachers for the work they do every day in ensuring that children have a bright future.

"We trust that as a school, and individuals, you will continue to assist the municipality in its projects and programmes," she said.



**HELPING HAND:** Matsebula assisting one of the children to put on her pair of shoes.

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- Teaching, Research and Community Service
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#### Minimum Qualifications and Experience

- A Master's degree in Medical Laboratory Sciences or equivalent
- A PhD will be an added advantage
- Registration with Swaziland Medical and Dental Council or any other professional board
- A minimum of five years lecturing experience

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- Teaching in the following areas: Clinical Pathology/anatomical pathology and cytology/molecular diagnostic's and blood transfusion medicine
- Research and Community Service
- Departmental administrative duties

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#### Minimum Qualifications and Experience

- A Master's degree in Diagnostic Radiography
- A PhD will be an added advantage
- Registration with Swaziland Medical and Dental Council or any other professional board
- A minimum of five years lecturing experience

#### Key responsibilities

- Research and undertaking research activities
- Departmental administrative duties

### 4. LECTURERS—DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK (2 Positions)

#### Minimum Qualification and Experience

- A Masters degree in Social work (2), (1) Sociology
- A PhD will be an added advantage
- Minimum of four years experience

#### Key Responsibilities

- Teaching (including practical's)
- Research and community service
- Departmental administrative duties

### 5. PROFESSOR/SENIOR LECTURER— DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE (4 Positions)

#### Minimum Qualifications and Experience

- A Master's degree in Computer Science or closely related field
- A PhD will be an added advantage
- A minimum of two years lecturing experience

#### Key Responsibilities

- Teaching Computer Science courses
- Research and Community Service

### 6. LECTURERS—DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY (2 Positions)

#### Minimum Qualifications and Experience

- A Master's degree in Clinical/Counseling Psychology
- Knowledge of Neuro-psychology and Psychology and the law will be an added advantage
- A minimum of two years lecturing experience

#### Key Responsibilities

- Teaching, research and community service
- Departmental administrative duties

### 7. IT OFFICER—ADMINISTRATION

#### Minimum Qualification and Experience

- A degree in Information Technology or Computer Science or equivalent
- A minimum of two years experience in the administration of computer systems in an organization
- CCNA Networks and MCSA Windows Server 2012 will be an added advantage

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# 'Cops asked for money from arrested Pakistan national'

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**BUSINESS** friends and sympathisers of incarcerated businessman, Akber Ali, have alleged that the Pakistan national was so generous such that he would lend money to the police and further fund their parties.

Ali is the owner of Mpumalanga Wholesale and Supermarket in Siteki and has been charged together with three others for allegedly hacking one Naeem Khan Gul with bush-knives and iron rods, causing him serious bodily harm.

Ali's co-accused were Zafar Iqbal, Ehsan Ahmed and Wasim Ranjhi and were arrested last month.

The accused persons are facing a charge of attempted murder and malicious damage to property and had been remanded at the Big Bend correctional facility.

Following their prolonged stay behind bars, their sympathisers have come out to make allegations against the police, threatening to 'spill the beans' on what they termed as corrupt practices.

On Tuesday, some Pakistan nationals and workers were found

## ALI'S EMPLOYEES CAMP AT THE SHOP

**EMPLOYEES** of Mpumalanga Wholesale and Supermarket wake up every morning to camp near the entrance of their workplace with the hope that it will re-open.

The wholesale and supermarket that had 25 workers closed business when Akber Ali was arrested last month. The workers allege that they have not been getting their salaries since the shop closed indefinitely. Speaking on behalf of the workers, Machawe Magwaza said their livelihood has

been greatly affected by the closure of the shop as they could not get their salaries, thus had no means of making a living. Magwaza said some of them had already been kicked out of their rented flats as they owed rent. He pointed out that some employees had worked at the shop for many years now, and going out to look for a new job would be difficult. Magwaza said they were praying that their employer would eventually get bail so that they would return to work.



**CLOSED:** The Mpumalanga wholesale and supermarket that is currently closed.

gathered at the wholesale where they held a meeting.

Waheed Ranjha, who wanted to

be identified as a business friend to Ali, said they were puzzled by the assertions by the police that por-

trayed Ali as a dangerous man in the society.

Ranjha said they were shocked to learn that Ali was labelled as a dangerous man while he has been generous to many people, including the police.

He claimed that presently, a number of police officers were still in Ali's debtor books as they used to borrow money from him.

The businessman, who spoke in vivid English, further claimed that Ali would also fund parties for some senior officers which would be hosted at either at the police camp or the police station premises.

### Understand

"We do not understand how the police have now come up to say that Ali is a dangerous man when he has been so generous to them and other people of the community," said Ranjha.

Ranjha claimed that Ali had also been helpful to some elderly people of the community by giving them food.

Of note is that Ranjha's allegations were in line with what Naeem Gul Khan said about Ali being friends with the police.

Naeem made the allegations while on his hospital bed, saying Ali was untouchable as he had connections with senior police officers. Such allegations were, however, quickly brushed off as Ali and his co-accused were eventually arrested and charged for their crimes.

## Men granted E5 000 bail each for dagga possession.

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Piggs Peak Magistrate's Court

### A 33-year-old man from Buhleni appeared before Magistrate Simangele Mbatha for dagga possession.

Celumusa Mhlunga told the magistrate that when arrested at Buhleni, the dagga he weighed only 10 kilograms (KG) had not the 15kg that was cited with in court.

The magistrate told the accused that if he had any queries as regards his charge, he should ask for an amendment to the charge sheet.

Mbatha granted Mhlunga bail set at E5 000 and further advised the accused that his trial date was July 8.

### Appeared

In the same court, another man, Jabulani Mthembu (34) from Bulembu also appeared before Magistrate Mbatha for dagga possession.

He pleaded guilty to the charge of being found with the illegal herb weighing 11kg.

Mthembu was also granted bail at E5 000 and was further ordered to reappear before court on May 24, for trial.

The magistrate advised both men to surrender their travel documents to the Buhleni Police and that they should not attempt to apply for new ones.

## GENERAL NOTICE

### HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AUTHORITY ACT, 1988 AS AMENDED IN 1992 (Act No.2 of 1988)

#### APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A HUMAN SETTLEMENT (Under Section 10)

It is hereby notified for general information that, in terms of the HSA (Amendment) Act of 1992, **Building Design Group** on behalf of **Ezulwini Lifestyle Village** has lodged an application for permission to establish a human settlement with the Human Settlements Authority.

The proposed human settlement, to be known as **Ezulwini Lifestyle Village** is to be established on **Portions 5 and 6 of Farm 706** situated within the **Hhohho District**.

Plans, document and information regarding this application will be open at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for a period of two (2) weeks from the date of first publication of this notice in the newspaper.

Persons who object to the granting of this application or who make representations regarding the matter should communicate with HSA, c/o Ministry of Housing & Urban Development, P.O. Box 1832 Mbabane, within a period of two (2) weeks from the date of publication of this notice. The Authority shall give particulars of every objection to the applicant.

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# DAGGA CONVICTED PASTOR IS A **TEACHER**

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlengano

**THE pastor who was last month arrested and convicted for dagga possession is a teacher at Velebantfu High School.**

Pastor Njabulo Kunene prefers to use Madonsela as his surname.

Following his arrest and conviction for dagga, there were concerns as to why he has not been suspended from work.

Procedurally, a teacher that has been implicated in a crime and even convicted, that she/he is usually slapped with a suspension, which is then followed by a disciplinary process.

It's unclear as to what has delayed the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) to suspend the 'wayward' teacher.

Some believe that it is because the teacher has been brandished

Police still processing documents to send to TSC

**POLICE** are still preparing documents to send to the ministry of education and training about the criminal charges and conviction of Pastor Njabulo Kunene/Madonsela.

Police Chief Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed that they would be submitting a report to the ministry of education as regards

as a pastor with no mention of his teaching profession.

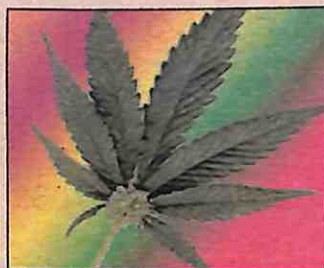
Kunene is a pastor at Word of Hope Ministries that was founded by Bishop Mpendulo Nkambule.

The church has also suspended him following his conviction.

Velebantfu High School Principal Jethro Shongwe when called on this matter, confirmed that Kunene was one of his

Kunene's court case, sentencing and conviction.

"We will forward Kunene's report to the ministry once it is ready. We are almost through. This is something we have always been doing that when a matter



involves a teacher, which is of a criminal nature, we inform the employer," said Mamba. Kunene was found guilty and fined a sum of E800 or eight

months in a correctional facility for dagga possession.

teachers.

However, Shongwe said he was not aware of Kunene's criminal record and was hearing it for the first time from this newspaper.

On that note, Schools Manager Macanjana Motsa said so far nothing had been brought to her office's attention regarding Kunene.

She said when a teacher is

linked to a criminal activity and had appeared in court, the national commissioner's office (police) should write to the ministry to alert it.

"It is then that we act as entailed by the Act/s when one is charged with unprofessional misconduct. Probably, the police are still to write to us and we will then alert the TSC," she said.

## Police, public nab fraudster

By Samukelisiwe Glinindza  
Mbabane

**MEMBERS** of the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Service with the help of the public apprehended Sandile Ntando Dlamini, who was wanted for fraud.

He appeared before the magistrate's court last Friday. Dlamini was nabbed in Manzini after a whistleblower, who saw his pictures in the media alerted the police.

He was charged with two counts of fraud and money laundering, after he bought himself a plasma television worth over E6 000.

Dlamini allegedly defrauded Sandile Eugene Dlamini of E281 843 after he approached Eugene, pretending to be a property agent. This was confirmed by Inspector Mpendulo Dlamini, who is handling this case.

### Pretended

"The latter was selling his land in Ngwane Park, Ntando then contacted him and pretended to be a property agent. After the property was sold, he knowingly gave the bank his account number," Inspector Mpendulo said.

It is said after a while, the property owner started calling the bank as his money was still not deposited.

"The bank then froze the account and it was discovered that Ntando had already used over E60 000 of the money, some of which he is said to have bought household appliances like television, just to name a few," the inspector said.



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Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the Expression of Interest Document during office hours 08.30 to 16.30 at the address given below.

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## Bible Society donates 450 Bibles

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Lobamba

**THE Bible Society of Swaziland has donated 450 large print Bibles to people leaving with disability and people with albinism.**

The donation took place during the Disability Advocacy Day at the Lobamba constituency which was attended by Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Paul Dlamini. Bible Society Chairman Nomsa Mndzebele encouraged all present to make it their culture to read the Bible.

The DPM said he was thankful for such a handsome donation and believed that the people would appreciate them. "We do not leave on food only, but also need to be nourished by the word of God. I would also like to thank World Vision for their kind donation of clothing, particularly during this winter season," he said.

Meanwhile, FODSWA President Mandla Methula appreciated the kind gesture for the Bible Society and the support that the DPM's office has done concerning their welfare.

He said he was thankful at the disability fund that the DPM was bringing and said it would be helpful to them.

## ... Zweli Msibi mesmerises

**ELANGENI High School soloist Zweli Msibi kept the crowd mesmerised with his angelic tenor.**

Msibi first performed a solo piece and then he was joined by his school choir. His captivating tenor left the crowd yearning for more.

Msibi will on July 3 be jetting of the country to Denmark where he will be competing with the world's best tenor singers. He will be joining hundreds for the youth choral festival. Last month Msibi competed in



**SASKE schools' choir competition in Durban where he came top. He will now compete at international level in Denmark.**

Amongst other entertainers were Christ Worshippers and Sabelo Matse, who also kept the crowd dancing.

the country's vocational institutions, so that they can acquire the necessary skills to be able to be independent.

Lobamba Member of Parliament Michael Masilela pleaded with government to have more user friendly facilities for people living with disabilities in the country. He encouraged people with disability to accept their disability so that they could leave happily and better.

He further thanked the DPM's office and the Bible Society for what they had done for the Lobamba folks. Masilela said the constituency was constructing a double-storey centre worth E2 million.



# DROUGHT DRIVES PREGNANT WOMEN TO HOME DELIVERY

Stories by Samukelisiwe Ginindza

THE country's maternal and neonatal mortality rates are likely to go up as the prevailing drought situation has forced more women to deliver their babies at home, without skilled attendance.

A number of pregnant women, especially in the rural areas are said to be shying away from clinics for antenatal care due to lack of money and means to go to the clinic. Most have said they prefer to deliver their babies at home in a bid to save the little resources they have for food.

UNFPA Assistant Representative Margaret Thwala-Tembe said this may come at a high price, as the women stand to lose their lives or of their babies, should there be complications.

"Amid the prevailing drought, it is still important that women are attended by skilled health workers when delivering their babies," Tembe said.

She was speaking during a train-



**CHALLENGED:** Participants listening attentively to the speeches. (Pics: Samukelisiwe Ginindza)

ing workshop for health workers on Maternal Death Surveillance and Response (MDSR) at Lugogo Sun on Tuesday, where she challenged health workers to be on the lookout, as the prevailing drought could reverse the achievements that have been made so far in curbing maternal mortality.

It was revealed that, according to the Demographic Health Survey 2007, about 589/ 100 000 women die, due to maternal related compli-

cations. Tembe noted that from the drought assessment which was completed in March, it could be deduced that fewer women go for antenatal care and the number of women who deliver at home is increasing.

"The high maternal mortality rate in the country demands urgent attention, including determining the underlying causes of maternal, perinatal and neonatal deaths, whilst MDSR is one of the strate-



**ISSUE:** UNFPA assistant representative Margaret Thwala-Tembe delivering her speech.

gies that have been recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO) for reducing maternal deaths," she urged.

WHO has released global Maternal Death Surveillance and Response (MDSR) technical guidelines, which the country has already adapted and domesticated.

The aim is to count every maternal death, review of deaths (to determine the underlying causes)

and implement responses to scale using a phased approach.

Common contributing factors to maternal deaths include; delays in seeking transport to go to the health facility; as well as, inadequate skilled attendance at pregnancy, delivery and after delivery.

The ministry of health, through support from UNFPA and WHO has embarked on a training for health workers initiative on MDSR. The purpose of the training is to build capacity for conducting Maternal, Perinatal and Neonatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPNDSR) at all levels of health care. It is envisaged that this will help to improve the quality of maternal, perinatal (seven days post-delivery) and neonatal health care.

## Danger

"We still have a lot to do as health workers, hence there is no time to relax. We need to educate both our men and women to look out for the danger signs during pregnancy and encourage them to deliver at a health facility.

We need to improve our infrastructure, employ more midwives and ensure that medical supplies are available in order to respond to any maternal challenge," Tembe emphasised.

Participants noted that the government of Swaziland has worked hard to overcome some of the challenges that women face, which then result in maternal deaths.

## Women warned against using bomasheshisa

**PREGNANT** women are still using traditional concoctions known as 'bomasheshisa' for a fast delivery.

This was noted during training of health workers on Maternal Death Surveillance and Response (MDSR) at Lugogo Sun on

Tuesday.

The health workers observed, that some women still uses these traditional concoctions, when they exercise home deliveries.

Women were then warned against using these concoctions as some end up delivering their babies along the

way to the hospital or get there with unusual contractions (labour).

Women are encouraged that even during this drought situation, it is still important that they deliver at a health facility so that they can be attended to, in case there are complications.

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

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#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Produce quality work in a fast-paced environment, meeting deadlines and client expectations for creativity and accuracy
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- Ensure that all advertisements and graphics are properly prepared for 4-color press output (CMYK)
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#### SKILLS:

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- Working knowledge of preparing files for CMYK output
- Knowledge of photography a plus
- Excellent communication and time management skills
- Ability to perform job responsibilities in a timely manner with minimal supervision
- Flexibility in performing tasks outside of basic responsibilities

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- A diploma in Desktop Publishing, graphics designing or any other relevant field from a recognized institution.
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#### APPLICATIONS:

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# MLAWULA-MAGADZAVANE WALK A MILESTONE FOR LUBOMBO - RA

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**LUBOMBO Regional Administrator Sylvia Mthethwa has illustrated how the much anticipated Mlawula-Magadzavane challenge walk will be a milestone for the region.**

The event is expected to bring massive tourism improvements for the country.

The Eco Lubombo Organisation (ELO), an initiative that aims at showcasing the beauty and tranquility of the Lubombo landscape, through eco-tourism initiatives, has announced that the challenge walk would be staged for the very first time this year, adding that it would be annual.

On Wednesday, the board of trustees staged a briefing for the event.

The organisation is made of a cluster of stakeholders from various social agencies with a common purpose, which is championed by the RA and is pioneered by Magadzavane Lodge, RSP Crime Prevention Unit, Siteki Town Council as well as other government agencies and NGOs.

## Briefing

Speaking during the briefing, Mthethwa said their aim was also to offer a diversity of eco-adventure activities that include a network of walking trails, overnight camping, mountain cycling and other activities.

The organisation also aims at supporting various sustainable social livelihood programmes in the Lubombo sub-region.

The RA said the organisation would also support the conservation of biodiversity, ecosystem resilience and the sustainable



**SUPPORTS: Lubombo RA Sylvia Mthethwa making her remarks during the briefing of Eco Lubombo Organisation ECO initiative at Magadzavane Lodge.**

development of the Lubombo plateau to the benefit of all inha-



**REMARKS: Eco Lubombo Organisation PRO Wendy Hleta also making her presentation.**

tants of the region. The initiative is also aimed at cre-

ating an outstanding ecotourism and conservation destination as the foundation for sustainable livelihoods and equitable social development for local communities.

Mthethwa said these activities combined would improve tourism in the country as it encouraged people from neighbouring countries to visit the region.

The RA said the challenge walk initiative also hoped to encourage people from within the borders to visit local establishments and reserves to spend their leisure time.

## Reported

Meanwhile, the RA reported that the region was currently faced with a number of challenges that needed joined efforts to be eradicated.

These include the scourge of HIV/AIDS that has ravaged the social fabric and family unit. Mthethwa said the escalated illegal crime rate also got the regional office worried.

She stated that the challenge walk, therefore, hopes to attend to such challenges and bring harmony to the society.

Mthethwa then called upon corporates, leading industries in the region and nationally to support the initiative.

## Initiative to develop Siteki as a hub

**THE Mlawula-Magadzavane challenge walk will bring massive improvement in Siteki.**

Lubombo RA Sylvia Mthethwa said the initiative would assist develop the town into an eco-tourism hub in the SADC region.

This is more likely because the town is the nearest to the internationally publicised East3Route initiative which joins the country to neighbouring South Africa and Mozambique.

Mthethwa said the initiative would also bring sustainable development of the Lubombo plateau and its habitants. Even though Siteki is one of the oldest towns in the country, it was noted that its development has been at a snail's pace, with some buildings in the town centre dating back to over 50 years. The RA said such an initiative would, therefore, see the town reaching its expected potential status.



**ATTENTIVE: Some of the board members at the briefing.**

## International media show interest in ELO

**A number of international media has shown interest in the Eco Lubombo Organisation's initiative, the Mlawula-Magadzavane challenge walk.**

This was disclosed by spokesperson of the organisation, Wendy Hleta who is also police regional operations officer.

Hleta said they were happy with the recognition they had received from international bodies.

She said South Africa's public broadcaster, SABC, in particular, has pledged to cover the event.

## Expected

The broadcaster and other international media houses are expected to

be in the country at least before the actual date of the challenge walk.

Hleta said they had also put in place programmes aimed at promoting the event and the would include roadshows across the country. They will also undertake other promotional events in neighbouring South Africa and Mozambique.

## Registrar gives green light to ELO

**THE newly established Eco Lubombo Organisation (ELO) is a lawful entity that has been registered as a non-profit making organisation.**

Registrar of Companies Msebe Malinga said the organisation would not be competing with any business entity as it would only work towards the benefit of the communities.

## However

He stated that, however, the organisation would be expected to present financial statements before his office on a yearly basis.

Proceeds of the organisation will be utilised, amongst other things, in rehabilitating tourism facilities and rolling out charity to needy people in the society.

## DPM guest at Divine's thanksgiving

By Eddie Abner  
Mbabane

**DEPUTY Prime Minister (DPM) Paul Dlamini will be guest speaker at Bishop Nash Shongwe's thanksgiving ceremony on Sunday.**

The celebration will be held at the Divine Healing Ministries. The ceremony is meant at welcoming

Shongwe back as he has been away for the past month on doctor's orders.

Earlier last month, he was rushed to an intensive care unit (ICU) in South Africa after an operation.

Fana Sihlongonyane said the church would host the event just to thank the Lord for the bishop's recovery.

He said the bishop would be preaching for the first time after his illness and they would slaughter three cows for the event.

## Pleased

"We are pleased to welcome the bishop back after being away from the public eye for a month. As a church, we decided to host a thanksgiving event and welcome him back to the podium so that he

could continue spreading the word," he said. Artists such as Linda Dlamini and Apostle Maculuvu will be entertaining the brethren on the day and the event starts at 10am.

In a previous interview, the bishop had stated that he was recovering at his parental home at Luve but he was longing to go back to church.

**GUEST: Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini.**





# STANDARD BANK TAKES SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**STANDARD Bank Pigg's Peak, on Wednesday, staged a customer awareness campaign for its customers.**

Customer Consultant Nontokozi Fakudze said the bank was trying to raise awareness for its products offered.

"We are bringing our bank's services closer to the customer by interacting with them outside our formal bank setting, and in a more informal environment," she said.

Fakudze said Standard Bank had plenty of customer tailored



**MOVING FORWARD: Standard Bank Pigg's Peak outside marketing team of customer service consultants L-R Mlungisi Mavimbela, Nontokozi Fakudze, Nosipho Makhubu and Thobile Mahlalela.**

products that were on the marketing.

"We have had a very positive response to our outside marketing campaign that started this morning, as many people have come to our tent and opened; either a new savings accounts, or registered for our

other products," he said.

"This campaign has afforded us the opportunity to showcase our new products to our customers. When a person opens an account he gets a freebie either a juice bottle, card holder or mini coin cases," Fakudze said.



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**JOB TITLE:** TB/HIV Technical Advisor  
**REPORTS TO:** National ART Coordinator (SNAP)  
**LOCATION:** Mbabane, Swaziland

**Overview:** The CDC/PEPFAR Support for strengthening the national TB program implementation and provision of comprehensive care and treatment services in Manzini region comprises support to NTCP and SNAP to ensure comprehensive TB/HIV care and treatment service delivery. Accordingly, the TB/HIV Technical advisor will support the HIV/TB focal person at SNAP to coordinate the TB/HIV collaborative activities and offer technical guidance on their implementation focusing on integration, scaling up for impact, quality assurance, innovations to improve access and utilization of services. These support will include implementation of effective strategies to increase IPT coverage, support PEPFAR's clinical implementing partners and RHMTs to oversee and implement IPC in all health facilities, expansion of TB and HIV interventions including TB screening and strengthening surveillance of TB among health care workers in the country. The incumbent will also support the program monitoring of the clinical component of routine viral load monitoring among the TB/HIV co-infected clients in the country focusing on the cascade from requisition of the viral load test to clinical decision for patient management. S/he will also be a link with SNAP and NTCP to coordinate the joint planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of TB/HIV collaborative activities.

