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LAWYERS SETTING CJ AGAINST KING

WE felt duty bound to put to bed a petty argument that has spiraled out of control this newspaper has had with highly respected people in society - lawyers.

Our quarrel stems from a call the Law Society of Swaziland made to its members to reject appointments into the Supreme Court bench on acting basis.

By doing this the lawyers are pushing for the appointment of a permanent bench, a stance which we fully support as a newspaper.

However, we started seeing things differently when we highlighted (in our Tuesday edition) that rejecting the appointments into the Supreme Court bench (ad hoc or permanent) was tantamount to snubbing royal appointments because such appointments are (and have been) done by His Majesty King Mswati III.

As our records would show, the King appointed acting judges into the Supreme Court bench (mostly lawyers) last year and the latest appointments were done this year (in May to be specific).

Both the Swazi Observer and the Times of Swaziland carried loud stories on the King appointing acting Supreme Court judges.

On our end, the story was written by Simon Shabangu and it was never challenged.

Strangely, in the Times of Swaziland, the story was written by the very same journalist who on Tuesday painstakingly agreed to be the law society's clerical officer and contradict what he wrote on May 3, 2016.

Instead, he together with lawyers screamed murder by us publishing that the King appoints acting judges of the Supreme Court.

He wrote the same thing five months ago.

Short memory, we suppose. To help reboot his memory, the Times reporter, in his May 4, 2016 story quoted the Chief Justice, yes, the one he and the lawyers now say appoints acting judges saying the Supreme Court judicial officers were appointed by the King not himself.

The Times Reporter wrote: "In his speech, the CJ thanked His Majesty King Mswati III for the appointment of the acting judges. CJ Maphalala said the appointments were not made by him as the CJ but by the King."

Now we ask, what has changed in five months? What is it that the law

SEVEN TOP LAWYERS APPOINTED ACTING SUPREME COURT JUDGES

04/05/2016 (Times of Swaziland)
BY MBONGISENI NDZIMANDZE

MBABANE – The appointment of seven senior lawyers as acting judges of the Supreme Court was left until the last minute as they were not only sworn-in yesterday but they immediately assumed their duties.

None of the new appointees are current permanent judges of the High Court, save for permanent Supreme Court Judges in Chief Justice (CJ) Bheki Maphalala, Phesheya Dlamini and Benjamin Odoki. There was speculation surrounding the new appointees and who they would be. The newly-appointed acting judges include Law Lecturer at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) Maxine Langwenya and Legal Advisor in the Ministry of Tinkhundla Administration and Development John Siphos Magagula. Others are Knox Mshumayeli Nxumalo, Mabandla Manzini, Zonke Magagula, Cyril Maphanga and Robert John Cloete.

The appointment of the seven senior lawyers brings the total number of the judges, who will form the Supreme Court, to 10. Manzini and Cloete are not new in the positions as they were once appointed acting judges of the Supreme Court.

The acting judges yesterday took oaths of execution and that of allegiance. In

his speech, the CJ thanked His Majesty King Mswati III for the appointment of the acting judges.

CJ Maphalala said the appointments were not made by him as the CJ but by the King. He further mentioned that the newly-appointed acting judges were expected to preside over 76 appeals, which had been filed.

He described this as historic as previously, the Supreme Court used to hear and determine 30-40 cases.

The CJ said the number of appeals had significantly risen, which was an indication that a permanent Supreme Court was now required.

He said they trusted that soon they would have the appointment of permanent Supreme Court judges as negotiations were still ongoing.

According to the CJ, this would avail an opportunity for senior judges of the High Court to ascend and become permanent judges of the Supreme Court. He said this would not only avail an opportunity for senior judges of the High Court but also for senior lawyers.

"The session will last for almost two months beginning from May 3, 2016 (yesterday) to June 30, 2016. The extended period of the session has been necessitated by the large number of appeals and as a result, the judges would require sufficient time to research, discuss and write reasoned judgments," said the CJ.

society and the said reporter have forgotten? To further assist the law society and the said newspaper, we at the Swazi Observer carried a story (see snap shot of it) where lawyers were thanking the King for appointing the acting Supreme Court judges.

We quoted then secretary general Mabandla Manzini singing praises to the King for a 'new look Supreme Court bench'.

Proved

That to us proved the law society was aware that the King, not the CJ appoints acting Supreme Court judges. Manzini further said "it was normal to have legal practitioners to act as judges and it was practiced world over."

This view, we thought then, was a view held by all lawyers. We never at

any stage thought a new crop of lawyers at the helm of the law society would look at things differently. It's allowed though.