## Roles and Responsibilities:

### 1. Coordination and service delivery

- Strengthen the mechanisms for delivering integrated TB and HIV services.
- Strengthen a coordinating body for collaborative TB/HIV activities functional at all levels
- Support the TB/HIV focal person at SNAP and NTCP to coordinate joint TB/HIV planning by SNAP and NTCP to integrate the delivery of TB and HIV services
- Support the TB/HIV focal person from SNAP and NTCP to coordinate the quarterly TB/HIV Technical working Group
- Meetings, NCC meetings; this entails preparations of the agenda of the meetings and documentation of the proceedings from those meetings.
- Monitor INH and pyridoxine forecasting, quantifications and stock level to provide timely solutions to avoid interruption of IPT.
- Provide technical guidance on the management of drug resistance TB among HIV positive clients
- Guide the NTCP and SNAP in the revision/development of evidenced-based standards for competency in TB/ HIV and the related training materials.
- Collaborate with PEPFAR clinical partners and all other stakeholders in order to ensure that the TB/HIV collaborative activities and routine HIV viral load monitoring activities follow the requirements and national standards/protocols.
- Support the SNAP HIV/TB focal person to provide technical updates to SNAP, and other implementing partners on successes, challenges and lessons learned pertaining to TB/HIV collaborative activities and routine Viral load monitoring.
- With the HIV/TB focal persons at SNAP and NTCP support integration of TB and HIV services at regional, Facility and community level.

### 2. M&E

- Work very closely with SID advisors at SNAP and NTCP and monitor the TB/HIV cascade
- Monitor HIV prevalence among TB patients and TB prevalence among people living with HIV
- Support the SNAP ART program team (paeds, ART program officers) on setting TB/HIV program priorities and directions, and responding to requests for support from PEPFAR's clinical partners.
- Coordinate closely with HIV and TB SID officers/ advisors to monitor TB/ HIV program data
- Assume overall responsibility for the sound execution of the TB/ HIV collaborative activities, focusing at regional and national level.
- Provide monthly updates on the national TB/HIV collaborative activities for project reports.
- Support TB screening among health care workers to ensure that data is generated annually to monitor TB transmission among health care providers in the country.
- With M&E staff, produce quarterly report on the targeted and routine HIV viral load cascade.
- Work closely with SID focal person at SNAP to ensure the TB/HIV collaborative activities and indicators are on the newly launched Client Management Information System and APMR.
- Work closely with the ICAP's / and all other PEPFAR clinical partners on setting TB/HIV program priorities and directions, and responding to requests for support from PEPFAR's clinical partners

## Qualifications, experience and additional skills

- MD with a post graduate training in public health or epidemiology
- A minimum of 5 years' experience in supporting the implementation of public health programs preferably focusing on TB/HIV.
- Experience in facilitating trainings, development of guidelines and curriculum
- Experience in writing reports including publications
- Advanced Proficiency in English language.
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### REGIONAL LABORATORY MENTORS

**Location:** Hhohho, Manzini, Lubombo, Shiselweni

**Reports to:** Senior Laboratory Advisor

**Length of Contract:** 10 months & renewable

**Number of positions:** 4

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Mentor major and mini laboratories on LQMS to support the strengthening of laboratories towards accreditation.
- Work with the Principal Technologist for QA at the SHLS to develop quality plans for laboratories.
- Participate in the SHLS mentors forum
- Provide technical assistance to laboratories in closing non-conformances identified during audits.
- Identify gaps in the laboratories that may require further training or other interventions and report these to the Principal Technologist.
- Work with Laboratory personnel in devising and implementing corrective action (CA) continuous quality improvement plans (CQIP).
- Continuously assess progress made by laboratories using SLIPTA checklist and provide periodic reports on the performance thereof.
- Participate in the development of SHLS guidelines, procedures and other documents that may be deemed necessary by the institution.
- Periodically do routine laboratory testing in the labs to keep abreast of new technologies and procedures.
- Provide mentorship and on-site training to mini-lab personnel on the ISO 15189 clauses that affect mini-labs.
- Assist laboratory managers in the hands-on training of Medical Laboratory Sciences students attached for internship in the labs.
- Conduct technical assistance visits to mini-labs.
- Participate in the implementation of external quality assurance (EQA)

### Qualification & Minimum Requirement:

- Bachelor's Degree in Medical Laboratory Sciences or any other related qualification.
- At least 4 years experience working in a clinical diagnostic laboratory.
- Knowledge of LQMS and ISO 15189.
- Knowledge of SLMTA and WHO-AFRO SLIPTA will be an added advantage.

### LIS COORDINATOR

**Report to:** LIS Manager of ICAP Lab Program

**Location:** Mbabane, Swaziland

**Length of Contract:** 10 months & renewable

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist LIS manager in the roll-out of the LIS to new facilities
- Coordinating the implementation of LIS at the mini laboratories.
- Assist the LIS manager to develop the technical information in the identification, selection and implementation of LIS platforms for new facilities
- Assist in troubleshooting of system failures in collaboration with the LIS manager
- Support the SHLS in coordination of the Laboratory Information System (LIS) in the laboratory network.
- Ensure the proper functionality and use of the LIS in facilities
- Support provision of training and mentorship for facility LIS users to troubleshoot at times of system failure
- Provide technical on the roll out of SMS system for result return to facilities
- Work with the LIS manager & other stakeholders in interfacing of different technologies such as SMS, CMIS etc. with the LIS
- Support the LIS manager & SHLS in maintaining proper documentation related to the LIS & other IT related projects within the SHLS lab network
- Support the development of security standards, procedures, and guidelines for the multiple IT platforms
- Support the SHLS on any other laboratory IT related activities
- Executing other responsibilities as assigned by the immediate supervisor

### Qualification & Minimum Requirement:

- Bachelor's Degree in Medical Laboratory Sciences or any other related qualification and Diploma in IT
- At least 4 years' experience working in a clinical diagnostic laboratory and Laboratory information system related activities
- Fluent in English and knowledge of siSwati is an added advantage

### Position Title: LIS Manager

**Report to:** ICAP Lab Program Technical Director

**Location:** Mbabane, Swaziland

**Length of Contract:** 10 months & renewable

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Support the SHLS in coordination of the Laboratory Information System (LIS) in the laboratory network.
- Develop requirements, outlines, budgets, and schedules for information technology project implementation within the national lab network
- Ensure the proper functionality and use of the LIS in facilities
- Develop budget, renewal, procurement and installation plan of LIS in the lab network
- Provide training and mentorship for facility LIS users to troubleshoot at times of system failure
- Provide technical assistance in identifying an open source LIS for mini labs
- Provide technical assistance on introduction & roll out of SMS system for result return to facilities
- Work in interfacing of different technologies such as SMS, CMIS etc. with the LIS
- Closely work & follow acceptable standards with the SHLS and oversee all phases of LIS & related projects from conception to completion.
- Provide support to the SHLS to manage team of consultants, programmers, developers, and analysts contracted to the SHLS
- Ensure project is completed within budget and on time
- Provide support to the SHLS in maintaining proper documentation related to the LIS & other IT related projects within the SHLS lab network
- Conduct risk assessment, flag potential issues and identify new opportunities.
- Develop security standards, procedures, and guidelines for the multiple IT platforms
- Support the SHLS on any other laboratory IT related activities
- Executing other responsibilities as assigned by the immediate supervisor

### Qualification & Minimum Requirement:

- Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology or computer science
- At least 5 years' experience working in a Laboratory information system in clinical diagnostic laboratory
- Fluent in English and knowledge of siSwati is an added advantage

### VIRAL LOAD LAB TECHNOLOGIST

**Report to:** ICAP Lab program Technical Director

**Location:** Mbabane, Swaziland

**Length of Contract:** 10 months & renewable

**Number of positions:** 3

### Duties and responsibilities:

- Perform laboratory tests and ensure timely processing of results and their dissemination to the relevant users
- Ensure that Quality Control testing and verification is conducted
- Maintain high standards in good laboratory practice (GLP)
- Perform other Medical Laboratory Technology duties within the scope of work
- Ensure that preventative maintenance of equipment is performed and documented. Initiate repairs on malfunctioning equipment
- Collaborate in the development and implementation of new policies and procedures
- Work with Laboratory personnel to support Stepwise Laboratory Improvement Process Towards Accreditation (SLIPTA) of the National Molecular Reference Laboratory and quality improvement projects.
- Participate in the designing and implementation of overall Laboratory Quality management system and efficient lab services.
- Provide guidance and coaching to staff and assist in the orientation and training of new staff on laboratory tests
- Keep proper and clear documents and records of tests performed as per protocol
- Participate in the implementation of external quality assurance (EQA)
- Participate in data quality audits/reviews
- Executing other responsibilities as assigned by the immediate supervisor

### QUALIFICATION & MINIMUM REQUIREMENT:

- Diploma in Medical Laboratory Sciences
- A Bachelor's Degree in Biomedical Laboratory science or related sciences is an added advantage
- At least 1 years' experience working in a clinical diagnostic laboratory.
- Knowledge of LQMS and ISO 15189 is an added advantage
- Knowledge of SLMTA and WHO-AFRO SLIPTA will be an added advantage

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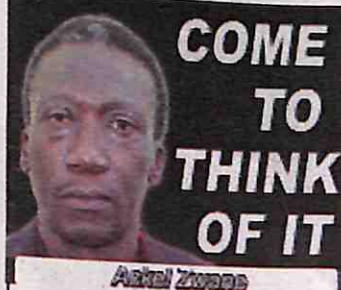




# FEATURES & OPINION

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Asati Zwane

## COURTS HAVE SPOKEN, TSC NEEDS AN AUDIT

NOW is the time to take stock of real issues playing out at the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) because the courts have made startling observations about the extent to which unprofessional tactics could be effectively engaged to get one out of the way.

The next question is: where are the greyheads that were strategically recalled from retirement to wave the magic wand to save the teaching profession and its administration?

Mduduzi Nkambule, the executive secretary, has been exonerated by the High Court of Swaziland of charges of corruption where he had been accused of having recommended his wife for the position of school principal when he should have either blown the whistle or recused himself, but, as it turned out, this allegation was baseless.

It, therefore, gives credence to the allegations running like wildfire that the Teaching Service Commission arena is nothing but a pentagon where all sorts of schemes are plotted in order to get even with adversaries.

### Bribes

For others the TSC is a source of quick cash through manipulating TSC numbers for non-existent posts or fleecing bribes from teachers who happened to find themselves on the opposite end with their employer. Watch this space, we shall be covering all the action drama when Mduduzi returns to office.

While most professions subscribe to the school that self-regulation is the ideal way to advance the cause of the particular profession, teachers are bringing in new sets of factors such as corruption as being the main source of undoing of the principles of self-regulation.

Scholars such as Roy Baumeister assert that under regulation occurs because of deficient standards, inadequate monitoring, or inadequate strength. Mis-regulation occurs because of false assumptions or mis-

● The courts even though they have not come out to make a strong pronouncement on the goings on at TSC, have somewhat raised very strong points that must give pointers to both parliament and the executive to consider it and take drastic step towards overhauling the entire system and replacing it with more workable and credible systems



**GLORY TO GOD: Suspended Teaching Service Commission Executive Secretary Mduduzi Nkambule reacts after he was acquitted and discharged of corruption by the High Court this week.**

directed efforts, especially an unwarranted emphasis on emotion.

The evidence supports a strength (limited resource) model of self-regulation and suggests that people often acquiesce in losing control. Loss of control of attention, failure of transcendence and various lapse-activated causes all contribute to regulatory failure.

In the yester year, Swaziland has been grappling with issues of the collapse of the rule of law and the country is still hung over. During this time, there were those in the legal and justice system who benefitted from the Makhulu Baas reign of ter-

ror by manipulating the registry of the courts, calling (pseudo) judges to suggest judgements and downright fabricating court rulings without matters being given due diligence.

In these instances there were cases of teachers who never saw the light of day because some officials within government systems are able to manipulate the dilapidated state of rule of law in the country. These cases have still not yet been resolved and a cry by the affected teachers is just wasted energy because it lands on deaf ears, it is a cry in the wild. In some instances, teachers have cases and appear before the TSC where

quite often they allegedly later realise that judgements had already been made before hearings.

Teachers have resisted transfers into far flung areas, away from their families, but their pleas not heard simply because their posts had already been allocated to some teachers of favour for returns of a kind. Some of the favoured teachers are given this benefit: Challenge your suspension and we shall make sure you win it!

We had thought the bringing in of experienced greyheads in the education fraternity such as Hugh Magagula and Reginah Shongwe to brand traditional authority together with extreme Swazi conservative principle would give the TSC a somewhat adult face.

### Expectations

Contrary to these expectations, we have heard teachers complaining that they are made to answer to trumped up charges in order for some officials to extort money from them or rather have them removed from office in order to be replaced by relatives and friends of those who happened to hold upper hand at the commission.

We thought the old guard taken from quiet retirement would bring in the magic they acquired over the years to turn the situation around, introducing a contemporary adage in Swazi culture: an old broom sweeps clean.

These allegations were often met with strong rebuttal, especially by those to whom fingers pointed, but ironically government has failed to

institute an investigations or commission into the operations of TSC much against the loud public outcry.

The courts even though they have not come out to make a strong pronouncement on the goings on at TSC, have somewhat raised very strong points that must give pointers to both parliament and the executive to consider it and take drastic step towards overhauling the entire system and replacing it with more workable and credible systems.

Teachers this last week howled helplessly at their centre in Manzini, revealing how the bottom end is a basic requirement for female teachers to have their requests for either transfers or appointments attended to by the TSC, failing which it is the cash.

Surely, this is not a fabrication coming from teachers themselves and these could be a great source of information if government is to be serious about turning the situation around at the TSC.

It is mere pep talk to suggest that teachers must volunteer information to the very vultures that are gatekeepers of same ready to devour them.

The most credible provision would be for an independent enquiry into the TSC operations with a view of understanding what the teachers are complaining about.

The teachers must be assured the necessary protection against being exposed to victimisation by their superiors; they must also be given the assurance that all the information they volunteer shall not be used against them but to correct the situation by turning around the otherwise rotten status quo. All this can be ably done by an independent audit into the institution of the TSC.

All this is possible because the minister of education is a retired teacher himself who had also risen to the ranks of heading the teachers' organisation SNAT.

This man is aware of the teachers' plight especially after he hosted them to a party during school hours at the Somhlolo National Stadium where they danced and drank the day away.

On this day alone, the teachers were able to reiterate their situation at the dysfunctional TSC but maybe he is still working on a grand plan he shall unleash on the eve of his definite exit from the position after next year.

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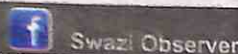
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## Wit and Wisdom

1. He who has learned how to obey will know how to command.

—Solon

2. I am reminded how hollow the label of leadership sometimes is and how heroic followership can be.

—Warren Bennis

3. I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure, which is: Try to please everybody.

—Herbert Swope

4. If one is lucky, a solitary fantasy can totally transform one million realities.

—Maya Angelou

5. If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading, or do things worth the writing.

—Benjamin Franklin

6. If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

—John Quincy Adams

7. In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.

—Thomas Jefferson

8. It is absurd that a man should rule others, who cannot rule himself.

—Latin Proverb

9. It is better to lead from behind and to put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur. You take the front line when there is danger. Then people will appreciate your leadership.

—Nelson Mandela

10. Lead and inspire people. Don't try to manage and manipulate people. Inventories can be managed but people must be led.

—Ross Perot

11. Leaders aren't born, they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal.

—Vince Lombardi

12. Leaders must be close enough to relate to others, but far enough ahead to motivate them.

—John C. Maxwell

13. Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

—John F. Kennedy

14. Leadership cannot just go along to get along. Leadership must meet the moral challenge of the day.

—Jesse Jackson

15. Leadership does not always wear the harness of compromise.

—Woodrow Wilson

Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without the strategy.

—Norman Schwarzkopf

16. Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership.

—Colin Powell

17. Leadership is the key to 99 percent of all successful efforts.

—Erskine Bowles

18. Leadership is unlocking people's potential to become better.

—Bill Bradley

19. Management is about arranging and telling. Leadership is about nurturing and enhancing. —Tom Peters

# THE PARLIAMENT OF SLEAZE: PROSTITUTES, MISS BUM BUM RULE IN BRAZIL CABINET

- Brazil's corridors of power are under scrutiny thanks to corruption claims
- Leaked snapshots and videos show prostitution and pornography are rife
- Whatsapp video showed minister receiving oral sex in cabinet bathrooms
- Ministers are also under investigation for money-laundering and corruption
- Probes are heaping pressure on the country as Olympic Games draw near

**Sao Paulo - A minister whose Miss BumBum model lover posed nude in front of parliament - then did a raunchy photo shoot with him inside his cabinet office...**

Prostitutes providing sexual services inside the men's bathrooms of the National Congress, and a leaked video apparently showing a leading politician fondling a woman's breasts and receiving oral sex...

Congressmen caught engrossed in hardcore pornographic videos inside the Chamber of Deputies during a key debate on political reform.

And a senator who forgot to mute his phone when he opened a sex video during a vote to impeach the president - allowing a woman's orgasmic screams to echo through the silent chamber before the fumbling politician managed to switch it off. Welcome to Brazil's corridors of power, where it is not hard to see why South America's largest nation is descending into political farce and economic chaos.

### Issues

And that's even before you get to the serious issues. In Brazil's last government, which was last week dismantled after the suspension of President Dilma Rousseff pending an impeachment trial, 19 cabinet serving ministers were under investigation for crimes including corruption, money-laundering and racketeering.

Rousseff is accused of illegally manipulating finances to hide a growing public deficit ahead of her re-election in 2014, charges she denies.

With Brazilians tired of corrupt politicians, you would have expected Interim President Michel Temer, who took office last week, to steer clear of names already tainted by accusations of wrongdoing. On the contrary, Seven of Temer's ministers - a third of his cabinet - are under investigation accused of involvement in a massive corruption scandal at state oil company Petrobras.

The so-called operation Car Wash investigation has so far uncovered a huge kickback and bribery scheme at the oil giant, with dozens of politicians accused of siphoning off at least £2.5 billion of public money, much of which was allegedly used to fund election campaigns.

Other ministers have been accused or condemned for other crimes, with one - now in charge of transport - found guilty of stealing money meant for children's school meals.



**UPROAR:** Former Minister for Tourism Alessandro Teixeira was criticised after his wife Milena Santos (pictured) posed provocatively in his new office.



**RAUNCHY:** This is picture of Milena Santos who was crowned Miss BumBum USA 2013, with Minister for Tourism Alessandro Teixeira caused outrage in Brazil.

Temer's chief of staff, meanwhile, was accused of inventing a 'phantom' member of cabinet in a previous government and pocketing the nonexistent employee's salary.

Eliseu Padilha is also under investigation for concealment of assets, racketeering, bribery, embezzlement and improper conduct. Incredibly, of the 23 cabinet members in Temer's government, only six have never been investigated on charges of corruption.

Of those, one is a leader of the controversial Universal Church, considered a cult, which preaches that people are possessed by demons.

Another is the son of a Brazilian general found guilty of torture, assassination and disappearances during the military dictatorship.

Perhaps it's not that surprising though - Temer himself is accused of receiving millions in illicit payments from the Petrobras scandal.

In fact, although he has taken office as president, he has been banned from running for election

for eight years by Sao Paulo's Electoral Tribunal who are tasked with stopping 'dirty' politicians from seeking votes.

And during another corruption investigation in the 1990s, the man now leading Brazil was accused of receiving 21 bribery payments from a construction company, in return for lucrative contracts, totalling \$345million.

### Corruption

For Paulo Baia, professor of political sociology at Rio de Janeiro's federal university, Brazil's endemic corruption is costing the resource-rich country dearly.

He told MailOnline: 'Corruption is the one biggest threat to Brazil. It hinders growth, it halts our development. Corruption is an extra tax that we all have to pay.'

'But while the people of Brazil want it to stop, the politicians who benefit from it don't. The population is finally rising up, but they are coming up against a political system where corruption has been systemic for four centuries. It will

take a long time to change.'

In fact, Brazilian politics are so corrupt, as incredible as it sounds, a former clown could end up becoming president if, as the country's Order of Attorneys is insisting, all of those accused of wrongdoing are disqualified from office.

If Temer could no longer stay in office, power would be passed to the president of the Senate, Renan Calheiros - whose involvement in the Petrobras scandal is also being investigated.

The next person in line, president of the Chamber of Deputies Eduardo Cunha, has already been suspended after being accused of obstructing investigations into his alleged receipt of bribes.

Police have launched an investigation into possible prostitution in the men's bathrooms of the Chamber of Deputies, after a video that appeared to show a man in a suit with a prostitute went viral. Other call girls have claimed prostitution is common around the Brazilian parliament, with rich politicians willing to pay high fig-





**SUSPENDED:** Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff is suspended pending an impeachment trial. Supporters claim she has been the victim of a coup.



**WORKING GIRL:** A still of a call girl in the video that went viral.



**SNAPSHOT:** Many leaked photographs and videos have emerged of Brazilian politicians caught in compromising positions, creating a scandal that is putting the country's parliament in jeopardy.



**GLAMOROUS:** Marcela Temer, 33, is Brazil's new First Lady after her husband Michel, 75, took the top job and has been raising eyebrows for her wanton spending of public money and the age difference with her husband.

ures to satisfy their sexual desires.

Only six out of 23 members of Interim President Michel Temer's new cabinet have never been investigated on charges of corruption. More scandal hit parliament when footage of a high class prostitute emerged.

The presidency, then, would have to be passed to the federal deputy who received the most votes at the last election, Celso Russomano, but he was found guilty of embezzlement in November last year.

The federal deputy with the second highest number of votes is Tiririca, a celebrity clown and comedian turned congressman is next in the long line to the presidency.

Ironically, the funny man was last year the most active lawmaker in parliament, voted one of Brazil's best politicians and one of only eight per cent of deputies who didn't miss a single session in four years.

Meanwhile, many of those holding high office who should have been concentrating on their jobs while the country slipped into crisis appear to have

been more preoccupied with other things. On the day Brazil's new tourism minister Alessandro Teixeira took office last month, faced with the challenge of restoring Brazil's image ahead of the Olympics, he was busy posing for a series of risque photos with his busty model lover, Milena Santos, inside his cabinet office.

Milena, who won Miss Bumbum USA in 2013, later posted the images on her Facebook page along with the words 'My first day as First Lady of Tourism of Brazil.'

#### Powerful

She added: 'It's not for nothing that, behind a great man, there is always a beautiful and powerful woman.'

Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff is suspended pending an impeachment trial. Supporters claim she has been the victim of a coup.

It later emerged that Teixeira had been employing Milena's aunt, who raised her as her daughter, on a salary of £4 000 a month as his 'advisor'.

She was later removed from the post when the nepotism scandal became

public. Soon after, even more titillating photos of the model posing topless in front of the National Congress building, taken when she was competing in the Miss Bumbum contest, went viral on social networking sites.

Milena later said in an interview: 'I'm no longer a model, I haven't taken part in beauty contests for a long time.'

People are associating me with my past. People complain that Brazil is in a bad state, but they pay more attention to a naked woman than they do to politics, and then complain that the government isn't doing a good job.'

Teixeira himself only stayed in his post for less than a month, after taking over from his disgraced predecessor Henrique Alves, who is also wrapped up in the operation Car Wash investigation. After Teixeira, who is allied to Ms Rousseff, was dismissed following her suspension, Temer reinstated Alves as tourism minister.

The political upheaval and volatile regime change means that most government departments have ground to a halt, with often devastating conse-

quences for ordinary Brazilians affected by the impasse.

They include education, with students around the country occupying hundreds of schools to protest for better quality teaching and learning conditions, complaining of crumbling buildings and overcrowded classrooms.

Brazil's health department also faces its biggest crisis for years, with drastic cuts to frontline services while at the same time finding itself at the centre of the fight against Zika virus, which has caused 1 113 cases of brain-deforming microcephaly in newborn babies in just the last six months.

And as the Olympics loom, the revolving door at Brazil's sports ministry, which has seen three different ministers in just two months, is a huge concern for organisers. Sports minister George Hilton stepped down at the end of March after leading it for just over a

year, replaced by Ricardo Leyser, an ally of Rousseff.

Last week he himself was replaced by Picciani, 36, after just six weeks on the job.

Meanwhile, those politicians responsible for voting in laws haven't always had their minds on the job. During an important session debating political reform last year, TV cameras caught 48-year-old congressman Joao Rodrigues sharing a pornographic video to other four giggling colleagues on his mobile phone. The SBT TV channel later described content of the video as 'heavy'.

#### Senators

And last week, as senators cast their votes for Rousseff's impeachment, perhaps the most significant session in Brazil's history, one speech was interrupted by a woman's loud groans as an unidentified lawmaker opened another video without remembering to turn off the sound.

It is not the only new scandal which is set to explode in the coming months, heaping even more pressure on Brazil as it prepares to welcome the world to the Olympic Games in August.

And Brazil, which was once the envy of the world, with a booming economy, unprecedented growth and nearly full employment, could find itself mired in even more controversy.

Authorities investigating the Petrobras scandal, as well as other corruption cases, are expected to issue more arrest warrants within days, which could still bring down Temer's fledgling but already tainted government. Just days ago, a separate investigation launched by a Sao Paulo court requested the opening of an investigation into three former mayors suspected of 'administrative dishonesty'.

Of the three, two are new ministers on Temer's government - foreign minister José Serra and min-

ister for Communications, Science and Technology Gilberto Kassab.

The investigation added shame to two more members of his hand-picked cabinet, already criticised for comprising of only white, upper-class men.

At the same time, the new minister for Planning, senator Romero Juca is being investigated by the Supreme Federal Court accused of taking bribes from electricity companies, as well as for racketeering in the Petrobras scandal. Cabinet secretary Geddel Vieira Lima is also named in the Petrobras investigation, as well as suspected of having used his influence to benefit a construction company.

Cities Minister Bruno Araujo is also accused of receiving multi-million pound payments from another construction company Odebrecht, whose CEO Marcelo Odebrecht is now serving 19

years in jail for his part in the Petrobras corruption case.

Brazil's new health minister, Ricardo Barros, meanwhile, was in 2011 caught on tapped phone conversations fixing the bidding for a public contract to the tune of

£1.5million, a case he is still fighting. As ordinary voters watch the growing political turmoil unfold, many wonder how Temer's cabinet, most of whom are embroiled in serious police investigations or fighting court proceedings, can really concentrate on sorting out the growing problems facing the country.

Perhaps what is most disappointing, though, is that in giving cabinet posts to some of his closest friends he has awarded them political immunity from prosecution and even more power, which many suspect is the real reason for their appointments.

Professor Paulo Baia believes voters will have to wait for years to see a Brazil free from the shackles of corruption.

He said: 'I can see how absurd it looks to people outside of Brazil that politicians being investigated for corruption are allowed to stay in their posts.'

But it is the way things are here, until their last appeal is rejected.

'There is a growing movement to stop anyone who is under investigation from holding public office, but it is meeting an even stronger and determined opposition, because there are just so many politicians who would lose their jobs if the law was passed.'

'I don't see how corruption can be stamped out with the current politicians we have. But the young people who are coming up, who will be the next judges and politicians, will ensure corruption will one day be brought under control.'

'I'm confident that change will come to Brazil, but it will take at least a generation.'

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## VITALS

Prime Rate 10%  
First National bank

Inflation Rate 7.8%  
Central Statistical Office

Mortgage Rate 9.0%  
Swaziland Building Society

Bank Rate 6.5%  
Central Bank

Petrol (u) E11.00 per litre  
Replacement E11.05 per litre  
Diesel E10.95 per litre  
Paraffin E 7.15 per litre  
Engen Garage

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



Correct as at 12 May 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14,9685	15,0185
British Pound/SZL	21,7335	21,8061
Japanese Yen/SZL	7,2477	7,2699
Swiss France/SZL	15,4809	15,5262
Botswana Pula/SZL	1,3681	1,3802
Australian Dollar/SZL	11,0033	11,0431
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11,6914	11,7268
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	3,5662	3,6249
Euro/SZL	17,0813	17,1384
Gold	1,278.5100	
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# AGRIC MINISTRY GEARS UP FOR BRINE REDUCTION

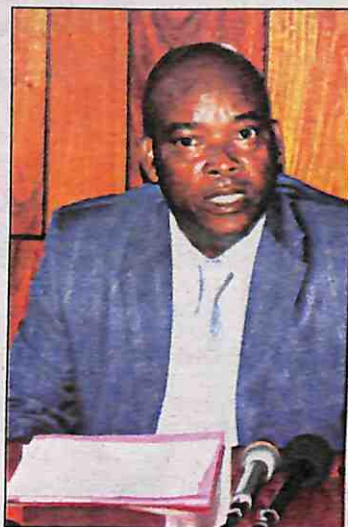
By Manqoba Makhubu

**THE poultry industry has only six months to adjust to the new maximum permitted levels of brine, a fluid, which is injected into chicken and other meat products to retain tenderness and flavour.**

This follows the recent announcement by the South African ministry of agriculture that poultry products found not compliant with the regulations would not be allowed to be offered for sale within the republic. This new announcement would put pressure to the country's commercial poultry sector which boasts of over 12 tonnes sales volumes, worth over E200 million, with South Africa being the main export destination, while the country also imports poultry from South Africa.

Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati said the ministry would sit down and look at ways to enforce the same requirements.

"This is critical because we work together with South Africa, as my counterpart has made this announcement, we have to follow suit," he said. The minister confirmed that the brine percentage had been benchmarked by South Africa. According to the new South African regulations the total brine injection allowed for the whole carcasses was limited



**GEARING FOR CHANGE: Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati. The poultry industry has only six months to adjust to the new maximum permitted levels of brine, a fluid, which is injected into chicken and other meat products to retain tenderness and flavour.**

to a maximum of 10 percent, up from the previously prescribed eight percent. However, the total brine allowed for individual portions of fresh and frozen poultry was capped at 15 percent, while previously there was no limit prescribed.

### Happy

Vilakati said they were happy with the recent changes of the regulations, saying it was critical to ensure that consumers were getting value for their money.

Speaking to Fin24, South African Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Spokesperson Bomikazi Molapo said the new regulation would bring about greater transparency



and fair balanced trade.

"Currently, the level of brine injected into individual quick frozen meat is not set or regulated, and that distorts the playing field in terms of trade," she said.

### Quality

Molapo noted that the Agricultural Product Standards Act 119 of 1990 was concerned with the quality of the product being sold. Related to this, she said, was the issue of product integrity which involved the compositional properties of the product.

"Labelling on the packages is only important to the extent that the compositional properties and integrity of the product is not

compromised," said Molapo.

Meanwhile, Vilakati said the ministry would do everything to protect the local poultry industry due to its contribution in the balance of trade with the republic of South Africa.

"Our poultry trade relationship with South Africa is reciprocal. We export a lot of our poultry to the republic and they in turn also do the same. So we need to do everything we can to ensure that we keep this relationship intact," said Vilakati. A senior poultry officer from the ministry of agriculture said they had started consulting with the health department, with regards to enforcing the new brine requirements.

## Bank liquidity up 4%

By Linda Dlamini

**BANK liquidity reserves' are in a healthy position as they have increased by four percent in the last couple of months.**

Bank liquidity is a measure of the bank's ability to readily find the cash it may need to meet demands upon it.

The Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) Money and Banking Statistics March/April reported that in February 2016 banks liquidity surplus stood at over E371 million, in March this figure jumped to E739 million.

"Bank's liquidity ratio has increased to 26.2 percent in March 2016, from 22.8 percent in February 2016," said the report.

Liquidity can come from direct cash holdings in currency or on account at the central bank. Effective July 2011, the banks were required to maintain liquid assets amounting to 20 percent of domestic liabilities to the public, whilst the Swazi Bank maintained 17 percent.

These figures have the subliminal connotation that banks had more of their assets in liquid cash as opposed to being handed out in loans. This



was reflected by the lower rate of loans, made by banks during the period under review.

"Total loans and advances made out for the month of March total E10.5 billion as opposed to February where total loans and advances recorded E 11 billion," said CBS.

Whether this situation was caused by demand side issues or supply side issues was not certain as the data did not determined this subject. With the recent increases in interest rates, demand for loans and advances have fallen as individuals and institutions shied away from loans due to these increases.

Alternatively, on the supply side banks could be more risk adverse and as a result would lend cautiously. Meanwhile, the CBS reported that

loans and advances to total deposits increased from 85.7 percent to 87.7 percent. This increase in the financial ratio meant that more of banks' deposits were going towards loans and advances; therefore this rationale implicitly pointed to demand side factors to the fall in loans and advances and subsequent increases in liquidity reserves.

Domestic liquid assets rose by 8.7 percent over the review month, having contracted by 7.4 percent in February 2016.

"The month-on-month improvement was because of growth in commercial banks' holdings of the Rand and Lilangeni as well as an increase in the balances held at the Central Bank," said the CBS.



# SKY WORLD'S FIRST ORGANISED TOUR TO MZANSI TOMORROW

● as Indaba 2016 inspires local operator to diversify

By Nomthandazo Nkambule

ONE of the 17 local establishments in the tourism, travel, and hospitality industry who are fresh from attending and exhibiting at Indaba 2016, SkyWorld Travel and Tours, are embarking on their first-ever and ground-breaking organised tour to South Africa, where they are taking interested individuals to the annual Home and Garden Expo, in Johannesburg, South Africa, tomorrow.

In an interview, an elated managing director of SkyWorld Travel and Tours Akhona Fakudze, heaped praises to the Swaziland Tourism Authority for affording local establishments an opportunity to exhibit at the Swaziland stand at Indaba 2016, where his company got an inspiration to diversify and initiate organised tours for destinations within and outside Swaziland.

"We had several scheduled meetings at Indaba 2016 where we were able to learn from other players in the industry from other countries, and also establish strategic partners. We came back inspired to operationalise some of our founding plans that had been in the pipeline for years, hence this debut trip for all interested Swazis to the Home and Garden Expo in Johannesburg," excitedly revealed Fakudze.

The Home and Garden Expo, he said, starts tomorrow afternoon at the Coca-Cola Dome, in Johannesburg.

"We know that there are many Swazis who have always followed the show keenly on television, hence our decision to take them there, where entrance would be free. So, they only have to foot transport fees, nothing more," he explained.

Fakudze revealed that his company, which has established a niche in the shuttle services industry, has always planned to introduce organised tours for locals to various destinations within and outside the country.

"We have always wanted to play a

## ...We are humbled — STA

MEANWHILE, the Swaziland Tourism Authority (STA) said it is humbled to be recognised by the exhibitors that it took to Indaba 2016, Africa's biggest travel show, and said any business generated as a result of attending such shows justified the country's participation.

Indaba was held between May 7 and 9, 2016 at Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre in Durban.

"As much as our primary and most important role is to market Swaziland to the global travel buyers and consumers, we also concern ourselves with the growth and sustainability of local players in the industry. We are truly encouraged to see and hear stories of local tour operators growing and modelling themselves along world renowned operators. Such is indicative of growth in the industry," said STA Marketing Manager, Bongani Dlamini.

He congratulated SkyWorld, and encouraged them to also focus

role in the development of domestic travel, as well as in outbound travel, where locals will get to reach and engage with various destinations within our kingdom as well as outside the country, especially to attend events and festivals," said Fakudze.

### Limited

For tomorrow's trip, Fakudze revealed that spaces were limited, as only 15 people would be admitted, with six already showing interest.

Meanwhile, Fakudze revealed that in the future, SkyWorld would be providing all-round tickets for organised trips within the country and to South Africa, which will cater for transport, entry, accommodation, and meals.

"We were able to get strategic partners during Indaba 2016, who will assist us organise tours to Swaziland



Akhona Fakudze with Tourism Minister Jabulani Mabuza and STA CEO Eric Maseko.

more on inbound trips as well, in order to develop the local economy through tourist receipts at various local establishments.

Some of the 17 exhibitors that STA took to this year's Indaba had included Mantenga Lodge, Sibane Hotel, Pigg's Peak Hotel, Big Game Parks, Royal Villas, Maguga Lodge, Foresters Arms Hotel, Swazi Trails, Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority, ESwatini Kitchens, The George Hotel, Mountain Inn Hotel, Swaziland National Trust Commission, among others.

for South Africans to attend our own events and festivals like Bushfire, HipNotik, the Reed Dance, the Swaziland International Trade Fair, among others. This will make us to contribute to inbound tourism as well," he said.

Some of the outbound tours that they have already scheduled include tour to Food and Wine expos, Durban July, the JB Met, and the Soweto derby matches, among others.

SkyWorld Travel and Tours is wholly Swazi-owned, and is among the few companies that provide daily shuttle services to OR International Airport in Johannesburg. Founded in 2012, the company operates from Checkers Business Park in Mbabane.

People interested in tomorrow's one-day trip to Home and Garden Expo may call them on 24049921.



The George Hotel Deputy General Manager Tobie Mayisela in conversation with clients at the Indaba.

## George Hotel ventures into gambling business

By Simon Shabangu

THE George Hotel will soon be operating a casino business as plans to start this operation are at an advanced stage.

This was revealed by the Hotel's Deputy General Manager Tobie Mayisela during an interview recently.

The Hotel is among the many establishments and industry players who went to the Tourism Indaba in Durban.

This is one of the many projects the hotel was marketing to tour operators and prospective business stakeholders.

Mayisela said they were on course with their preparations to qualify to run a casino business as there were certain standards they have to meet before they could be granted a licence to run a casino. She said they have already completed an extension of the hotel with the addition of 60 new rooms which are already being sampled by their customers.

"We are very excited about the new developments unfolding within the business and we are hoping that by December we will have done half of the work in preparations for opening the casino business which we hope to be done next year June.

We have met some of the requirements one being that we must have a specific number of rooms. We are now awaiting the grading council to visit us and do another grading where we are hoping to get another star on top

of the three we have," she said.

She said another development which was part of the expansion was the conference room which is now a 500 seater facility which she said is already attracting more business for them.

"Having met most of the requirements we are optimistic that we will be granted the license to operate the casino business. We are excited about the new developments and we are anticipating that it will bring us more business.

Even the tour operators we spoke to at the Indaba gave us thumbs up on our developments and promised to bring us more business since we have more rooms and variety. As I speak we are already fully booked for the Bush Fire Festival and there are still more people knocking on our doors for accommodation," she said.

The George Hotel is one of the many businesses owned by local business magnate Moses Motsa. It has been in operation for more than ten years after it was revived by Tum Du Pont who later sold it to Motsa over five years back. It was trading as Tum's George Hotel before reverting to the initial name of The George Hotel.

This hotel is one of the many old businesses in Manzini as it was initially owned by the late business tycoon Dumisa Dlamini before his business empire collapsed. Many of his businesses including the George Hotel were sold by financial institutions he owed.

## New cotton board urged to revive the industry

By Linda Dlamini

MINISTER of Agriculture Moses Vilakati has challenged the new cotton board of directors to come up with a turnaround strategy to revive the industry.

The new board is led by Barnabas Mhlongo.

Speaking yesterday during the unveiling of the board, Vilakati said the turnaround strategy was critical as cotton was a major cash crop for the Swaziland economy, especially for farmers in the Middleveld and Lowveld regions of Swaziland.

"Cotton is a source of livelihood and provides employment through the cotton value chain," he said.

The board consists of seven members, while it should actually have nine



NEW: Board members posing with Minister Moses Vilakati. They are Daniel Khumalo, Similo Mavimbela, Professor Pinkie Zwane, Mathuis Matsebula, Barnabas Mhlongo, Boy Matse, Principal Secretary Bongani Matsebula and Henry Mhlabane. (Pic: Linda Dlamini)

members.

"The other two members will be disclosed in due time, in the mean time the new board will be able to form a quorum so they can proceed with their

work," explained Vilakati.

The new board of directors have been given a three year tenure by the minister.

Vilakati explained that cotton was a

commodity with complete value chain from production to final processing.

"It is produced, ginned, spanned, weaved and then made into garments which can then be sold," he said.

"I would like to see the cotton produced in Swaziland to be added value, like manufacturing garments, in the country as opposed to exporting the cotton and subsequently importing the finished product which will fetch a higher price in the market," Vilakati said.

Due to the importance of cotton, the government established the cotton board through Act No.26 of 1967.

The board has, inter alia, six main functions namely; to advise the minister of agriculture on all matters concerning the cotton industry which included promoting

cotton growing, ginning and processing in the country.

"As your home ministry you have our full support and we look forward to working with you for the improvement of the sector," he said.

The minister urged the board to exercise due diligence in their duties and to adhere to corporate governance practices.

"Integrity is important in such positions and I trust the board members possess this personality trait in abundance," he said.

"We will look into providing corporate governance training for the board so that they fully understand the concept of corporate governance and how it manifests in the board room," he added. The minister concluded by extending his deepest gratitude to the previous board members.



# Call for snap debate on attack against Gordhan

CAPE TOWN - The Democratic Alliance yesterday called for a snap debate on what it called the political assault against Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan and the National Treasury.

DA shadow minister of finance David Maynier said in a statement that he has sent a request to Speaker of the National Assembly Baleka Mbete for a debate "of public importance on what appears to be a deliberate campaign to intimidate the Minister of Finance, Pravin Gordhan, and to undermine National Treasury".

He was hoping for a debate before the recess on May 26.



**ATTACKED:** Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan.

Since his reappointment in December to the post he held

from 2009 to 2014, Gordhan has been facing one headwind after another amid efforts to restore investor confidence and ward off a junk credit rating.

The latest came in a report of Gordhan facing imminent arrest after the Hawks handed a docket over to the National Prosecuting Authority for his involvement in the SA Revenue Service's "rogue unit".

## Minor

In response to that, Maynier said Gordhan's "arrest" would cause an economic earthquake, which would make "9/12" look like a minor economic tremor.

"9/12" refers to December 9 last year when President Jacob Zuma

unceremoniously sacked then finance minister Nhlanhla Nene, replacing him with the unknown Des van Rooyen. Van Rooyen's appointment lasted only four days before Gordhan was recalled to his old post.

Yesterday Maynier said the country is at a "tipping point" with economic growth collapsing, 8.9 million people unemployed; and the economy in danger of a ratings downgrade.

"We cannot afford what amounts to a sustained political assault on the finance minister, and the only highly professional officials at National Treasury," said Maynier.

**Fin24**

## R12bn to recycle mine water

JOHANNESBURG - Sulphates will be removed, making it suitable for commercial use as industrial or potable water.

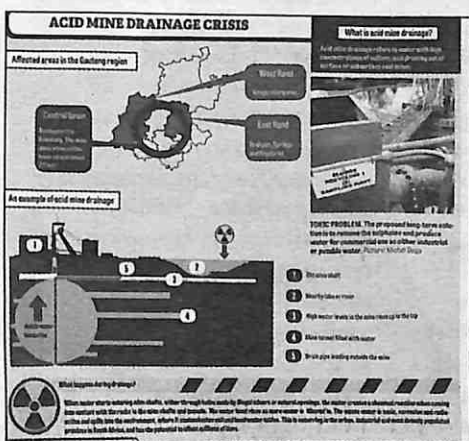
The combined cost of the emergency works and long-term solution projects to clean Johannesburg's acid mine water is currently estimated at about R12 billion over the next few years, but it will come at a cost to the consumer.

Minister of Water and Sanitation Nomvula Mokonyane said Wednesday that the purpose of the long-term solution was to further treat the water by removing sulphates, making it suitable for commercial use as either industrial or potable water.

"The long-term solution will therefore turn the acid mine drainage problem into a long-term sustainable solution by producing safe water," her department said. It has taken five years and R225 million to stabilise the flow of acid water from abandoned mines in Gauteng, which had put the region's water supply under severe threat, in the first phase of protecting Johannesburg's water supply.

Now that that had been accomplished, it was time for phase two, Mokonyane said at the launch of the long-term solution to acid mine drainage (AMD) at the AMD central basin in Germiston, east of Johannesburg.

The minister said 33% of the cost for phase two would be covered by Johannesburg water users, the TimesLive website reported. The rest would be covered by mining companies. Phase two (the long-term approach) aimed to turn acid mine drainage into fully treated water, which would "substantially" increase water supply to the Vaal River system and meet the needs of South Africa's economic hub, Mokonyane said. **The citizen**



**CLASSIC:** This photo provided by Ford Motor Co. shows the 2016 Ford Explorer Platinum series. Ford's long-running Explorer SUV for 2016 goes upscale in a big way with the new-for-2016 Platinum model that has so many high tech features as well as quilted-stitched leather seats and exclusive sound system that it rivals traditional luxury SUVs. (AP)

## SA's high corn prices 'unsustainable'

JOHANNESBURG - South African farmers need to boost output of white corn to help lower the price of the staple to more sustainable levels after a drought, according to agribusiness group Senwes.

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## Sun to pay Peermont R675m

JOHANNESBURG - Sun International will pay R675 million (\$42.8 million) to fellow South African hotel and casino operator Peermont Global after an attempt to buy the closely held company collapsed amid a failure to win antitrust approval.

The owner of the Sun City resort north-west of Johannesburg had agreed to pay as much as R900 million to Peermont if the deal failed and a new complex at Menlyn Maine, in the South African capital of Pretoria, started operations. A settlement was reached as the resort is at an advanced stage of construction and will open in April, Sun International said in a statement on Wednesday. Peermont had objected to the project in the High Court before a deal was struck to combine the companies.

Sun International agreed to buy Peermont for R9.4 billion in March 2015 to add resorts such as Johannesburg's Emperor's Place and resolve the dispute over the Menlyn Maine complex. The Competition Commission recommended in December that the deal be blocked due to the affect on the gambling market in Gauteng. The Competition Tribunal was due to conduct a hearing into the takeover in June, three months after a March 31 approval deadline set by the companies, Sun International said. **BLOOMBERG**



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# Africa News

## Girl kidnapped by Boko Haram escapes

**ABUJA** - Cradling her four-month-old baby lovingly in her arms, this is the first picture to emerge of both Amina Ali and her child after they were found more than two years after being abducted by Boko Haram.

The 19-year-old is seen holding the child she gave birth to in captivity after being reunited with her family at a military base in Damboa, Nigeria, following her abduction by the extremist group in 2014.

Amina was discovered yesterday in the Sambisa Forest area of Borno state by civilian vigilantes assisting the military and brought back to her home town of Mbalala, near Chibok. Her discovery raises hopes for the release of 218 others still being held by Boko Haram, following the mass abduction from a boarding school in northeastern Nigeria more than two years ago.

Her discovery may provide information as to the whereabouts of the other teenagers, although Amina told her mother and family doctor that some of the Chibok girls have died in captivity. *Daily Mail*



**FREE:** Amina Ali, (inset) one of 219 schoolgirls kidnapped by Boko Haram in 2014 (right), was discovered in the Sambisa Forest area of Borno state by civilian vigilantes assisting the military on Tuesday. (*Daily Mail*)

## Secret EU plan to pay African regimes

**BRUSSELS** - EU chiefs have hatched a secret plot to work with African dictators to stop migrants reaching Europe, a leaked report has revealed.

The plan would see £35million earmarked for eight African countries including Sudan which is ruled by accused war criminal President Omar Hassan al-Bashir.

In return, they would be asked to intercept refugees heading to the Mediterranean and beyond.

But the March meeting of 28 ambassadors, led by Germany, agreed that 'under no circumstances' should the public learn of the agreement.

An aide of EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs Federica Mogherini even warned that Europe's reputation was at stake if the details emerged, it was reported.

The minutes of the meeting and other classified documents were obtained by German publication Der Spiegel and public TV station ARD.

According to the report, the £35million would be used over three years to train border police and set up detention camps, mainly in Sudan.

Other measures include installing cameras, scanners and servers for registering refugees to the Sudanese regime. *Daily Mail*

## Egypt-Air flight believed to have crashed into the Mediterranean

**CAIRO** - EgyptAir flight MS804 heading from Paris to Cairo with 66 people on board is believed to have crashed in the Mediterranean Sea after disappearing from radar.

The Airbus A320 left the French capital's Charles De Gaulle Airport at 10.09pm BST on Wednesday then went missing three hours and 40 minutes into its journey.

The plane vanished 10 miles into Egyptian airspace around 20 minutes before it was due to land.

A captain on board a merchant ship in the Mediterranean reported seeing a 'flame in the sky'.

It was supposed to touch down at 2.15am BST. There were 56 passengers, including two babies and a child and 10 crew on the flight.

The breakdown of the nationalities on board were: 30 Egyptians, 15 French, one British, one Belgian, one Iraqi, one Kuwaiti, one Saudi



**VANISHED:** The Airbus A320 (pictured centre on previous flight) left the French capital's Charles De Gaulle Airport at 11:09pm local time on Wednesday night and then went missing, three hours and 40 minutes into its journey. (*Daily Mail*)

Arabian, one Chadian, one Portuguese, one Algerian and one Canadian.

Egyptian aviation officials confirmed the jet had crashed, saying the search was now underway for debris. Ihab Raslan, a spokesman for the Egyptian civil aviation authority, told SkyNews Arabia that the plane most likely crashed into the sea.

The French government says President Francois

Hollande has spoken with Egyptian president Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi by telephone and they agreed to 'closely cooperate to establish the circumstances' in which the EgyptAir flight disappeared.

The government statement cited Hollande as saying he shares the anxiety of families. French Prime Minister Manuel Valls said France is ready to join the search operation if Egyptian authorities request it. *Daily Mail*



**RECORD BAKER:** A group of chefs joined forces and attempted to make the longest pizza in the world - stretching across more than one mile of the Italian coastline. For the wood-fired pizza, which measured two kilometres, they used 2 000 kg of flour, 1,600 kg of tomatoes, 2,000 kg of mozzarella, 200 litres of oil, 30kg of fresh basil and 1500 litres of water. It took 100 chefs 11 hours to make the pizza and they hope to beat the current record of 1 595 metres, held by a pizza baked at Milan's food-themed Expo last year. (*Daily Mail*)

## Nigeria broke, reason for fuel price hike - Govt

**ABUJA** — Federal Government summed up the reasons for the all-time increase in the pump price of fuel, saying that it was broke and needed to raise money to keep the system afloat.

The government said that Nigeria's foreign earnings had drastically waned in the

recent times that the only way out of the financial quagmire was to look inwards to generate more money. Information Minister, Lai Mohammed made the disclosure while briefing the State House Correspondents alongside his colleagues, the Attorney General of the Federation,

AGF and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami and Minister of Power, Works and Housing, Mr. Babatunde Fashola and Labour Minister, Dr. Chris Ngigie at the end of the Federal Executive Council meeting, chaired by President Muhammadu Buhari.

*All Africa*

## BRIEFS

### 'No SAs on board missing flight'

**JOHANNESBURG** - No South Africans were on board the EgyptAir flight that disappeared while travelling from Paris to Cairo yesterday morning. The international relations and co-operation department said it was still not able to verify if any South Africans were on the flight, but according to a tweet by EgyptAir, no South Africans were on board. The airline reported that EgyptAir A320 aircraft flight number MS804 had lost contact with radar above the Mediterranean Sea about 280km from the Egyptian coast at 02:30 [local time], just before the flight was expected to arrive at Cairo airport at 03:15. The airline had earlier said that it lost contact with the aircraft about 50km from the coastline.

*News24*

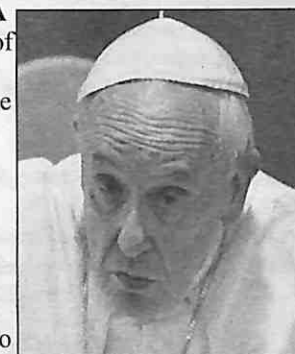
### Media freedom still distant goal in Sudan

**MOGADISISHU** - The message is clear for Sudanese editor Osman Mirgani whose newspaper resumed printing last week after a five-month ban: "real journalism" remains a risky business in his country. Mirgani, a US-educated engineer turned editor-in-chief of independent daily Al-Tayar, said he was pleased to see his newspaper back on the stands but feared its return could be short-lived. *Afp*

### Pope blasts West's 'democracy'

**KAMPALA**

The head of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis has questioned the way the West was trying to export its model of democracy to Libya, saying that it had not respected the country's political ways of life. Western involvement in Iraq, too, was criticised, reported the Libya Herald. *Reuters*



**NOT HAPPY:** Pope Francis.

### AU back moves to arm Libya govt

**ROME** - The African Union on Wednesday threw its weight behind Italian and US-led moves to stabilise Libya that include arming a national unity government to fight Islamic State militants. Western powers are also keen to see Prime Minister Faye al-Sarraj's fledgling administration establish its authority over the whole country so it can actively contribute to efforts to stem the flow of mostly African migrants using Libya as a launchpad to get to Europe. *Reuters*

### Burundi opposition not for peace talks

**NAIROBI** - Burundi's main opposition group said it had not been invited to long-stalled peace talks aimed at solving a year-long crisis, demolishing hopes the meeting could help strike a deal. Talks were expected to run from May 21-24 in the northern Tanzanian town of Arusha, but the key umbrella opposition group CNARED was not invited, its spokesman Pancrace Cimpaye said. *Afp*



# Focus on SA scene

## No grounds to recall Zuma – Mantashe

**JOHANNESBURG - THE succession battle will only start next year.**

This is according to ANC Secretary-General Gwede Mantashe on a live Twitter chat.

"We will open it next year as a preparation towards a national conference. If we open it now, it becomes a destruction," he answered. He did not explain what he meant by destruction.

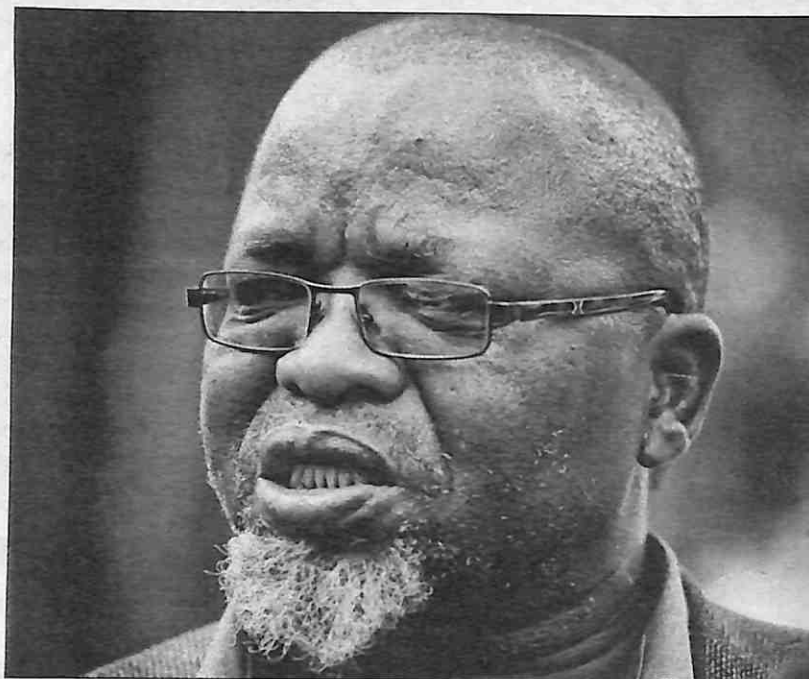
President Jacob Zuma is eligible to stand for a third term as party president but has indicated that he will not do so.

Mantashe said there were no grounds to recall Zuma. He also downplayed reports regarding the arrest of Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan.

George Sekonya asked: "When are you recalling Zuma? Why can't Pravin just apologise for whatever he's charged for?"

Mantashe replied: "Pravin is not charged and there are no grounds for recalling President Zuma."

Mantashe said the ANC had implemented all remedial actions including



**NEXT YEAR: ANC Secretary-General Gwede Mantashe.**

the #PayBackTheMoney.

When asked about the party defending what was called 'Accused No 1', Mantashe said: "We don't have an Accused Number 1."

Rara asked: "Why are you making things so easy for the EFF to win the election?"

He answered: "We cannot chase anarchists all the time." *Daily Sun*

## JZ still in power due to flaw - Maimane

**JOHANNESBURG - DA leader Mmusi Maimane has criticised "a flaw" in the constitution that's keeping President Jacob Zuma in office, despite the clamour for him to step down.**

Speaking to The Star during his tour of the Nampo Harvest Day agricultural show in Bothaville, Free State, on Wednesday, Maimane suggested the removal of the country's sitting president should not be entirely dependent on the National Assembly.

He said state institutions should be used to fight Zuma, who has come under siege following the Constitutional Court judgment that he violated the constitution over the non-security upgrades at his sprawling private Nkandla home.

"We're going to elections. It's the biggest protest for people to vote against Jacob Zuma, and ultimately, we've set ourselves a system in the country that says the best way to remove a president is through the electoral system," said Maimane. He believes voters would remove Zuma and the ANC from power during the municipal elections on August 3. "That's how you remove a president. Learn from Africa. Once you remove a president through coups and all sorts of mechanisms, it's a revolving door that just keeps going. Egypt proves the point."

"I'm not saying it justifies having dictators, but we should rather be focused on the election that's coming up; go vote out the ANC," he said.

*The Star*

## Gordhan caught in ANC factional war

**JOHANNESBURG - SA Institute of Race Relations CEO Frans Cronje claims a radical split in the ANC is the probable catalyst of a smear campaign against Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan that again raised its head in an unsubstantiated news report over the weekend.**

Addressing the Brenthurst and Moneyweb Investment Seminar in Johannesburg yesterday, the think-tank's head pointed to two distinct forces within the ruling party. The first grouping, which he referred to as the 'left', comprises national leaders such as Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa and ANC Secretary-General Gwede Mantashe, as well as influential groups such as the ANC in Gauteng, most mem-

bers of parliament, urban ANC councillors, National Treasury and the SA Communist Party (SACP). Gordhan falls into this group. The second faction, dubbed the 'rural barons', is led by President Jacob Zuma and propped up by several ANC party heavyweights, comprising ANC officials in rural and outlier regions, such as North West, KwaZulu-Natal, the Free State, Mpumalanga and the Northern Cape. Under the influence of the Zuma-led group, Cronje advanced, were the country's defence, police and state security forces, as well as state institutions such as the SABC, the Independent Electoral Commission and the SA Revenue Service (SARS).

*The Citizen*

## End in sight for HIV?

**JOHANNESBURG - There is new hope of finally defeating HIV - a vaccine to prevent the disease to be tested in South Africa in November.**

South African scientists have been testing the newly modified vaccine for two years in this country: first to ensure its safety

and then to see if it activated the immune system. At the HIV Vaccine Trial Network conference in Washington DC, it was announced that the tests had been successful and a three-year trial involving 5 700 people aged 18 to 35 will kick off in November. Results are expected

by 2020. The vaccine is so far advanced in testing that it is likely to be the first marketed. Glenda Gray, head of the Medical Research Council, who will lead the trial, said it was 'great news'. Current prevention regimens require strict daily adherence to treatment, which tends to lessen compliance. "We need new tools or we won't have an AIDS-free generation," Gray said.

The vaccine has been tested in Thailand and was shown to reduce the likelihood of contracting HIV by 60% in the first year, but its effectiveness fell to 31% after three years. The results were announced in 2009. Scientists involved in HIV research reportedly sobbed on hearing that 30 years of work on developing a vaccine had finally achieved some success. *Times Live*

## Abandoned suitcase sees bomb unit called in to Parliament

**CAPE TOWN - A black suitcase, discovered in the parliamentary precinct, caused some consternation and a bomb scare in Cape Town yesterday.**

The unattended suitcase was treated as a potential security threat and the police bomb disposal unit was called in to investigate.

MPs' buses were stopped from entering Parliament and the area was hastily cordoned off.

A member of the police wearing a bomb disposal suit was spotted examining the suitcase and, once it was deemed to be safe, it was removed. *TMG*



## Shying away from sex talk 'costs lives'

**JOHANNESBURG - Taboos about discussing sex must be overcome to save lives, says Graça Machel.**

"This is the only way to go. We talk about sex, unless we are saying it is okay for thousands of people to die," Machel told the Women Deliver conference yesterday in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Machel, widow of former president Nelson Mandela and founder of the Graça Machel Trust, which campaigns for women's and children's rights, was responding to new findings on adolescent use of contraception.

The Guttmacher Institute found that the second-leading cause of death globally among women aged 15 to 19 was complications in pregnancy and childbirth.

Of the 21 million pregnancies in young women in that age group in the developing world expected this year, almost half will be unintended.

Of the 38 million adolescent women who need contraception in developing regions 60% do not use it. In Africa, the figure is almost 70%.



**LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX: Graça Machel.**

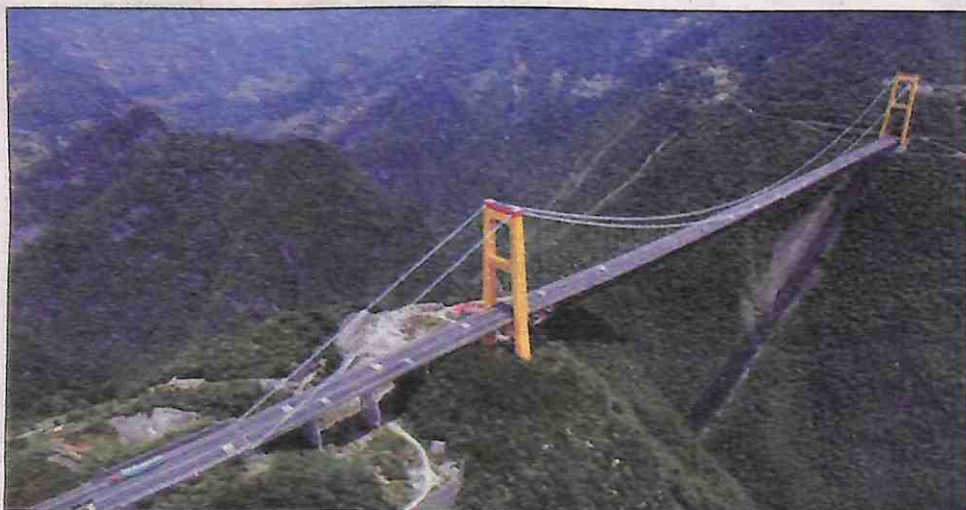
Akinrinola Bankole, international research director of the Guttmacher Institute, said it would cost R330 a year to meet the contraceptive needs of each adolescent female.

"This investment would bring down unintended pregnancies by 6million."

"There would be 2.1 million fewer unplanned births, about 3million fewer abortions, and more than 5,500 girls' lives would be saved, Bankole said.

Said Machel: "People say taboos and social norms stop families and educators from talking about this because it relates to sex. *Times Live*





**UNBELIEVABLE SIGHT!** The suspension bridge is situated in the remote Yesanguan Town of Badong County in China.



**A STUNNING BUT TERRIFYING LOCATION:** The overpass is built between two mountains over a 1 627-foot-deep valley.

## Now THAT'S a 'high-way'

Chinese media has released stunning images of the Sidu River Bridge located in China's Hubei province. Situated above a 1 627-foot-deep valley, the overpass is billed as the highest suspension bridge in the world. The towering four-lane highway bridge also boasts an impressive span, which is nearly 3 000 feet long.

WHILE Chinese engineers seem to have an obsession with glass-bottomed walkways, they are also experts in building high bridges - very high ones.

Chinese media People's Daily Online have recently released a set of aerial pictures of the spectacular Sidu River Bridge, located in central China's Hubei Province, which is reportedly the highest completed suspension bridge in the world.

The vertigo-inducing overpass, completed in 2009, is built between two mountains over a 1 627-foot-deep valley - though some media claim it's 1 830 feet high.

The suspension bridge is situated in the remote Yesanguan Town of Badong County, Enshi Tujia and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, over Sidu

...Spectacular aerial images show China's impressive mountain overpass built over a 1 630ft valley

River. An aerial footage, uploaded to Youtube in January, shows the sheer size of the bridge and its incredibly scenic background. The remarkable structure, which itself is some 300 feet tall, can be seen surrounded by rocky mountains; while the alarming vertical drop underneath would make any drivers feel daunted. The location of the traffic link is in fact so remote that the closest road is reportedly two miles away. Apart from its jaw-dropping height, the towering four-lane highway bridge also boasts an impressive span, which is nearly 3 000 feet long.

Sidu River Bridge is a part of the Shanghai-Chengdu Expressway. Construction of the formidable project began in 2004 and took as long as five years to finish.

According to different sources, when the Sidu River bridge opened to the public in 2009, it overtook the 1 300-foot-high Hegigio Gorge Pipeline Bridge in Papua New Guinea to be the highest bridge in the world.

The building of the bridge gathered much attention at the time as the

### THE WORLD'S TOP 10 HIGHEST BRIDGES (IN FEET)

1. Beipanjiang Bridge Duge, China 1 854 feet (2016)
2. Jinshajiang Bridge, China, 1 680 feet (2021)
3. Sidu River Bridge, China, 1 627 feet (2009)
4. Puli Bridge, China, 1 591 feet (2015)
5. Yachi Bridge, China, 1 444 feet (2016)
6. Qingshuihe Bridge, China, 1 332 feet (2016)
7. Hegigio Gorge Pipeline Bridge, Papua New Guinea, 1 542 feet (2005)
8. Baluarte Bridge, Mexico, 1 280 feet (2013)
9. Balinghe Bridge, China, 1 214 feet (2009)
10. Beipanjiang Bridge Guanxing, China, 1 200 feet (2003)

Source: Highest bridges

Chinese workers delivered cables across the valley by launching rockets from one mountain to the other.

According to highestbridges.com, eight of the top ten highest bridges in the world are built in China. *Daily Mail*

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## BRIEFS

## 'Illegal entry' for US military plane

**NEW YORK** - President Nicolas Maduro of Venezuela has said a U.S. military aircraft 'with lethal technical abilities' illegally entered his country's airspace twice over the past week. Maduro said: 'Our military aviation detected the illegal entry, for unusual espionage tasks, of the Boeing 707 E-3 Sentry, which is an airborne early warning control center system that has all the mechanisms for espionage.' He said the plane was used 'to support communications of armed groups in war zones or to prepare actions to disable electronic equipment (of the) government, the armed forces or the economy.' *Daily Mail*

## US B-52 bomber crashes on Guam

**NEW YORK** - A B-52 bomber was left a fiery wreck after crashing at a US airbase on the Pacific island of Guam yesterday but all seven crew escaped unharmed, officials said. The giant B-52H Stratofortress went down at Andersen Air Force Base at 8:30 am (2230 GMT Wednesday) with photos showing flames and thick black smoke billowing from the plane, which was completely destroyed. "All seven aircrew members have safely egressed the aircraft," the US Air Force said in a statement issued from the base. *Reuters*

## Trump's financial records outlined

**WASHINGTON** -

The government released Donald Trump's personal financial documents filed with the Federal Election Commission, describing the billionaire's assets and revenues and his roles with hundreds of corporate shell companies. Among the companies were ones that operate his golf courses, restaurants, wineries and Florida estate. According to the presumptive Republican presidential candidate, revenue at his businesses grew by \$190 million over the past 17 months, and he had \$557 million in earned income. *AP*



**RICH: Donald Trump.**

## US House approves millions

**WASHINGTON** - The US House of Representatives passed a bill to provide \$622.1 million to control the spread of the Zika virus, far below President Barack Obama's request and lower than Senate legislation. The bill passed the Republican-controlled House 241 to 184, largely along party lines, and sets up a confrontation with both the Republican-majority Senate and the Democratic Obama administration. The White House has threatened to veto the House bill, saying it was "woefully inadequate." *Reuters*

## Chinese jets conduct 'unsafe'

**BEIJING** - Two Chinese fighters have conducted an "unsafe" intercept of a US spy plane in international air space over the South China Sea, the Pentagon said, as tensions mount in the strategically vital waters. Tensions are high in the disputed waterway, an important shipping route thought to be home to vast energy deposits, and which Beijing claims almost in its entirety. *AFP*



## Trump links Bill Clinton to rape

**NEW YORK** - Donald Trump sat down with Sean Hannity last night on Fox News and hit Bill Clinton with the hardest charge yet.

Trump brought up a rape accusation against the former Democratic president when talking about Clinton's past behavior with women with the Fox News host.

The two were discussing a recent New York Times article that was supposed to expose Trump's own treatment of women and how several of the sources had come out and said the newspaper twisted their words.

Trump labeled the story a 'con job' and called it a 'disaster' for the newspaper.

Hannity then asked why the Times hadn't dug into Bill Clinton's past.

'Are they going to interview Juanita Broaddrick? Are they going to interview Paula Jones?



**HARDEST CHARGE: Hillary and husband Bill Clinton.**

Are they going to interview Kathleen Willey?' Hannity asked, ticking off the names of women who have accused Bill Clinton of inappropriate behavior through the years.

'In one case, it's about exposure. In another case, it's about groping and fondling and touching against a woman's will,' Hannity continued.

'And rape,' Trump inserted.

'And rape,' the television host repeated.

'And big settlements, massive settlements. And lots of other things. And impeachment for lying,' Trump continued.

This is only the latest in a string of attacks on Bill Clinton, after Trump himself was hammered by a pro-Hillary Clinton PAC on some of the language he's used to describe women.

During last night's interview, Trump took issue with the ad using a line out of context, in which he tells someone to go

'f\*\*\* themselves,' a comment he made about bad trade deals at a Portsmouth, New Hampshire rally in February, where he mouthed the four-letter swear word.

'The main punchline wasn't about women,' Trump pointed out. 'They put it in like it was about women. Now I guess they have to do a retraction.'

The other lines used in the attack ad, including one aimed at Fox News host Megyn Kelly, were about women.

But in order to negate these attacks, Trump has pushed back hard.

He started laying the groundwork to exploit Bill Clinton's sexual past before the first votes were being cast.

'She's got one of the great women abusers of all time sitting in her house, waiting for her to come home for dinner,' Trump said back in January.

*Daily Mail*

## Outbreak of nuclear war 'entirely plausible'

**KIEV** - The outbreak of nuclear war within a year between the West and Putin is 'entirely plausible' a former NATO chief has claimed - while promoting his novel about a 2017 war with Russia.

General Sir Richard Shirreff, who served as Nato's deputy supreme allied commander in Europe until 2014, warned that an attack on Baltic states Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania was a possibility.

He said the West should act now and boost its defences to avoid a 'potential catastrophe'.

General Shirreff has written a fictional book, 2017: War with Russia, in which nuclear war breaks out with Russia over the Baltic nations next year.

But he told BBC Radio 4's yesterday programme the scenario was 'entirely plausible'.

He said: 'The chilling fact is that because Russia hardwires nuclear thinking and capability to every aspect of their defence capability, this would be nuclear war.'

*Daily Mail*



**HEARTBREAKING: Images of a child crying (left) have emerged from a children's sport school in China, where youth are placed in institutions designed to create Olympic champions. It's one of many pictures captured in sporting schools across China of young children being put through gruelling training routines at ages as young as six. However, things are changing in the country as demographics shift and a larger focus is placed on different forms of education. (Daily Mail)**

## Canada's 'golden boy' Prime Minister forced to apologise

**TORONTO** - Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has apologized 'unreservedly' for elbowing a female opposition member of Parliament in the chest as he waded through a group of her colleagues.

Ruth Ellen Brosseau said the fracas forced her to miss a vote in the House of Commons on Wednesday as she had to leave the chamber. 'I was elbowed in the chest by the prime minister and then I had to leave. It was very overwhelming,' she said. 'I missed

the vote because of this.'

Opposition leaders have slammed the incident as 'violent' - branding Trudeau, an avid boxer, 'un-statesmanlike'. Reports claim Trudeau shouted 'get the f\*\*\* out the way' during the dispute. The kerfuffle spells a possible blow to Trudeau's image as a modern, feminist leader. It comes just days after the leader's wife was criticized for requesting help, as she said she could not juggle the job of being First Lady and being a mother-of-three. *Daily Mail*

## Russian 'black widow' spy executed by ISIS

**MOSCOW** - The female Russian spy executed by ISIS after spending four years working undercover within the terror group, had four Islamist husbands who all died in mysterious circumstances.

Elvira Karaeva, 28, reportedly infiltrated an ISIS enclave in Russia's Caucasus region and spent years leaking information, which led to the assassinations of at least seven fighters.

ISIS has now branded the late

Ms Karaeva a 'black widow', accusing her of marrying Islamist extremists with the intention of eventually murdering them.

Her first husband Aslanbek Saraliyev - who she wed in the Chechen Republic as a 19-year-old - died during a walk in the woods with her.

Her second, Adam Shakhbiev, was leading radical who was assassinated in a taxi along with his brothers.

*Daily Mail*





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# FROM ALL STAR PARTIES TO CHORAL MUSIC EXPERIENCE

Compiled by Tenele Dlamini

**GREAT Choral music for the youth will kick-off at the Manzini during a workshop for choral soloists to be held at the Manzini Nazarene High School.**

It's truly encouraging to witness talent being nurtured at such a young age.

However, choral music is not the only entertainment to be witnessed around the kingdom this weekend as we have a wide and exciting selection of events to choose from such as the 'rebirth' of popular Tinkers in Manzini. Mbabane keeps things heated up with another helping of 'behind the decks' talent from local and visiting DJs at the Finesse Restaurant. For those who prefer good food and drink can experience this at the Around the Fire Friday night delight at Dwaleni Country Lodge. So I ask, why stay home this weekend...?

## 2 day Weekend All Star Party With SA's DJ Melta

**What:** 2 day Weekend All Star Party With SA's DJ Melta

**Where:** Finesse Restaurant, Mbabane

**When:** Today and Tomorrow

**About:** And the party goes on and on at your favourite hangout spot in Mbabane as the Finesse Restaurant will once again host yet another fun filled event, which is the Weekend All Stars Party. If you have a pair of the trendiest All Stars, this is the right event to show them off!

DJ Melta from South Africa, who will give the eager patrons a good dose of commercial house music, will be hosted on the two days.

A crowd of between 250 and 300 people is expected at the venue on both days and the public has been urged to be at their best behaviour.

The party list of spinners will also include; Menzie, 3T, Steel, So What, Sooks, Wacko, Charm, Ayacity, Sbuda, Majestic Crew on Friday, while on Saturday the line up includes; Lu, 3T, Mkey, So What, Le Kronik, Wacko, Slu, Ayacity, Sbuda, Sooks, Neikwi F and Creed.

Entrance for those who would wear All Star shoes will be E30 and the penalty for no All Star

shoes is E40. Do not dare miss out on this one!

## Illa Pen Boy FillUpMavuso

**What:** Illa Pen Boy FillUpMavuso

**Where:** Mavuso Trade Centre, Manzini

**When:** Tomorrow

**About:** That weekend is finally here people! Illa Penboy's time to shine has arrived as the Mavuso Trade centre venue would be set alight as the nation anticipates the venue to be fill up. The show would be held tomorrow at the Mavuso Trade Centre in Manzini and gates will open at 2pm.

Performances will be by Illa Penboy, KrTC, Kangaroo, Switch, Tribal Misfits, Tiyas, Stitch, Diba Diba, MBO, Sands, Eskay, Lyrical Bust, Verse, Nkamba Nkamba, Sgazo, DJs Lolo, The Scientists, Speech and Crooks. The surprise guest is yet to be announced.

Ticket are still available at Galitos in Manzini and Matsapha, 50's Kitchen at Kwaluseni, SDEEZ in Manzini, Ocean Basket in Mbabane and Ezulwini, Boisen Music in Mbabane (mall), Glamour Salon in Nhlangano (mall) and New Life (RSG complex) in Nhlangano. No tickets will be available at the gate.

## Workshop for young choral soloists

**What:** Workshop for young choral soloists

**Where:** Manzini Nazarene

**When:** Tomorrow

**About:** This weekend the youth can brace themselves for an explosive time and choral music experience as a workshop for young choral soloists will be held tomorrow at the Manzini Nazarene High School, commencing at 9am.

Participants should note that the actual big day for the schools' choral music competitions is June

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15 to 19, with venues to be confirmed in due course.

After the pupil soloists' workshop this weekend, the following weekend will see the regional auditions for soloists being staged.

Tomorrow's auditions will sift the best in voice projection and pupils will be assessed if they are up to speed with everything through this exercise.

All the soloist pupils competing are in high school and are participating in 12 categories under the Champ of Champs B and A sections. We wish all pupils participating in this event good luck and may the best individuals win!

## Tinker's back in the entertainment game

**What:** Tinker's back in the entertainment game

**Where:** Manzini

**When:** Today and Tomorrow

**About:** The once hottest spot in Manzini which kept revellers dancing until the crack of dawn is coming back with a bang; with many themed parties and bashes lined-up this coming weekend.

According to Tinker's Events Coordinator and DJ Tyrone 'Mr. 505' Reid, today and tomorrow Tinker's would host 'Natural Born Spinners'. On the decks will be DJs Fantasy Bisto and MR.505 and he promised they will keep the music coming throughout the

night. The selection of music to be rendered include Reggae, dancehall, house, hip-hop, kwaito, trap and RnB to accommodate revellers from all walks of life.

Tomorrow night Reid has indicated that he would be hosting the 'SILK-E-SATURDAYS', which will commence at 8pm and end at around 11pm, wherein tracks for old school music lovers will be the order of the day and those who fell in love with RnB and music of the '90s would be more than satisfied as they reminisce.

According to management, this would

now be a common occurrence every Saturday during this allocated time slot. Selected shooters and drinks would be on special during this period. All fun-lovers are encouraged to come and experience first-hand, the 'SILK-E-SATURDAYS' by MR.505.

## Around the Fire Friday Night Delight

**What:** Around the Fire Friday Night Delight

**Where:** Dwaleni County Lodge, Malkerns

**When:** Today

**About:** The entry is free at this tranquil venue where the interestingly named Friday Night Delight will be held. The farm style Umcwembe delightful event is for those who enjoy calm surroundings. Delectable meals and dry red house wine are just a few of the treats to enjoy, while a live acoustic band and vocalists S-tone, Judah and many more make up the interesting line. Here's to a good time!

## Pub & Grill Restaurant 'We got Paid' weekend

**What:** Pub & Grill Restaurant

**Where:** Ezulwini

**When:** Today

**About:** The party goes on at the Pub & Grill hotspot down the valley this weekend, where loud noise

is made every weekend. This Friday is no exception and Resident DJ Calinda with his team of spinners, Knoxman, 1D and Ice will be doing what they do best to keep the entertainment standard at its best. Entry at the door is E40

## Bongekile Shiba to host Film Launch on Biggest Braai

**What:** Bongekile Shiba to host Film Launch on Biggest Braai

**Where:** Sibane Hotel, Ezulwini

**When:** Today

**About:** Swazi Film Producer Bongekile Shiba is hosting a 'Film Launch' today where she would be launching a documentary and film; Swaziland's Biggest Braai 2015 and Umliba Loya Embili (The Future Generation of Swaziland). This film is primarily to market and promote this year's Biggest Braai and to premiere 'Umliba Loya Embili'.

People have been urged to come to enjoy locally produced films, mix and mingle with other business people, find out how to be part of the 'Biggest Braai 2016', learn more about the Swaziland film industry and find out how to advertise through film, documentary and TV adverts.

Tickets to this event cost E260 per person, E1 300 for five people and E2 000 for a table of ten people. The ticket includes dinner and the launch will commence at 7.30 pm to 9.30pm.

## Kool Swazi to rock Lubombo

**What:** Kool Swazi to rock Lubombo

**Where:** Siteki and Big Bend

**When:** Kool Swazi

Entertainment is hosting yet another fun filled weekend for fun lovers in Siteki and Big Bend.

According to Kool Swazi Entertainment co-founder Mfundo 'DJ Mfundo' Mbhamali, the stable is hosting a show at Siteki Hotel today from 5pm until late and entry fee is E30.

There is yet another turn up session at Thumbeza Pub and Rest, former Kandawo tomorrow and entrance is free. On the same day the entertainment company is hosting a U-TECH opening school bash at Big Bend Fresh and entrance fee will be E20 for U-TECH students and E30 for the public. Fans and friends are urged not to miss these shows this weekend since it is going to be full of fun with lots of surprises awaiting them. Free tickets will be given away for an upcoming event to be held on June 25.



# NEW-ERA LAUNCH TO FEATURE FINEST LOCAL AND SA ARTISTS

Stories by Phesheya Kunene

**NEW-ERA Entertainment, a new artist and event management company lead by DJ Chronic is set to bring a massive blast to the Kingdom.**

The label is set to create one of the biggest events of the year.

DJ Chronic said his label is already in talks with big acts such as DJ MBO. He said they are set to unveil the official line up, date and ticket prices soon and have promised the best of both local and South African acts.

**NEW-ERA: DJ MBO doing his thing on the decks.**



## ... TO UNVEIL ONLINE STORE AT LAUNCH

**AFTER local artists have been complaining about exploitation from promoters, the new company NEW-ERA Entertainment is trying to bring back some happiness to local artists by launching an Online store which will focus on music, movie and ticket sales.**

Director of NEW-ERA entertain-

ment Andiswa 'DJ Chronic' Mabuza stated that this idea came to him when he noticed the rising number of complaints from local artists.

DJ Chronic also stated that he noticed how most online stores required music, film lovers to have upper-end smartphones or comput-

ers, this online store shall be so user-friendly even with a basic phone that is internet-enabled, you would be able to purchase your favourite music or films both local and international.

The store will also make it possible for fun lovers to purchase tickets to events through the website.

# KOOL SWAZI TO ROCK LUBOMBO

By Phumelele Mkhonta

**KOOL Swazi Entertainment is hosting yet another fun filled weekend for fun lovers at Siteki and Big Bend.**

Kool Swazi Entertainment is one of the leading events management organisations in Swaziland.

The organization has set the bar so high and has successfully positioned itself as one of the leading stables in the kingdom. The stable has been in the music scene for years and has hosted numerous shows that have lured multitudes of people. The most recent show the stable has hosted is

DJ Mfundo's birthday bash at Nhlanguano where South Africa's

Heavy-K was the main act.

According to Kool Swazi Entertainment co-founder Mfundo 'DJ Mfundo' Mbhamali, the stable is hosting a show at Siteki Hotel today from 5pm until late and entry fee is E30.

**Hosting**

"We will then host another turn-up session at

Thumbeza Pub and

Rest (former Kandawo) on the next Saturday and entrance will be free. On the very same Saturday we will be hosting a U-TECH opening school bash at Big Bend Fresh and entrance fee will be E20 for U-TECH students and E30 for the public.

"To all our fans and friends, they should not miss these shows this weekend since it is going to be full of fun with lots of surprises awaiting them. We will be giving away free tickets for our upcoming event which will be in June, 25," informed DJ Mfundo.



**GREETINGS: DJs Mix-Mash, Mfundo and Heavy K greeting the crowd at Mfundo's birthday party celebration held at the Southern Swaziland Country Club recently.**

# AMICAALL FOR HIGH SCHOOL DANCERS BASH

Stories by Phumelele Mkhonta

**AFRICAN Mayors' Initiative for Community Action on AIDS at the Local Level (AMICAALL) has just unveiled its cooperation with Swazi Roots Entertainment in the High School Dancers Competition which will be held tomorrow in Manzini.**

According to Swazi Roots Entertainment's Marketing Manager Ncamiso 'Kini' Zwane, AMICAALL has offered to buy trophies for the winners and would be educating on HIV/AIDS and Sexual Reproductive Health.

The vision for AMICAALL is to

work towards healthy and productive urban communities in the era of HIV and AIDS. Develop and coordinate the political and technical capacity of local government in Africa to effectively lead the multi-sectoral response to HIV/AIDS at the local level, in accordance with the principles of the Abidjan Declaration.

The concert will be at Khulani BoMake Hall near St. Michael's and entrance fee is E15 for students and E18 for non-students; students are encouraged to wear their school uniforms as per the theme. Joining fee for dancers is E70, dancers can register as an individual or a group.

"As a stable we are trying to

## ...We target such platforms to educate - AMICAALL

**AMICAALL's Assistant Programs Manager Colani Nhleko informed that their organisation uses such platforms to educate the youth on HIV/AIDS and Sexual Reproductive Health issues.**

"We are very much aware that the youth love these events and that they will be probably having fun; so we use these events to convey our messages. This is because we do not want to bore them with a

search for talent from students so we create a relationship with them.

classroom set-up, so this event is a plus to our mission and vision to be achieved," informed Nhleko.

He also continued saying that as AMICAALL, they actually do have a department that deals with educating the youth as they are on top of their priority list.

"We also have 20 young people who are peer educators and they are in constant contact with the youth. They are also responsible for distributing the free condoms in

the public toilets and displays around town.

"Freebies, t-shirts, wrist bands and soccer balls, are to be given away in the question and answer session that we have planned to have. We will also distribute educational pamphlets to the young people as well. I encourage the youth of Manzini and beyond to attend the concert as it will be fun and yet educational," informed and encouraged Nhleko.

ented youngsters; and possibly recruit them into the stable."

# 10 TICKETS UP FOR GRABS! ILLA PENBOY

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**FILL UP MAVUSO Competition**





# NO PANTS, FANS ORDER NOTHANDO HLOPHE

Stories by Phesheya Kunene

**SOCIAL networks can be cruel at times, especially to celebrities, as they are people with huge following.**

Our very own gospel sensation Nothando Hlophe got served a slice of this bitter-sweet cake when her dress code came under attack from a section of her fans.

All the artist did was post a picture on her official Facebook page, wherein she was seen wearing white pants and a blazer, with a caption urging her fans to look out for the upcoming meet and greet, to be held at Sdeez in Manzini, this coming Saturday.

## Insulting

But then, all hell broke loose when a section of her fans visibly put their dissatisfaction on display, claiming her dress code was unholy and insulting to the Christian fellowship. Most of the commentary seemed to be judging the "Khulul' ugcobo" hit-maker's character as a Christian, while some appeared to question her relationship with God.

The calm gospel singer overlooked the comments, instead (fresh off touring radio stations in South Africa), entertained the few fans who stuck to the main objective of her post.

When quizzed about the fierce stance shown by some of her fans regarding her dress



PUT TO TASK: Nothando Hlophe

## What other fellow Christians say

**ON the other hand, interviewed gospel artists and pastors said a dress code and a relationship with God were two different things hence they see no problem in women wearing pants.**

According to Seni Mdluli, a gospel artist and anointed pastor dress code is about how you present yourself.

"Pants are not a problem, but it is how you present yourself that counts the most as some pants are revealing. As a sound Christian you then need to cover up to avoid revealing in public," he said.

While Women in Praise's Precious said as long as someone is decent, she

does not see any problem with pants.

"We need to first distinguish between Christianity and culture. The notion of not endorsing pants is culturally-based. In Christianity, women can wear pants but in our Swazi culture, no," Bonginkosi Dlodlu, a gospel artist, said.

On the other hand, Mayibongwe Mthimkhulu said it is about understanding the audience while adding that it was evident that in the country some people still do not accept women who wear pants and make-up hence one needs to be always alert when interacting with these kind of people.

code, Hlophe laughed off the rain of fire poured her direction.

She even wondered why her dress code was questioned.

When pressed further, the artists declined to comment about the issue, while referring all questions to her management company, Leserato Events. "No comment," said Sijabulile Vilakati, (Manager at Leserato Events). Mandla "Cheeks"

Nxumalo also declined to have his say, pointing at Vilakati as the right person to address the matter. One of the fans, who openly disapproved the pants worn by Hlophe

(claimed the Bible was against such behaviour), did not show signs of backing down, after being attacked by those who said there was nothing wrong with the gospel artist's dress code.

I am not judging her. It is all contained within the Bible. All of you want to comfort her with a lie, knowing exactly that it is wrong? Tell her the truth, and then support her like I will do," the fan explained.

## Wrong

His explanation did not help matters as some labeled him a 'jealous person' who was failing to accept that Hlophe was now a big success. While other fans said how it was wrong for Christians to judge others. "So, Nothando's dress code is under attack? Did Jesus die so we deal with petty people like these? You all better check yourselves. On a white sheet all you see is a tiny teeny weenie black spot? Put the magnifying glass away, shoot the horse that you're riding on, remove the log on your eye. Maybe, just maybe, a special function in your brain will be unlocked. Giving me wrinkles overnight," another fan posted in sup-

## #FILLUPMAVUSO

### Carson Motors sponsors show

By Phumelele Mkhonta

**CARSON Group Motors has recently unveiled their involvement in the #FillUpMavuso campaign which will be this Saturday at the Mavuso Sports Centre.**

The Ford and Mazda Division of the Company is sponsoring the event and will tend to all transportation needs for the weekend. That is, to transport artists and organising personnel.

The #FillUpMavuso concept was initiated by Imitsanyelo We Fashion Front founder and CEO and hip/hop star Sifiso 'Illa' Mntungwa. In his initiative, he envisioned a Swaziland that would pleasantly fill up a venue just to support local talent and musicians.

The show will be held on the May 21 at the Mavuso in Manzini and gates will open at 2pm. Performances will

feature Illa Penboy, KRTC, Kangaroo, Switch, Tribal Misfits, Tiyas, Stitch, Diba Diba, MBO, Sands, Eskay, Lyrical Bust, Verse, Nkamba Nkamba, Sgazo, Dj Lolo, The Scientists, Speech and Crooks. The SURPRISE GUEST will be unveiled at the show.

Ticket are still available at Galitos in Manzini and Matsapha, 50's Kitchen at Kwaluseni, SDEEZ in Manzini, Ocean Basket in Mbabane and

Elzulwini, Boisen Music in Mbabane (Mall), Glamour Salon in Nhlanguano (Mall) and New Life (RSG Complex) in Nhlanguano. No tickets will be available at the gate.

**ALL SET: Rapper Illa Penboy will be hoping to attract fans to his much anticipated show.**



## Nothando to meet fans in Manzini

**THE new album "Imphilo yami" by Nothando Hlophe is a massive hit as it is flying off the shelves.**

Leserato Events' Manager Sijabulile Vilakati confirmed that ever since the album was launched they have been travelling in and out of the country getting more stock of the in-demand album.

The album is now available at outlets, both in Swaziland and the republic of South Africa.

That said, soon after the launch, Nothando Hlophe moved to South Africa where she continued to promote her new project through radio interviews across that country.

On Saturday, the star will do a

meet and greet with the public at Sdeez Supermix in Manzini from 12noon to 2pm where she is expected to personally sell the CDs, getting them autographed and taking pictures with her supporters.

## Greet

This follows this past weekend's meet and greet at Boysein Music Shop at the new mall in Mbabane.

"We encourage the public to come and meet their artists and share a light moment with her on the day, as part of her saying thank you for the support thus far. The first two people to arrive at 1200 hours will get a free autographed CD," added Vilakati

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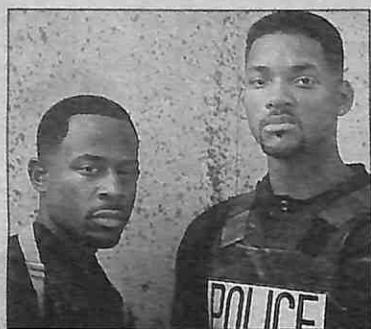


## HIGHLIGHTS

### BAD BOYS

**WHEN:** Tonight  
**TIME:** 20:00  
**CHANNEL:** Studio Universal (112)

Michael Bay's comedy thriller sees two Miami detectives, Mike Lowrey (Will Smith) and Marcus Burnett (Martin Lawrence) tasked by internal affairs to track down US\$100 worth of stolen heroin in just five



days, after a daring heist from station headquarters

### HACK MY LIFE

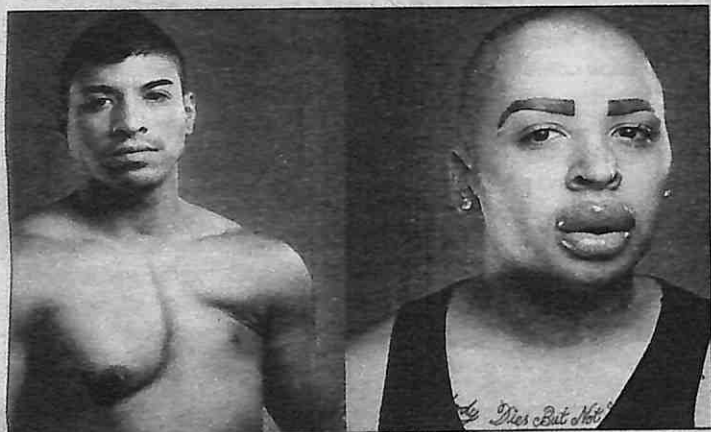
**WHEN:** Tonight  
**TIME:** 21:00  
**CHANNEL:** Sony Max (128)

'S1/E1 - The World Of Hacks'. Brooke and Kevin find out which hacks work best for removing pet hair, grilling without charcoal and opening a wine bottle without an opener. Plus, they'll uncover the best pool party hacks. TV personality Kevin Pereira ('Attack of the Show') and comic Brooke Van Poppelen explore the world of 'life hacks': procedures or actions



that solve problems, simplify tasks or reduce frustrations.

### BOTCHED



**WHEN:** Tonight,  
**TIME:** 21:00  
**CHANNEL:** E! Entertainment Television (124)

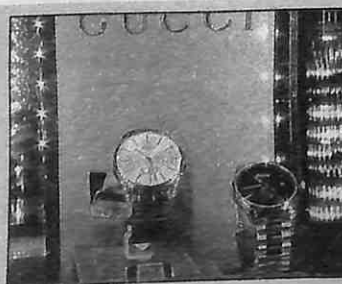
'S3/E1 - Foreign Bodies'. The doctors attempt to fix Rajee's cement-filled face, while an 'out of this world' patient wants to look like an alien. In a quest for perfection, some people's efforts to

improve their appearance can leave them with surprising – and often hideous – results. World-renowned plastic surgeons Terry Dubrow and Paul Nassif return to E! for a third season of Botched. In a quest for perfection, some people's efforts to improve their appearance can leave them with surprising – and often hideous – results.

### LUXURIOUS FASHION

**WHEN:** Tonight  
**TIME:** 22:00  
**CHANNEL:** Fashion One (178)

A feature on extravagance, the best of high-end clothing and all sorts of designer accessories.



# AFRICAN STARS SHINE IN HOLLYWOOD

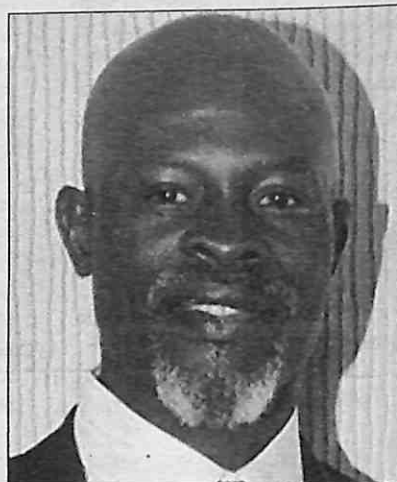
As we continue to celebrate Africa Month on DStv, we want to highlight homegrown actors and actresses who've made it big in Hollywood. From comedy and romance to action and thrilling movies, you can see these stars on DStv this month and celebrate their incredible acting achievements.

● **Djimon Hounsou, 'Furious 7: From Benin':** Djimon Hounsou has an impressive Hollywood CV. From acting in 'Gladiator', 'The Island' and 'Blood Diamond', be sure to see him in the Sunday Night Blockbuster Furious 7 on Sunday 29 May at 20:30 on M-Net Movies Premiere.

● **Trevor Noah, 'The Daily Show with Trevor Noah: From South Africa':** Comedian Trevor Noah hit the big time, stepping into the shoes of Jon Stewart with this comedic show on 'Comedy Central'. With his take on current affairs in America and interviews with actors, musicians and politicians, The Daily Show (Tuesdays to Fridays at 21:00) is not to be missed.

● **Dayo Okeniyi, 'Terminator Genisys':** Ever since we spotted Nigerian actor Dayo in 'The Hunger Games', he has been on our radar. Since then we've seen him in 'The Spectacular Now', 'Runner Runner' and 'Endless Love'. This Africa Month, watch him on DStv Catch Up in 'Terminator Genisys' as Danny Dyson.

● In 2013, we all cheered for Kenyan actress Lupita as she won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress in '12 Years A Slave'. See her in a different role opposite Liam



**IMPRESSIVE:** Djimon Hounsou.



**INSPIRATIONAL:** Azie Tesfai.

Neeson, Julianne Moore and Nate Parker in Non-Stop on Sunday 29 May at 18:15 on M-Net Movies Action.

● **Ella Thomas, 'Surrogates: Eritrean':** Actress Ella has made appearances in 'Entourage', 'CSI: Miami', 'NCIS', 'Ugly Betty', 'Bones' and 'NCIS: Los Angeles'.



**SURROGATES:** Ella Thomas.



**AFRICA'S OWN:** Kenyan actress Lupita.

And while we look forward to seeing her in the Nina Simone biopic, Nina, for now we get to enjoy her acting in 'Surrogates' opposite Bruce Willis on Wednesday 25 May (which is Africa Day) at 20:00 on M-Net Movies Showcase.

● **Azie Tesfai, 'Jane the Virgin: of Eritrean and Ethiopian descent':** We have a love-hate relationship with Azie's character on the popular show 'Jane the Virgin'. We're not always sure what Nadine's plan is, but we're so addicted and can't not watch this telenovela inspired series, every Wednesday at 20:30 on VUZU AMP.

## Royal Pains S8 on M-Net

**CONFIRMED!** The stylish medical drama **Royal Pains Season 8** will come to M-Net earlier than anticipated tonight, filling the TBA slot at 20:30.

The series premieres in the US today, Wednesday 18 May, and M-Net channel 101 will broadcast the show a day later. This will be the final season of the popular medical drama, and then the doctor is out.

Royal Pains revolves around Hank Lawson (Mark Feuerstein, What Women Want), a young doctor who used to have it all: thriving surgical career, beautiful girlfriend and a swanky apartment in New York, but, after one fateful decision in the ER, Hank loses it all and is forced to leave the city – and the life

he had – for good.

It's only when he joins his brother, Evan (Paulo Costanzo, Joey), in the comfort and elegance of the Hamptons that Hank realises his true calling; becoming the on-call doctor for the rich, famous and infamous. Anyone who's anyone in the Hamptons has a lawyer on retainer. Now meet the newest accessory – the concierge doctor.

Fans who've been following the Lawson brothers will recall the emotional season seven finale, in which Evan and Paige finally get to meet the baby they're adopting, but the arrival of the little one comes with a whole new set of tough complications for the happy couple.

## New show on M-Net

**Doctor turned actor/comedian Ken Jeong stars as the titular character Dr Ken, a brilliant physician with zero bedside manner, in this brand new comedy, premiering on M-Net DStv channel 101.**

The laugh-a-minute series has already been renewed for a second season and will take the place of the Emmy-winning sitcom 'The Big Bang Theory' (finale on Wednesday at 20:00) from next week Wednesday at 20:00.

Hilarious and awkward, Ken Jeong has established himself as one of today's most notable comic stars, who now has his very own medical comedy.

Known for his scene stealing abilities, the comedian dubs himself as "five foot five inches of fury" in this amusing comedy, that features Jeong's unique brand of humour. Before he was an actor, Ken Jeong was an honest-to-goodness M.D. Now, the breakout star of The Hangover movies and TV's Community brings medicine and laughter together.

The series follows the challenging professional life and chaotic home life of a grumpy and beleaguered physician, whose success as a husband and father is brought into question on a daily-if not hourly-basis.



# ★ Celebrity ★ Watch ★

## I'm done as Bond, Craig tells movie bosses

**LONDON** - Daniel Craig has told studio bosses he is 'done' playing 007, sources claim.

The news comes just days after book-makers called off bets on Cambridge-educated Tom Hiddleston becoming the next James Bond. Craig is the highest-paid actor to play the role, netting a reported total of £38million for the four films he has appeared in. He has played Bond since 2005 and helped bank well over



**DONE: Daniel Craig.**

£2billion in box office revenue, helping ease MGM's bankruptcy issues.

Insiders said Craig turned down a £68million offer from MGM studio to return as Bond for two more films following last year's hit Spectre. The sum included endorsements, profit shares, and a role for him working as a co-producer.

**Daily Mail**

## Beyonce, 'proud dad' pose for rare picture backstage

**NEW YORK** - Beyonce and

since he split from her mum

her dad have put an end to any speculation surrounding their relationship as they posed together backstage at her Houston concert on Wednesday.

The singer and Mathew Knowles, who used to manage her until she parted ways professionally from him in 2011, were often thought to have had a complicated relationship ever



**POSE: Beyonce and her dad Mathew Knowles.**

Tina following 31 years of marriage. But on Wednesday night it was Tina who shared the sweet shot of Beyonce and her dad both smiling into camera as they cuddled backstage. "Houston Concert proud dad!!" she captioned it. **Daily Mirror**

## Dolly Parton excited to renew wedding vows

**NEW YORK** - Country music star Dolly Parton is pulling out all the stops for her marriage vow renewal ceremony.

The 70-year-old will celebrate her 50th wedding anniversary with husband Carl Dean in July, and the couple is planning a romantic ceremony to celebrate its enduring love, and like everything with Dolly, it will be an over-the-top and glamorous affair. "How many people can say



**HAPPY: Dolly Parton.**

they've been married 50 years? We've made it this long, we need to do it again," she told

Rolling Stone. "Her creative director and clothing designer) Steve Summers designed my dress and he bought Carl a really beautiful

suit, so we're all ready. My dress is kind of off-white. I've always wanted a big beautiful dress, the whole thing." **Daily Mail**

## Banned photos of Kate Winslet's semi-naked husband

**LONDON** - Photographs of

2012, has spent years trying to

Kate Winslet's husband that are banned from publication in this country were today described in graphic detail in the United States.

The images of a semi-naked Ned Rocknroll at a fancy dress party are the subject of an injunction banning them from being published in England and Wales. Mr Rocknroll, 38, who married the Oscar-winner in



**PICS BANNED: Kate Winslet and husband Ned Rocknroll.**

indulging in 'silly schoolboy antics' when they demanded an injunction three years later. **Daily Mail**

## Oscar Pistorius documentary gaining interest at Cannes

**PRETORIA/CANNES** - It was announced at the beginning of May that pre-production for Beyond Reasonable Fact, a documentary based on the killing of

Reeva Steenkamp by paralympian Oscar Pistorius, had begun. Hartiwood Films and Deepened Films acquired the film and documentary rights from Pan Macmillan South Africa to the book Behind the Door, written by local journalists Mandy Wiener and Barry Bateman. It's believed that the



**POPULAR: Oscar Pistorius.**

documentary may extend into three parts, exploring the events leading up to the killing of Steenkamp. Executive producer at Deepend Films Paulene

Abrey told EWN that there has been interest around the documentary at the Cannes Film Festival currently underway. "It's not going to be one documentary but a process of two or three. It's like OJ Simpson's - a continual thing." **Times Live**

## Nomzamo Mbatha doing big things!

**JOHANNESBURG** - The beautiful, sexy and talented

first annual Joburg Film

Festival. In a previous post, we saw her rocking the red carpet like a pro and she was also wearing an African print, which makes her this week's #WCW since it is Africa month. This girl is truly slaying! Keep flying Mzansi's flag high. **Daily Sun**

Apart from being on magazine covers, Nomzamo has been in France at the Cannes Film Festival. She is there to promote the



**COVER GIRL: Nomzamo Mbatha.**

## I'm still single - Cassper

**JOHANNESBURG** - After taking to Instagram about a week ago to post a picture of

one beautiful lady and captioning the picture: "South Africa has the most beautiful women in the world!!"

Here's my #WCW, leaving people to believe that he has found himself a new bae, hip hop star Cassper Nyovest told The Citizen that the beautiful



**SINGLE: Cassper Nyovest.**

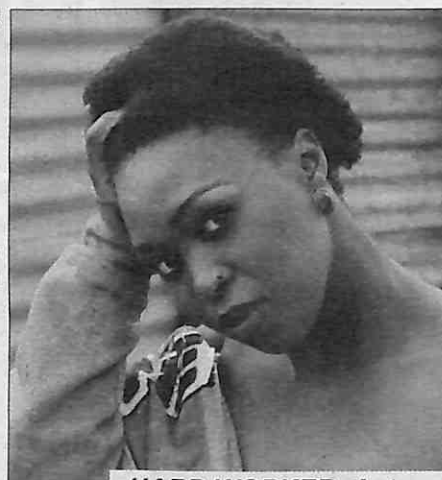
lady is not his woman. "I'm very much single," he said. "I'm concentrating on my career. I have a long way to go," he added, indicating that, unlike hip hop star

HHP, marriage is not on the cards for him at the moment. "I'm not planning on getting married any time soon." **The Citizen**

## Brenda Ngxoli speaks out on industry 'abuse'

**JOHANNESBURG**

- Actress Brenda Ngxoli has launched a scathing attack on "mediocrity" and "abuse" in the local film industry, saying that she wants to earn her spot in the industry through hard work and not because of who she knows. Taking to Twitter on Tuesday, the Rockville actress revealed that she has been stung by an industry that, she claims, has come to accept mediocrity. **The Citizen**



**HARD WORKER: Actress Brenda Ngxoli.**

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Iris arranges a wild party at Club Sheba to celebrate their new venture. Zwelli has a disappointing answer for Qondi. Mbodla is determined not to be forced out of the valley.



**PARTY ANIMAL: Iris.**

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Zukisa resolves to take control of family finances. Angelique manages to talk Rajesh into doing the right thing. Sechaba infuriates Lerato with his madcap schemes.



**Angelique.**

Muvhango

TODAY

James and Ndalamo get into a brawl over Nthabeleng. Pheko come clean with Thandaza. Thifhelimbilu lands herself in Vhangani's bad books.



**FIGHTS: James.**

RYTHM CITY

TODAY

Zinzi grows more and more wary of tricking her parents. The Dandalas discover that Lerato has hired a private investigator. Sakhile starts to change in a way that scares

Zinzi. Lerato puts together a smear campaign against Reneilwe. 9-Nine FM is backed into a corner.



**SCARED: Zinzi.**





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## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn  
December 22 – January 19



Involving yourself with a high-stress job can take its toll, but today you may enjoy a rare recess. Technical equipment problems or the absence of a key person or information may be a lucky thing in disguise. Sometimes outside forces step in to create a change. Take advantage of this time to take a well-earned break or just get away from a particular subject for a while. You could be constructive and list the ideas you have that will help some project to move forward smoothly. When you return to the work of this day, there could be some new and interesting discoveries.

Aquarius  
January 20 – February 18



This is considered a lucky time. It is favored for business and commercial ventures. You are also likely to get a good deal for yourself at this time. Also, this is an auspicious time for any legal undertaking. You are conservative and security conscious and may have suggestions to better protect important documents at either home or work. There is a yearning to broaden horizons now. Politics, education, travel and religion are some of the areas where you could become wholly involved. A loved one has some input for you and you will be wise to give this some attention. This is also a good time to build good muscle tone through physical activities.

Pisces  
February 19 – March 20



Being closely involved with another person may well become your highest priority. Marriage, contracts and partnerships are seen as keys to success and you may become involved in the planning of one such event. It would however, not be a good time to make any concrete decisions. It may not be possible for you to penetrate to anything remotely meaningful or moving just now. Perhaps there is a sense of the artificial, the repetitive and the senseless. You cannot seem to get beneath the surface. Your friends may keep you busy this afternoon and through this interaction, you will find your spirits boosted. Your friends will teach you to relax. Enjoy this weekend; you can make changes to help your work situation next week—not now. Horoscopes may 2016

Aries  
March 21 – April 19



Your attitude and your energies work toward positive results. Give yourself time to think through any changes you may want to make in your work or personal life—they will have long-lasting effects. Do not become preoccupied with one idea. An urge to wipe the slate clean and start over can leave you feeling empty. Have a definite plan in mind before you make drastic changes and give yourself time to contemplate changes. Pay attention to any negative feelings by looking at the facts. You may find yourself becoming more organized and conservative in your activities.

Taurus  
April 20 – May 20



You will succeed with investors and with moneymaking opportunities. Take nothing for granted, however, particularly as far as communication is concerned. You have a desire to take part in different and perhaps unusual activities this day. This could be in business as well as personal activities. You have an important sphere of influence with others at this time. Other people listen and take your advice. If you wanted to, you could teach, tutor or lecture. You may have an opportunity to meet someone new and interesting at this time. However, you should take it slow and easy for now.

Gemini  
May 21 – June 21



A double measure of love, happiness and wealth this month will see you through any frustrations. There is a new confidence in you that will help you to see

into your own psychology. You may be in the mood for deep and penetrating conversations. Take more time today to proof your work. Take nothing for granted—plan ahead. Be wise in any activity that could cause you to be tempted to overindulge.

Cancer  
June 22 – July 22



This is a great time to see the impossible happen. You could be with others in work or play; however, you enjoy a morning exercise before work and so do a neighborhood of others. In the workplace your positive actions create the opportunity for others to move into positive places. You influence the people around you more than you realize. You are right-on when it comes to questions of feelings. You take an active interest in psychology, different cultures and history.

Leo  
July 23 – August 22



You are open-minded and democratic, enthusiastic and have a definite sense of mission. Above all, you are a progressive and enjoy putting into practice that which is good for all. Change and inner growth tends to come through your relationships with both friends and lovers. Marriage could be very intense and not at all superficial. You may find yourself torn between an environment that is very comfortable and supportive versus a real need to grow, progress and push out on your own.

Virgo  
August 23 – September 22



A current project in the workplace should find great success. You could experience problems with home life this Friday—especially with parents or children. Additional responsibilities may be placed on you in the context of the home setting. An elderly person may need your guidance. You should open up to relatives, since it is a good time for gaining some help for yourself as well. This is the perfect time to teach young people coping skills. Balance your advice with the direction of your own heart.

Libra  
September 23 – October 23



You are positive and are able to get right to the point of any problems. You have plenty of enthusiasm and you warm up to things and people quickly. An inner self-confidence burns with its own light. This is a calm day that should be running in a smooth manner. Ideas and interaction with authority figures or older people may be in the forecast this afternoon. Working with—rather than against—the flow should be easy to do. You may, however, have trouble understanding those who seem emotional.

Scorpio  
October 24 – November 21



This particular time brings positive thinking, mental stability, good feelings, relaxation and opportunity. This is a good time to make long-range plans, take advantage of further education, take a long-distance trip or take up philosophy or religious studies. It is a pleasant time for you in many ways—you are invigorated. Your management and directional abilities are in high focus. This is a great time to be with others and to work together.

Sagittarius  
November 22 – December 21



You have universal energies working in your favor. If you hold on to your thoughts before you speak, harmony can be realized. You could be in the spotlight at work because of your accomplishments, but a humble attitude will help you win friends and influence people. Your health remains good but you will feel the need to be more cautious in caring for yourself. Any form of communication, including your vehicle, should get special attention at this time. Check for accuracy in the numbers.

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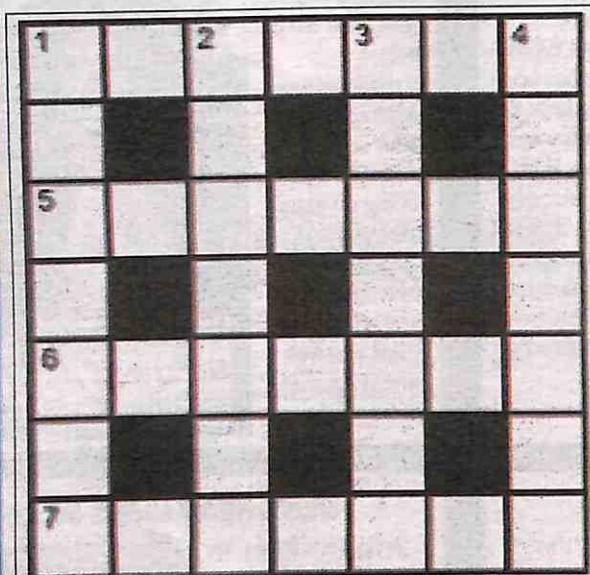


## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## MINI CROSSWORD - 05

## PUZZLE CHOICE



## Down

1. Syntax
2. Speech
3. Burrowing rodent
4. Excuse or overlook

## Across

1. Pictorial
5. Stomach
6. Artist of consummate skill
7. Modesty

## MARRY HER AND GET

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PICTURE OF THE DAY



## USELESS FACTS

1. Pearls melt in vinegar.
2. Honey is the only food that doesn't spoil.
3. If you put a raisin in a glass of champagne, it will keep floating to the top and sinking to the bottom.
4. Coca Cola was originally green.
5. 40% of McDonald's profits come from the sales of Happy Meals.
6. Every person has a unique tongue print.

BRAinteasers  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Yesterday's Brain Teasers

1. What has rivers but no water, forests but no trees, and cities but no people?  
A. It's a map.
2. In the dark they are found without being fetched, in the light they are lost without being

stolen. What are they?  
A. Stars.

## Today's Brain Teaser

1. Jack tells Jill, "This isn't the \$5 bill you left on the table. I found it between pages 15 and 16 of Harry Potter."
2. How many sides does a heptagon have?



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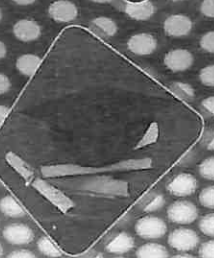
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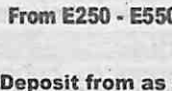
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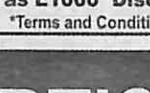
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Friends and relatives of **Umntfwanenkhozi Mafikizolo Stephen Dlamini** are notified that he has passed on to be with the Lord. His funeral will be on Saturday 21st May after a night vigil on Friday at his home Emphumangiphele Ekutsimeni (LUVU). Announcement by family.



Kwatswa tihlobo, nebangani ba **Philemon Mankwempe Xaba** kutsi usishiyile emhlabeni. Utongwatiwa ekhaya lakhe kuMalindza, (Esiweni) ngelisonfho emvakwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa bantfwabakhe.



Kwatswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Mbalenhle Matisa** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhaya kubo kaZombodze ngaphasi kweMdzimba ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 21/05/2016 emva kwemlindzelo ngalesihlan mhlaka 20/05/2016. Kwatswa besikolwa labekadze afundza khona kaZombodze High School (Manzini), bekhobonina kaTsabedze eLudizdini kanya nelibandla lakhe iChurch of Christ kutsi nabo babekhona. Simemetelo sikhokhwa nguyise wakhe Mzamo Matisa egameni lemndeni.



Kwatswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Temashinga Mashwama** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhaya kubo kaLomahasha (eMatfuntini) ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 21-05-2016 emva kwenkonzo yemlindzelo. Kwatswa baka Dlamini kaVelezizweni ekhobo make wakhe. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni waka Mashwama.



Relatives and friends of **Robert Nhlanhla Mabila** are notified that he is late. He will be buried on Saturday 21-05-2016 at 2pm after a short service at 12noon at his home in Shewula. Announcement by family.



Kwatswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Bellinah Siyaphi Lukhele, LaSifundza** lowatiwa ngekutsi nguMathandana wemoto lebovu kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatswa bakubo kaSifundza kaLomahasha, nebakaLukhele eNyonyane, bakaMdluli eNgwazini nabomake beNtamakuphila. Libandla lakhe lase Free Evangelical eNgwazini naseMhlume liyacelwa kutsi lithuba umsebenzi. Kune memorial ngeMgcibelo nga 12 pm emini, eNgwazini Free Evangelical. Umlindzelo utoba 21 May afihlwe 22 May, eNyakeni, Siteshi Ekuthuleni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Andreas Lukhele umyeni wakhe.



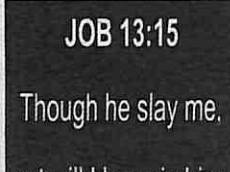
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Kwatswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Ronnie Magangeni Ndlovu**, kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngeLisonfho mhlaka 22 May 2016 ngeMgcibelo kwemlindzelo. Esigangeni ekhaya lakhe. I-memorial itabe ise Anglican Church Esigangeni nga 2 pm ngeMgcibelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.



The Royal family of Mdumezulu kindly notify the Sikhondze family of Engundzeni, the Dlamini of (Soshinyose ka Nkomonye) and relatives of Inkhosikati **Ncamisile (nee Sikhondze)** who was married to Prince Siphon of Emdumezulu that she has passed on to be with the lord. The will be a night vigil at her home eTimbutini/Vulamehlo on the 20/05/2016. Announcement by Indvuna on behalf of the Royal family of Emdumezulu.



**JOB 13:15**  
Though he slay me,  
yet will I hope in him;  
I will surely  
defend my ways to  
his face.



Kwatswa tihlobo nebangani kutsi **Mfanifikile Dvuba** lona bekatiwa ngekutsi ngu Chiko kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatswa baka Dvuba eTinyonini nebaka Dvuba emaplazini, nebekhabonina kaTsabedze nebasekhakhakhe. Utofihlwa ekhaya kaLuhleko eBhunya siteshi kuMadikizela. Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo ekuseni emva kwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubabe wakhe Mathewu Dvuba egameni lemndeni.



Kwatswa tihlobo nemndeni wa **Mnguni David Nxumalo** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngelisonfho 22-05-16 ngelisiko leNguni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni egameni leNdlunkhulu.



Kwatswa tihlobo, nebangani ba **Maziya Ephophonyane** ngeLisonfho (22/06/2016). Kuyoba nemlindzelo ngeMgcibelo

(21/06/16). Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni wakhe waka Lependy.



Kwatswa tihlobo nemndeni nebangani ba **Kenneth Chakujane Mangaliso Nxumalo** kutsi usishiyile ngekutume kaLukhulu. Ufihlwa Saturday 21 May 2016, umlindzelo Friday 20 May 2016 ekhaya lakhe eGobholo. Kwatswa kakhulu: bakubo eNyakeni kaNdwandwe, ekhabonina emalangenini ase Nsuka eMbekweni, bekhakhakhe kaMkhwanazi eBenezer, nebaka Makhanya eMnyokana, Libandla lakhe St Josefa.



Kwatswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Ellen Maseko** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni, ufihlwa ekhaya lakhe eHerefords ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 21/05/2016 emva kwemlindzelo ngalesihlanu mhlaka 20/05/2016. Kwatswa bakubo baka Maziya ePhonjwane kutsi nabo babekhona. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Daniel Maseko umkhulu wakhe lomkhulu egameni lemndeni.



Tihlobo nebangani ba **Nonkululeko Patricia Simelane** lobekatiwa ngekutsi ngu Tolitoli akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatswa baka Nkambule eDwaleni ekhakhakhe nebaka Sikhondze eGeben eLushikishini ekhaya kubo mhlaka 22 May embakwemlindzelo longemgcibelo. Simemetelo sakhishwa ngu Make wakhe.

**JOB 13:15**

Though he slay me,  
yet will I hope in him;  
I will surely  
defend my ways to  
his face.



*Simemetelo Semngwabo wa Princess Sehlephi Hlatjwako*



Kwatswa bantfwabankhosi bonkhe nebekhabonina baka Zubuko kanye nebaka Hlatjwako nesive sonkhe saku Gege kutsi, umntfwanenkhozi Sehlephi lotalwa yiNkhosi Sobhuza II kanye neNkhosikati laZubuko akasekho emhlabeni. Abekadze endze ku Chief Velamuva.

Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo ekuseni (6:00am) mhlaka 21 May 2016.

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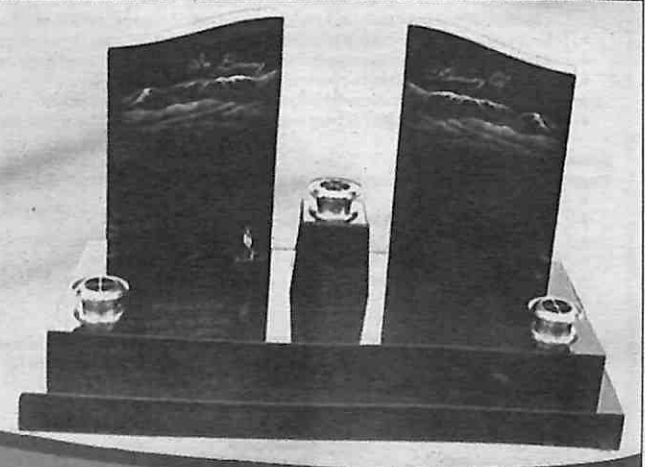
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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### COMPETENCY BASED CURRICULUM TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A LOCAL CONSULTANT

#### Consultancy:

The Ministry of Education and Training with support from the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE) seeks to engage a consultant to develop an ECCE competency based curriculum for foundation (Grade 0 – Grade 2) aligned with the primary grade levels to incorporate Sign Language, Activities for Daily Living Skills, Braille and Orientation and Mobility (OM). The local consultant will work in collaboration with an international consultant.

#### Scope of work:

The duration of the consultancy is 15 days performing the following key tasks:

- Review a report on Swazi Sign Language needs assessment conducted by the National Curriculum Centre.
- Review the ECCE competency matrix draft, Swazi Sign Language need assessment report and other relevant documents to inform the alignment and development of the curriculum.
- Facilitate workshops for ECCE and Special Education Needs experts on competency based matrix development for pre-primary to incorporate Swazi Sign Language, Daily Living Skills, Braille and Orientation and Mobility.
- Prepare and present a final report to stakeholders with clear matrices for each grade (Grades 0-2).

#### Required Qualifications:

- A minimum of a Master's Degree in ECCE with a bias to Special Education Needs particularly hearing and visual impairment.
- A minimum of 5 years in the education sector with traceable work experience in curriculum related activities.
- Knowledge and expertise in special education needs particularly hearing and visual impairment.
- Fluent in English, siSwati and Swazi Sign Language.
- Competent in Braille, Daily Living Skills and Orientation and Mobility.
- Good written and oral communication, and presentation skills.
- Ability to interact with people from different disciplines, and with varying degrees of technical experience.
- Demonstrated skills in human relations and team building.

#### Submission of Application

Physically submit a motivation letter, and a brief proposal (not more than five pages), outlining the following:

- Introduction
- Consultancy understanding of the TOR
- Profiles of consultant (highlighting competencies and experience relevant to the TOR)
- Experience in similar assignments
- Proposed methodology and work plan (including time frames)
- Proposed fee

in a sealed envelope marked: "CONSULTANCY: Competency Based Curriculum" no later than 15.30hrs, 27th May, 2016 to:  
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Ministry of Education and Training  
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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION (ECCE) TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A LOCAL CONSULTANT

#### Consultancy:

The Ministry of Education and Training with support from the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE) seeks to engage a consultant to develop an Early Childhood Care and Development Education (ECCDE) coordination, supervision and monitoring framework. The framework is anticipated to capture issues related to capacity building of ECCDE personnel, infrastructure development and teaching and learning material. The local consultant will work in collaboration with an international consultant.

#### Scope of work:

The duration of the consultancy is 15 days performing the following key tasks:

- Prepare an inception report detailing Consultant understanding of the TOR, methodology and processes and time frames for the assignment.
- Preparation of final reports with clear ECCD/E framework.
- Design and develop a relevant ECCDE Teacher Training programme for the acquisition of the following qualifications: Diploma, Bachelors and Masters.
- Develop a tool kit for ECCDE centres consisting of a teacher's guide and student's workbooks.
- Recommend an international standard ECCDE infrastructure suitable for training teachers.
- Submit all work done in accordance with the specification of the Terms of Reference.

#### Required Qualifications:

- A Master's Degree in Education with Specialisation in ECCDE.
- Technical knowledge on ECCDE policies.
- Traceable experience in developing ECCDE University accredited training programmes and material.
- Minimum of five (5) years' experience in the area of ECCDE.
- Excellent writing and oral communication skills.
- Fluency in English and siSwati.

#### Submission of Applications

Physically submit a motivation letter, and a brief proposal (not more than five pages), outlining the following:

- Introduction
- Consultancy understanding of the TOR
- Profiles of consultant (highlighting competencies and experience relevant to the TOR)
- Experience in similar assignments
- Proposed methodology and work plan (including time frames)
- Proposed fee

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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### INFORMATION COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A LOCAL CONSULTANT

#### Consultancy:

The Ministry of Education and Training with support from the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE) seeks to engage a consultant to design and develop a relevant ICT in education teacher training program at pre and in-service levels. The local consultant will work in collaboration with an international consultant.

#### Scope of work:

The duration of the consultancy is 15 days performing the following key tasks:

- Review existing literature on ICT teacher training programs in Swaziland
- Conduct validation workshops/meetings
- Rank ICT teacher training programs in terms of the qualifications to be acquired (i.e. Diploma, Bachelor, Master) in consultation with the relevant institutions
- Develop teaching/learning materials for both pre-service and in-service
- Develop workbooks for trainee
- Submit all work done in accordance with the specification of the Terms of Reference.

#### Required Qualifications:

- A minimum of a Master's Degree in Computer Science / Information Technology / Business and Information Systems Educational Management.
- At least 5 years' experience in identifying, designing and implementing solutions for large-scale projects with technical components
- Experience with ICT hardware, mobile phones and web-based technologies in Africa, particularly designing or deploying tools appropriate to low-bandwidth or sub-standard infrastructure environments.
- Experience in Open Source, mobile and emerging technology applied to education is desirable.

#### Competencies:

- Must have a hybrid background combining technical skills, strong conceptual ability to integrate the capabilities of available technology, the organizational needs and functions that technology must support.
- Understand international development issues especially those related to ICT for sustainable education.
- Ability to interact with people from different disciplines, and with varying degrees of technical experience.
- Demonstrated skills in human relations and team building.
- Good written and oral communication, and presentation skills.
- Basic understanding of set-up and administration of ICT services, networks and mobile services.

#### Submission of Application

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- Consultancy understanding of the TOR
- Profiles of consultant (highlighting competencies and experience relevant to the TOR)
- Experience in similar assignments
- Proposed methodology and work plan (including time frames)
- Proposed fee

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# KOMPHELA ADMITS TO SEASON FAILURE

## Aces receive offer to purchase

**WITBANK** - Mpumalanga Black Aces have received a formal offer from former Ajax Cape Town shareholder, John Comititis, to buy the club.

Aces Chairman, Mario Morfou, confirmed to the Siya crew that, "Yes, you are correct.

We have received a formal offer. But nothing has been finalised as yet, there are certain terms and conditions that have to be fulfilled." The Siya crew asked for comment on rumours that the club may move to Cape Town, and Morfou replied,

"One of the conditions that we are talking about is that the club should remain in Mpumalanga, but I don't want to comment any further on that at this stage."

*SoccerLaduma*



**JOHANNESBURG** - Steve Komphela remains frank in conceding that his first season in charge at Kaizer Chiefs was a failure after finishing without any silverware.

Chiefs will

close off their sixth campaign without any trophy in the 20 years that the PSL has been in existence after handing the League title back to Mamelodi Sundowns, while surrendering the MTN8 Final to Ajax Cape Town.

Knocked out in the first round of the Nedbank Cup by Orlando Pirates after also losing in the

Telkom KnockOut Final to Sundowns means all that is now left to play for is third place.

So what positives does Komphela take from reaching two cup finals and having third place to play for?

"It is quite a lot, but one has to concentrate more and at Chiefs the truth is that positives

are trophies," he says.

"Everybody forgets that we have been to two cup finals and are fighting for position three, but it is failure."

However, Komphela is puzzled as to how some seem to suggest he has had a disastrous first year.

"It is surprising that somebody lying at position eight is laughing at you and saying you are number three.

Rational sense shows that three is better than eight, but you are Chiefs and three is not good enough," he says

Komphela adds that there has still been reason to psyche up his players at training this week.

A win or draw against Chippa United, provided Platinum Stars lose against Sundowns, will elevate Amakhosi to third place in a season that started with so much expectation and is now ending with only crumbs to play for. *Kickoff*

**BAD SEASON: Tsepo Masilela.**

## Cosmos plead guilty?

**JOHANNESBURG** - Jomo Sono are believed to have pleaded guilty to fielding an ineligible player in the case that could see them have points deducted ahead of this weekend's game.

The case surrounds the matter of goalkeeper, Thabo Modiba, who played against Kaizer Chiefs in the 1-0 win earlier this season, however, his former club in Namibia state that he wasn't properly registered with Ezenkosi and didn't have international clearance.

Platinum Stars had a point deducted earlier in the season after they played Siyabonga Zulu without proper registration, and the same fate could befall relegation-threatened Cosmos depending on what decision is made.

All the evidence has now been heard, and it is thought that a verdict will be handed down before the final round of Absa Premiership games this weekend.

Sono apparently pleaded guilty in hope that the arbitrator will deliberate a lesser sentence, and that they will not have the points deducted. It is believed that Cosmos may be handed a fine only, should the arbitrator decide not to deduct the points.

The arbitration hearing at SAFA House went on until around 9pm Wednesday night, and while judgement has been reserved, a decision is now believed to be imminent. *Soccer Laduma*

## ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP

## Man U fear missing out on Aubameyang

**LONDON** - Manchester United chiefs fear they could miss out on Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang this summer due to the player's reservations over Louis van Gaal.

There are concerns within the Old Trafford hierarchy that the Dutchman's much-maligned approach will prevent them from signing their top transfer targets.

And Sportsmail understands Van Gaal's heavily-criticised playing style will be taken into consideration when the United board decide whether to stick with the 64-year-old after Saturday's FA Cup final against Crystal Palace. Despite the uncertainty over Van Gaal's future, the club have pressed on with identifying summer transfer targets.

They have already missed out on

Benfica midfielder Renato Sanches and Borussia Dortmund defender Mats Hummels, who have both joined Bayern Munich.

United scored just 49 league goals this season, the least of any club — barring Stoke — in the top 11.

Given they missed out on Champions League qualification on goal difference, their lack of goals proved extremely costly.

A number of former United players have been highly critical of Van Gaal's tactics this season.

This week, goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel accused the manager of taking United backwards and claimed the Dutchman's style bores him 'to death'. Meanwhile, United are set to appoint Sheffield United coach Nick Cox as part of their academy set-up



**FEAR: Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang.**

ahead of next season.

Cox, who has headed the academy at Bramall Lane since December 2012, will work alongside former United midfielder Nicky Butt.

*Daily Mail*

## Brendan Rodgers receives formal job offer from Celtic

**LONDON** - Celtic have made a formal job offer to Brendan Rodgers as they look to appoint the Northern Irishman as their new manager.

The former Liverpool boss has been locked in talks with the Bhoys this week as both parties look to thrash out a deal for the 43-year-old to replace Ronny Deila.

Celtic have now formalised their

proposals and waiting on a response from Rodgers. Sportsmail understands Celtic owner Dermot Desmond is confident a deal will be concluded by the start of next week. Rodgers has been out of work since being sacked by Liverpool in October.

He looked close for a return to Swansea, but a deal collapsed as both parties failed to agree personal terms.



**JOB OFFER: Brendan Rodgers.**

But Rodgers has now been offered a route back into football in Scotland.

*Daily mail*

## Guardiola keen to bring Gundogan to Man City

**LONDON** - Pep Guardiola is determined to complete the signing of Ilkay Gundogan for Manchester City despite the Borussia Dortmund midfielder dislocating a kneecap earlier this month.

The Germany international suffered the injury in training forcing him to miss the Euro 2016 finals in France.

Gundogan was seen as one of Guardiola's priority signings before his injury but the incoming City boss intends to press ahead with the transfer even though no date has been set for his return.

Real Madrid's Toni Kroos is also on City's radar, but it remains to be seen whether the Champions League finalists are prepared to sell the German.

City also expect to complete a deal for

Athletic Bilbao defender Aymeric Laporte while Everton defender John Stones is also of interest to Guardiola. One player seemingly heading for the Etihad exit, however, is Yaya Toure.

The midfielder's agent Dimitri Seluk has held talks with Inter Milan about a move away from City this summer.

The Ivorian has a strong relationship with Inter manager Roberto Mancini and would be keen on a

reunion with the Italian, who signed him for City in 2010.

Toure still has one year left on his deal, but City want a permanent transfer rather than allowing him go out on loan.

Meanwhile, Martin Demichelis has escaped a ban after accepting a betting-related charge. *Daily Mail*



**NEW SIGN: Ilkay Gundogan.**



# Weekend Sports Fixtures

Compiled by Sanele Jele

## PLS RESERVE LEAGUE

## Tomorrow at Manzini Club

Mbabane Swallows	vs	Midas City	11:30am
Manzini Wanderers	vs	Manzini Sundowns	1:30pm

## Sunday at Old Trade Fair

Young Buffaloes	vs	Mbabane Highlanders	11am
Red Lions	vs	Malanti Chiefs	1:30pm

## Sunday at Manzini Club

Royal Leopard	vs	Bad Boys	11am
Manzini Sea Birds	vs	Green Mamba	1pm

## DARTS

## SRIC DARTS League

## Tomorrow at Zakhele at 4pm

Correctional	vs	Kilowatts ladies
Kilowatts A	vs	Ecco water
Giant A	vs	RSP
Makie	vs	Kilowatts B

## Tomorrow at Zakhele Hall at 6pm

Railway	vs	Kilowatts B
RSP	vs	Kilowatts ladies

## Swaziland National Basketball League

## Tomorrow at Mbabane Basketball Ground

Pistons	vs	Dunkylaine	11am
Stoke	vs	Heat	1pm

## Milky Max Mbabane Juniors League E10 000 U13

## Tomorrow at United Sports Ground

Dynamos	vs	Killers	8:30am
Imbembe	vs	Thembelihle	9:30am
REAL Tec	vs	Super Sport	10:30am
Dark city	vs	Swallows	11:30am
Dark City	vs	Hurricane	12:30pm
Umbelebele	vs	PMT	1:30pm
Hellenic	vs	Sidwashini	2:30pm

## Mandla Mahewu Mbabane Juniors' League E 5 000

## Tomorrow at Msunduzi Sports Ground

Umbelebele	vs	Sivutsa	8:30am (U20)
Mphalati	vs	SuperSport	9:30am (U15)
J. Stars	vs	Checkers	10:30am (U15)
Mphalati	vs	Flying Stars	11:30am (U20)

## Tomorrow at Sidwashini Sports Ground

All Stars	vs	Citizens	8am (U17)
Dark City	vs	Hurricane	9:30am (U17)
Citizens	vs	Umbelebele	10:30am (U17)
SOS	vs	All Stars	11:30am (U17)
New Stars	vs	M Citizens	12:30pm (U20)
Wailers	vs	Volcano	1:30pm (U20)

## Tomorrow at Police Sports Ground

Express	vs	Imbembe	8:30am (U17)
Red Stars	vs	Fighters	9:30am (U20)
R dynamos	vs	M Celtics	10:30am (U20)
Super sport	vs	Hellenic	11:30am (U20)
Hurricane	vs	Luphohlo	12:30pm (U20)

## Pmt Mbabane Knockout E45 000

## Tomorrow at Msunduzi Sports Ground

Mbabane Celtics	vs	Amaweile	2pm
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## Chaps Soka Nawe Soccer Challenge Hhohho Fa Cup

## NORTHERN ZONE

## Tomorrow at Prison Sports Ground

Nkonjaneni	vs	Ntabezimpisi Swallows	9am
Skom Boyz	vs	M. Arsenal	11am
Seven Stars	vs	Mvuma Hotspurs	1pm
Ndlalambi	vs	Ndeva	3pm

## Sunday at Kilamey Sports Ground

Super Aces	vs	Vultures	9am
Star Wanderers	vs	19 Celtics	11am
Zinyane All Stars	vs	Horo Spinners	1pm
Pachanga	vs	Black Swallows	3pm

## Southern Zone

## Sunday at Somhlolo Stadium

Mvutshini Invades	vs	Wizards	9am
Crocodiles	vs	Tinyosi	11am
Vusweni Killers	vs	Umbelebele	1pm
PMT	vs	Swazi Sun	3pm
Stone Breakers	vs	Sibovini	5pm

## Sunday at Prince Of Wales

Burning Spear	vs	Vovovo	11am
Pot O Gold	vs	Sibuyeni	1pm
Billy Ocean	vs	Gordon Stars	3pm

## Langa Brick Malindza Zonal E35 000 League

## Tomorrow at Mpaka Stadium

Siweni United	vs	Sigodlo	1pm
Malahlani	vs	Lubhuku	3pm

## Sunday at Mpaka Stadium

Liverpool	vs	Malindza United	1pm
Promising Stars	vs	Gabi Gabi	3pm

## Lubombo Regional Football Association

## Today at Mayaluka Stadium

Aces	vs	ChesterVile	7pm
Mangwanyane	vs	Illovo	9pm

## Sunday at Tambankulu Stadium

Rail United	vs	Richmond	12:30pm
CPL	vs	Shewula Aseml	2pm

## MANZINI REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

## Usuthu Promotion League

Tomorrow at Lamgabhi Sports Ground			
Zamalek	vs	Luhleko Flyers	1:30pm
Superstars	vs	Young Internationals	3:15pm

## Tomorrow at Bhunyasports Ground

LuhlekoRebengers	vs	Peacemakers	1:30pm
Black Aces	vs	Othandweni Swallows	3:15pm

## Sunday at lamgabhiSports Ground

Commandos	vs	Luhleko Classic	11am
Buffaloes	vs	Africa 2010	1pm
Neverloose	vs	Zamalek	3pm

## Sunday at Bhunya Sports Ground

Youngstars	vs	Black Rhinos	2pm
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## Mkhiweni Promotion League

Tomorrow at Mliba Sports Ground		
Toronto	vs Luve Classic	1:30pm

## Tomorrow at Mcozini Sports Ground

Blue Birds	vs	Zama United	1:30pm
Sangotfo	vs	Mbashedi Brothers	3:15pm

## Tomorrow at NkhundeniSports Ground

Luve Stars	vs	LuveSuncity	1:30pm
Step Ahead	vs	Liverpool	3:15pm

## Sunday at Mliba Sports Ground

Toronto	vs	Mantshonga	2pm
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## Sunday at McoziniSports Ground

Blue Birds	vs	Liverpool	2pm
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## Sunday at NkhundeniSports Ground

Colani United	vs	White Killers	1pm
Luve Stars	vs	Ngonini Y. Aces	3pm

## Kukhanyeni Inkhundla Promotion League

Tomorrow at Bhinkhosi Sports Ground			
Young Killers	vs	Lion Heart	1:30pm
Mdayane	vs	Mphola Celtics	3:15pm

## Tomorrow atMvongotsini Sports Ground

Mbuluzana	vs	Bhekinkhosi	2pm
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## Sunday at Bhekinkhosi Sports Ground

Ngwazini	vs	Louis XIV	1pm
Brave Lion	vs	Nyakeni Heroes	3pm

## Sunday at MvongotsiniSportsground

Trompies	vs	Kukhanyeni	1pm
Nyakeni Cosmos	vs	Nyakeni Ravens	3pm

## Kwaluseni First Division League

Ludzeludze Kicks	vs	Fashion International	1:30pm
Supersport	vs	BafanaBafana	3:15pm

## Sunday at Ludzeludze Sports Ground

Ludzeludze Celtics	vs	SigombeniJuventus	9am
SigombeniSockets	vs	Ntunja Arsenal	11am

## Sunday at ZombodzeSports Ground

Manila Stars	vs	Kwaluseni United	11am
NsengaShagari XI	vs	Sihhohweni	1pm
Gum Valley	vs	Nkamazi AK47	3pm

## Sunday at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground

Fletcher United	vs	Shali United	12pm
Dark City	vs	Umtfunti	2pm

## Save Mor Kwaluseni Promotion League

## Tomorrow atCentre 1 Sports Ground

Lozitha Spurs	vs	Swazi Wire	1:30pm
Kwaluseni Rebels	vs	Matsapha United	3:15pm

## Tomorrow atLudzeludze Sports Ground

Zama United	vs	Boyane Young Aces	1:30pm
Zombodze United	vs	Nsenga Comrades	3:15pm

## Sunday atLudzeludze Sports Ground

Real Professionals	vs	Royal Swallows	1pm
Kudzeni United	vs	Auto Zone	3pm

## Nsingweni Promotion League

## Tomorrow at MphalaneSports Ground

Matsantsantsa	vs	Young Lovers	11am
All Stars	vs	Black Aces	1pm
Red Lion	vs	AC Milan	3pm

## Tomorrow atNsukaSports Ground

Young Lovers	vs	Hihland Blues	12pm
Yuong Madrid	vs	McengeniSundowns	2pm

## Sunday atMphalane Sports Ground

Highland Blues	vs	Mfeni Pirates	12pm
Black Aces	vs	Red Lion	2pm

## S &amp; S Malkerns Promotion League

## Tomorrow at Mahlanya Sports Ground

Don Don	vs	Phondo	3:15pm
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## Tomorrow at Khlang'ile Sports Ground

Troublemakers	vs	Makhungutsha	1:30pm
Cutter Cosmos	vs	Ritz All Stars	3:15pm

## Tomorrow at Luyengo Sports Ground

IyashisaBhe	vs	Swazi Can United	2pm
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## Tomorrow at Dwaleni Sports Ground

Geben	vs	Mphini	2pm
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## Tomorrow at Golden Sports Ground

Izinyokanyoka	vs	N. Volcanoes	2pm
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## Sunday at Mahlanya Sports Ground

Mahlanya United	vs	Power Sparks	2pm
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## Sunday at Khlang'ile Sports Ground

Current Toasters	vs	Luyengo Foxes	2pm
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## Emakholo Lubombo knock-out continue to thrill

Stories by Sanele Jele

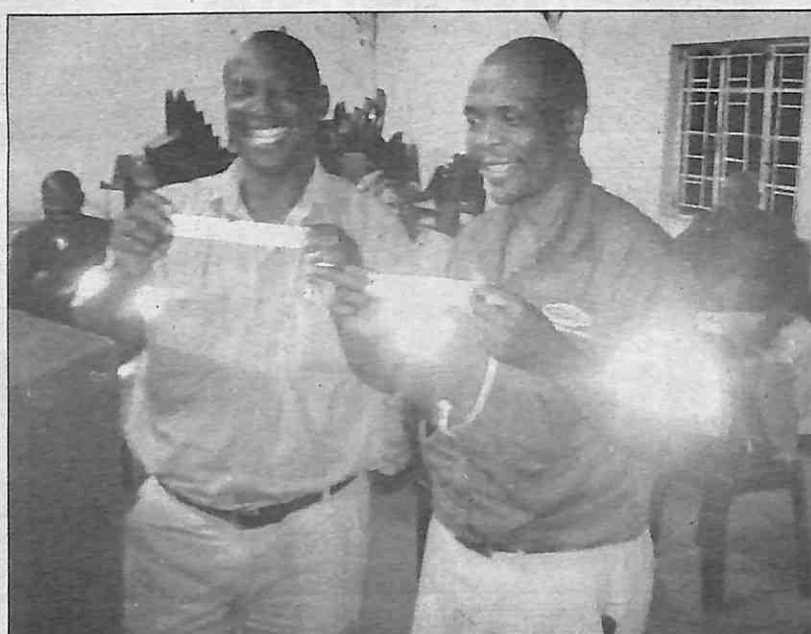
### SOCCER - THEY were 32 and now they are eight.

That is the story of the third edition of Mahle eMakholo Lubombo Knock-out Competition which enters the quarter-final stage this coming weekend courtesy of four games to be played at Mayaluka and Tambankulu Stadiums.

According to a draw conducted at Mpolonjeni on Tuesday evening, defending champions, Illovo FC will face-off with 2014 runners-up Magwanyane FC in a match expected to attract hordes of football followers at Mayaluka tonight at 9pm.

This game will come after another interesting clash between Young Aces and Chesterville, while the rest of the fixture will see Rail United taking on Richmond Aces at Tabankulu on Sunday before giant killers Shewula Arsenal cross sword with CPL in the main match at the same venue.

The passionate football people of Lubombo are treated to scintillating football action these days as teams display high standard of determination in their endeavour to reach the final of this lucrative tournament. To add more spice on this competition is



**DRAW: Dumsane Matsenjwa of Magwanyane and Kaizer Mashile of Illovo who are team directors.**

the fact that even the Super League teams are matched pound for pound by the lower division teams, hence it is not by design that some giants have bit the dust along the way.

And the fact that those teams, who advance to the next stage do so by narrow wins against their resisting opponents, who could not allow the avalanche of goals is testimony that there is a fierce competition amongst

the participants. As the adage goes, 'the closer to the bone the sweeter the meat', every football-loving person in the region is surely yearning for more action, and of course, as we draw nearer to the final it is the spectators, who enjoy it the most compared to the anxiety faced by the teams each coming game.

After all, it is football, the beautiful game. Let the vibe continue!

## Soka Soccer Challenge grand opening Sunday

By Sanele Jele

### SOCCER - THE Soka Soccer Challenge (Hhohho FA Cup) grand opening will be held at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

This was confirmed by Hhohho Regional Football Association Development Officer Sibonangaye Dlamini yesterday.

"Everything has been finalised for the official grand opening this weekend. The games have reached the second phase of the knockout for both Northern and Southern zone," Dlamini said.

He said the event would be attended by the sponsor and other guests, who have already confirmed their participation.

"The sponsor, Centre for HIV/AIDS Prevention Studies (CHAPS) will definitely grace the event. We are also hoping that the Ministry of Health (MOH) ambassador Dennis 'Yuki' Masina will be present," Dlamini said.



**SOKA UNCOBE: MOH ambassador Dennis 'Yuki' Masina.**

The Soka Soccer Challenge Cup (Hhohho FA Cup) is sponsored to a tune of E150 000.

There are 48 teams taking part in the knockout tournament, with 24 Hhohho Super League teams and 24 Regional Hhohho Division teams.

The games will be played in four sports grounds country-wide with the Northern stream playing games at Pigg's Peak, Prison Sports Ground and Killamey Sports Ground.

The Southern stream games will be played at the Prince of Wales Sports Ground and Somhlolo National Stadium.



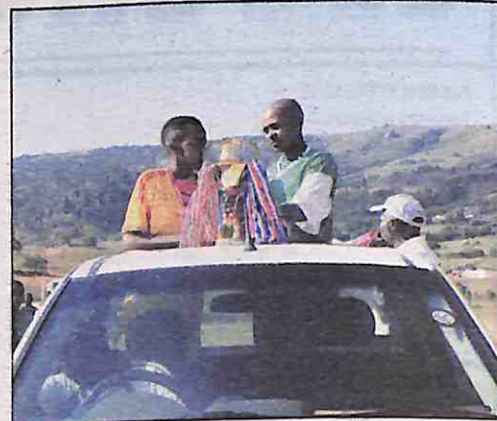
## MAPHALALENI SOCCER TOURNAMENT IN PICS



**READY FOR WAR:** Billy Ocean players posing for a team photo before their match against Sunset FC at Maphalaleni Sports Ground. Billy Ocean won 5-4 on penalties. (Courtesy Pics)



**UNITED:** Sunset FC players pose before their match.



**PARADE:** The two team's female fans parading the trophy before the start of the games.



**SKY HIGH:** Billy Ocean supporters congratulating the players after their victory.



**WELL DONE:** Billy Ocean goalkeeper being lifted up by his coach and fans after the match.



**UMTUKUKLU:** This old lady could not hold her emotions after seeing the goalkeeper making good saves.

**CHAMPS:** Billy Ocean FC players and officials posing with the trophy after they were crowned Maphalaleni champs.



**WELL BEATEN:** The keeper watching helplessly as the ball kisses the net during the penalty shootouts.

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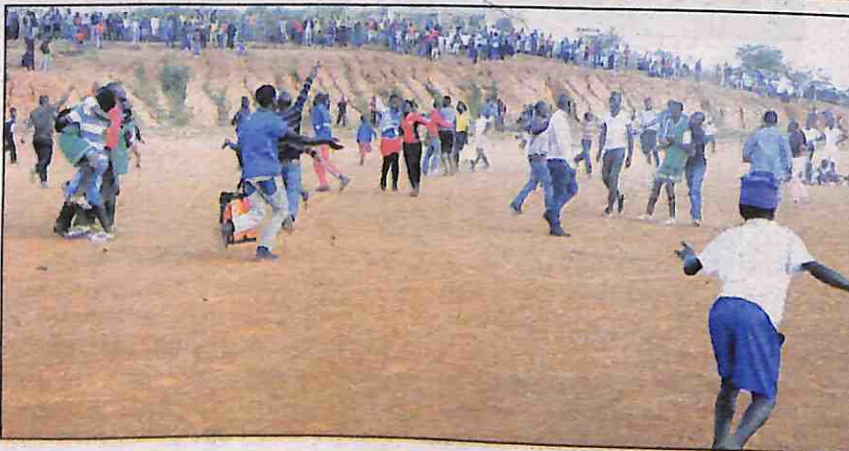
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**IN FULL SUPPORT:** Hhohho Regional Football Association executive members watching the game.



**JUBILANT:** Billy Ocean fans in a jovial mood after the match.



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## WINNERS



# 'PREDICT, WIN COMPETITION MEANT TO EMBRACE EVERYONE'

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCKER – SWAZIBANK** Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele has described the 'Predict and Win' competition as one way in which the bank embraced everyone in the SwaziBank Cup.

The MD made these remarks during the presentation to the winners of the 'Predict the Champions' competition carried out in the Swazi Observer and Times of Swaziland newspapers at the bank's auditorium yesterday.

These were winners who predicted that Mbabane Swallows would win the 'Sidlala Kanje' edition of the tournament.

The MD said the number of entries this year was the highest compared to the past years.

### Eligible

"Everybody who was above the age of 18 years was eligible to enter

● "I would like to thank everyone, including those who were unlucky, for participating in the competition."



**REWARDED:** The winners of the Predict and Win competition posing with SwaziBank MD Zakhele Lukhele and representatives from the Swazi Observer and Times of Swaziland. This was during the presentation held at the bank's auditorium yesterday. (Pics by Qondile Ntiwane)

the competition and I must say the winners were extremely lucky considering the high number of entries,

which keeps growing every year," he said.

He then congratulated the winners



**PRESENT:** The SwaziBank MD with Executive Managers Lindiwe Shongwe, Dumase Nxumalo and Enock Mavimbela.

of the competition and urged them to use their cash prizes wisely.

"I would like to thank everyone, including those who were unlucky, for participating in the competition. A lot of people entered the competition and this is evident from the number of entries we witnessed during the draw."

### Continue

"I urge you to continue banking with SwaziBank and those winners who do not bank with us yet, surely they now know which bank has their best inter-

est at heart," he said.

The MD also expressed gratitude to the media for agreeing to run this competition in their respective papers.

Meanwhile, Menzi Mazibuko, who spoke on behalf of the winners, said they were very thankful to SwaziBank for coming up with such competitions.

"We are very grateful to the bank and the newspapers for running the competitions. Our prayers are that SwaziBank will continue running these competition for the supporters of the game," he said.

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# COMPETITIVENESS A MAJOR POSITIVE THIS YEAR - MTN CEO

Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – MTN Swaziland CEO Ambrose Dlamini has noted that the level of competitiveness has been the positive of the MTN Premier League this year.**

Addressing the gathering during the MTN League prize presentation held at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre yesterday, the CEO said going into the last three games with four teams competing for the league title and four teams facing relegation made all the games exciting.

"In the last few years, the winner would be beforehand and that takes something away from the grand closing.

"This past Sunday, things could have gone either way, except only one team had to win," he said.

## Surprises

He also highlighted that there were surprises in the league, which included Midas City's top five finishing.

"All of these positive developments can be largely attributed to the introduction of the first round incentives. I would like to thank the PLS Chairman Victor Gamedze and his team for their

## 'STADIUMS SHOULD BE A FRIENDLY PLACE'

**SOCCER - MTN Swaziland CEO Ambrose Dlamini has urged football stakeholders to make stadiums a friendly place for people to attend games.**

Making his remarks during the prize presentation yesterday, the CEO said it was important to work towards minimising the use of vulgar utterances by fans during games.

"We still have the huge responsibility of making our stadiums a family friendly place. This year, the overall attendance increased but we still have a responsibility to market our games and the activities we line up for fans," he said.

On another hand, Dlamini congratulated the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) for again seeing a successful league season through, with little or no major disruptions or controversies. "This is of interest to us as MTN because everything that

vision."

The CEO also singled out the promotion of players from the

happens in the league also touches on the sponsor's brand. This year, the league has been able to play alongside the other tournaments harmoniously, despite some challenges including the shortage of stadiums."

## Opportunity

"In conclusion, let me take the opportunity to congratulate Royal Leopards for winning the MTN PLS League for three years in a row. "It is a big achievement and the boys have been consistent on the field, it is well deserved. We also congratulate all the winners that will be receiving prizes today and we encourage them to work even harder in the upcoming season," he said.

junior leagues to the premier league. "One of the players even became player of the month.



**BOSS: MTN CEO Ambrose Dlamini has called for stadiums to be a friendly place.**

This shows that the development structures are delivering on their mandate to build capacity for the league."

He then expressed gratitude to the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala for attending the event.

## Appreciate

"We are delighted to have you at this event tonight. I am aware that there is a lot happening in the sports space at this time, we appreciate that you have taken time to attend this presentation as well. You have always supported us in all our initiatives and activities and we remain confident that the love and zeal you have for sports in Swaziland will lead us straight into His Majesty's vision 2022."

"Soccer remains the most popular game in the world, and that holds true even in Swaziland. We still take great pleasure

in being the biggest sponsor of football in Swaziland to date, and we are dedicated to nurturing future football stars," he said.

## 'Samba Jive' grateful for Sihlangu call-up

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER – MBABANE Swallows experienced and exciting winger Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko says he is delighted to receive a call up to the national team.**

The player received a call up to the national team last week, in Harries 'Madze' Bulunga's latest squad, ahead of the 2017 AFCON qualifier match against Guinea early next month (June 5).

Wonder's superb performance in the league and a number of great goals caught the eye of 'Madze' which prompted his call-up.

This publication caught up with 'Samba Jive' following his call up and while he shared his excitement, he explained that this meant he had to continue working hard.

"This call-up is a reward for the work I have put in at my club (Mbabane Swallows), and now that I have been given another chance, I won't rest on my laurels.

"I've been working extra hard every day at training. Training in the morning and in the afternoon with my teammates."

He said he was grateful for this call up which he received because of his dedication and hard work. "This call-up is definitely one of the most important, if not the most important call-up I have gotten."

He said he would take this opportunity with both hands and put it into good use.

"I will do my level best in the national team colours as I have done with Mbabane Swallows throughout this season. I want my contribution to be felt even in the nation's pride when given the chance," he said.

He said coming back to play in the country resurrected his football career. "After coming back from South Africa I told myself that I was still good enough and I was determined to do that with Mbabane Swallows and now it is paying off. I always work hard, I take care of myself (health wise) and this has been the driving force in my soccer career."

When queried about the best player at Swallows over this season, 'Samba' said he felt Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu played a pivotal role in the team hence they won four trophies. "Well, I think 'D4D' and Papi Kabamba have been consistent throughout the season and they have been my inspiration." He then thanked all his teammates for always supporting him.

"We are a bunch of great players at Swallows and I am happy with the environment in the team. It makes it easy for a new player to settle in."

## 'Cruiser' hopes for compulsory CAF Club participation

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – MINISTER of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala is hopeful that CAF Club Championship participation will be made compulsory in future.**

The minister made this assertion during the MTN League prize presentation held at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre last night.

"The importance of the MTN League can't be over-empha-

sised; the winner gets a chance to represent the nation in the CAF Champions League. The positive for such is the experience attained by the players which benefits the national team Sihlangu. One hopes that, in the not so distant future, football leaders will make it compulsory for a club that win the league to participate in CAF Club Championship," he said.

The minister stated that the league competitiveness made the league even more exciting this season. "We did witness the ever-changing of clubs on the log

standings on a weekly basis both at the top and bottom; it was difficult to identify the winner and relegation candidates until the last game and this showed the competitiveness in the league."

## Irrespective

"As a ministry we congratulate the PLS for ensuring entertaining football irrespective of the challenges they faced as the season progressed," he said.

The minister also expressed gratitude to the fans for continuously supporting their teams.

"Any sport including football cannot survive without support-

ers; I, therefore, extend a word of thanks to them for supporting their clubs irrespective of the results in the field of play. Although we didn't witness many acts of violence, we appeal that they always accept the result as there can only be one winner in football. We also have to bear in mind that football is a family event."

The minister then congratulated the winners of the MTN league Royal Leopard, MTN National First Division winners Tambuti and winners of the individual awards.

## We need more goals next season - TD

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER - NATIONAL Football Association of Swaziland Technical Director Boy 'Bizzah' Mkhonta has urged local strikers to score more goals next season.**

The TD said he was worried with the number of goal scored this year.

"We have not seen many goals from our strikers this season and that should be a concern. We understand that there are lots of

factors that come to play in as far as scoring goals is concerned. For example if the defenders or goalkeeper is good, strikers find it hard to score.

## Specialised

"We urge teams to hire specialised striker coaches so to address this matter. With a lot of practice, they will score more goals," Mkhonta said.

The TD also congratulated Royal Leopard Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntibane for winning the league three times as a local coach.

"It is encouraging to see a local

coach winning the league three times in a row. It shows that we have good coaches in the country. The foreign coaches should up their standard to make the league more competitive. This also goes to foreign players."

In total 329 goals were scored this season while last year we saw 352 goals. Mbabane Swallows scored the most goals, 48 more than the champions Royal Leopard, who netted 34. Relegated Malanti Chiefs only scored 17 and conceded 40 goals.

Last season it was Royal

Leopard, who recorded the highest number of goals after netting 50 goals while RSSC only netted only 14 goals. Noteworthy is that last season's (2014/2015)

league champions finished on 53 points while in the 2015/2016 season they accumulated 46 points, seven less points than last season.

This year's top goal scorers were Highlanders' Lungelo Tsabedze,

## MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Royal Leopard	22	13	7	2	34	17	17	46
Mbabane Highlanders	22	14	3	5	34	19	15	45
Young Buffaloes	22	12	5	4	35	16	19	42
Mbabane Swallows	22	10	7	5	48	22	26	37
Midas City	22	10	4	8	23	21	2	34
Green Mamba	22	7	9	7	38	29	9	30
Manzini Wanderers	22	6	6	9	21	32	-11	25
Manzini Sundowns	22	6	6	9	17	20	-2	24
Red Lions	22	6	6	10	19	37	-18	24
Manzini Sea Birds	22	5	6	11	22	38	-16	21
Bad Boys	22	4	7	10	21	36	-15	19
Malanti Chiefs	22	2	6	13	17	40	-23	12

Green Mamba's Phinda 'Phindrix' Ginindza and Swallows' Sandile Hlatwayo (all on 11 goals).

Last season's top goal scorer was Mbabane Swallows' Sandile Hlatwayo with 13 goals.



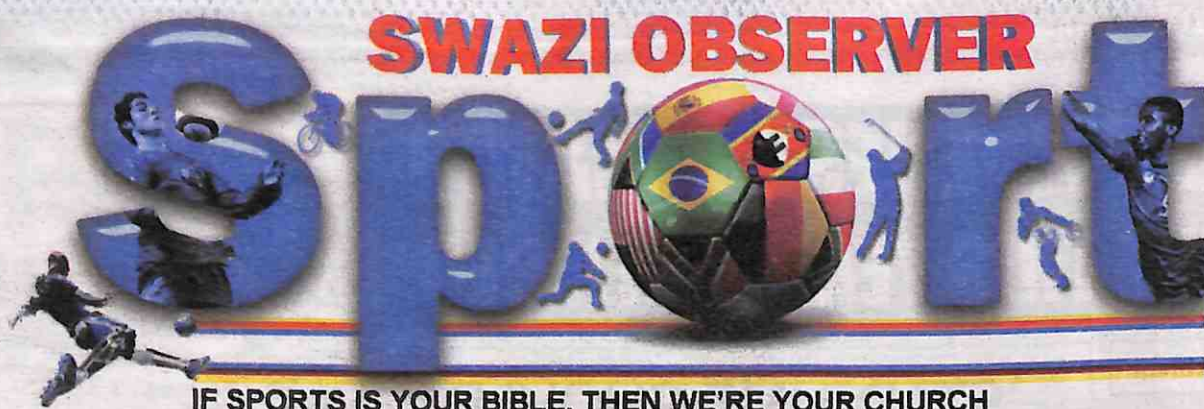
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Saturday 21 May 2016

Kaizer Chiefs	v	Chippa United	15:00
TUKS	v	Golden Arrows	15:00
Orlando Pirates	v	SuperSport United	15:00
Sundowns	v	Platinum Stars	15:00
Ajax Cape Town	v	Bidvest Wits	15:00
Jomo Cosmos	v	Maritzburg Utd	15:00
Bloem Celtic	v	Polokwane City	15:00
Black Aces	v	Free State Stars	15:00



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# LUNGELLO IS MTN PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Stories By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – MBABANE**  
Highlanders striker Lungello Tsabedze is MTN league Player of the Year.

The youngster is E15 000 richer after having been named the season's best player during the MTN League prize presentation held at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre yesterday. Tsabedze beat Mbabane Swallows' duo Felix Badernhost and Papy Kabamba, who were amongst the favourites to win the converted title won by Royal Leopard's Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo last season.

The Highlanders player is also joint top goal scorer alongside Mbabane Swallows' Sandile Hlatshwako and Green Mamba's Phinda 'Phindrix' Dlamini after netting 11 goals in the season.

Scooping the Best Coach Award was Midas City's Caleb Ngwenya, who beat Quadruple Champions Mbabane Swallows Coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati and league champions Royal Leopard's Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntibane to snatch the E5 000 award.

## ...Player not bitter on Sihlangu exclusion

**SOCCER - DESPITE his achievement this season, Lungello was not included in the 26-man squad recently announced by Sihlangu head coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga.**

As much as he eagerly wishes to represent the country, Tsabedze said he was not bitter about his exclusion from the senior national team but would keep working hard to convince the coach that he had what it takes to be included.

Royal Leopard Public Relations Officer (PRO) Frank Hurube, walked away with the best PRO award, accompanied by a cash prize of E6 000.

### Awards

Other individual awards dished out on the night included the referee of the tournament collected by Mbongiseni Fakudze, who handled the tournament's grand-closing game last Sunday. Interviewed

"It is my wish to be part of the squad one day but I understand that I have to earn a place in the coach's selection.

### Effort

I just have to put in extra effort in my performance and push hard for it to happen," he said.

Sihlangu players are expected to start training today in preparing for the AFCON qualifier match with Guinea at Somhlolo on June 5.

on his achievement, Tsabedze said he was happy and that such recognition was motivation for his football career. "I am thankful to all those who were behind my performance this season. I want to thank the Mbabane Highlanders family for giving me a chance to showcase my talent inside the football pitch," he said.

The player also attributed his victory to hard work and

attending training at all times.

"I made sure to attend the training session without fail. My teammates also encouraged me to put extra effort in, and told me that I was good at what I do. The coach and I had numerous one-on-one talks where he advised me on the areas to improve and it contributed to my performance as well." "Like I have said before I would like to dedicate this award to my brother Fanelo, who got injured in our last game of the season," he said. He said his twin brother has always been there for him. "There was a period when I spent more time on the bench and my brother would come to me and tell me that I am one of the best in the team and I should not give up. He has been vital to my sterling performance this season, we would sit down before and after the games and analyse them with the purpose of correcting and advising each other," he said.

He dedicated further his award to the Highlanders fans for always rallying behind the team. **NB: MTN CEO was represented by Sam Shongwe at the awards**