The morale of the story on lawyers rejecting royal appointments was to highlight to our learned friends one thing: The danger of dragging the King into their judiciary mess. We understand the legal and noble fight they are in by boycotting the Supreme Court but to involve the appointing authority in their fracas is wrong. This we highlighted because it has never been challenged anywhere that the King appoints acting Supreme Court judges an act that has inevitable greased pockets of many a lawyer in the process. Well some are still owed we hear.

The second aspect of our argument

KING APPOINTS ACTING SUPREME COURT JUDGES

● The seven were sworn in by Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala yesterday

By Simon Shabangu
Mbabane

His Majesty King Mswati III has appointed seven acting judges of the Supreme Court.

The seven judges were sworn in by Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala yesterday.

Worth noting is that none of the acting judges made it to the Supreme Court bench this time, something the Law Society of Swaziland had complained about.

The new judges are veteran lawyers: Knox Mshumayeli Nxumalo, Robert Cloete, Zonke Magagula, John Magagula, Cyril Maphanga, Maxine Langwenya and Mabandla Manzini.

The chief justice when swearing in the judges, who are joining him, Judge



OATH: Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala leading Robert Cloete to take an oath during the swearing-in ceremony at the High Court yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

Law Society thanks King for new look Supreme Court bench

Stories by Linda Jele
Supreme Court

THE Law Society of Swaziland has expressed gratitude to His Majesty King Mswati III for not appointing judges of the High Court to act in the Supreme Court.

This has been the lawyers' call after their mass meeting at the Mbabane Club two weeks ago.

His Majesty appointed seven

senior partner at MJ Manzini and Associates. Cloete and Manzini are the only two legal practitioners returning to the bench for the second time on acting basis.

None of the members of the High Court bench have been appointed and it has come as good news to the lawyers.

In their meeting, they had called upon the ISC to appoint a permanent bench of the Supreme Court and stop the appointment of High Court Judges in the

is that lawyers cannot play smart today and attempt to diffuse a blatant snub of royal appointments by acting aloof that such appointments have been done by the King, openly.

Their latest stunt as seen in the Times of Swaziland yesterday has pitted the CJ against the King. The CJ is on record (publicly) saying the appointments of the Supreme Court acting judges "were not made by him as the CJ but by the King."

Most lawyers were in attendance when the CJ said this during the swearing-in of the acting judges that included lawyers Knox Nxumalo, Robert Cloete, Zonke Khumalo, John Magagula, Cyril Maphanga,

Maxine Langwenya and Mabandla Manzini.

As a newspaper we maintain that the King appoints ad hoc judges and therefore calls to boycott such are tantamount to snubbing royal appointments.

We wish to reiterate that as a newspaper we fully support calls to adhere to the constitution. While lawyers may have a point on their stance to boycott the Supreme Court they must avoid playing elegant. Again, they must not speak in forked tongue where one minute they thank the King for appointing ad hoc judges and in the next they argue the King does not. They must ask the CJ.

Editor

Sithobela area gets more rain

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

SITHOBELA in the Lubombo region, recorded more rain, according to a report released yesterday.

The report, which was released by the Swaziland Meteorological Service, showed that Sithobela recorded an amount of 11.5 mm. It was followed closely by Nhlanguano with 11 mm. Malkerns, in the Manzini region, recorded the least amount out of the towns that were measured by the meteorolog-

ical service. It recorded 0.02 mm. Mbabane recorded only 6.8 mm. Mhlume, a town in the Lowveld, recorded 9 mm of rainfall.

Below is the table showing the places and the amounts of rainfall:

Station	Amount of rainfall (mm)
Mbabane	6.8
Sithobela	11.5
Mananga	1.2
Big Bend	8.9
Siteki	8.5
Pigg's Peak	1.8
Nhlanguano	11.0
Malkerns	0.2
Mhlume	9.0

Princess Tsandzile mourns with Thailand

ACTING Prime Minister Princess Tsandzile mourns with the people of Thailand following the passing on of their King.

The people of Thailand are currently mourning the passing away of King Bhumibol Adulyadej Rama IX. He is said to have succumbed to death on October 13, 2016, after a long illness. In a statement sent to this newspaper from the ministry of foreign affairs and international cooperation, Princess Tsandzile sent this message on behalf of the Swazi nation. The statement was dated October 17, 2016. She sent it

through the embassy of the Kingdom of Thailand.

"On behalf of His Majesty King Mswati III, Her Majesty the Queen Mother, the government and the people of the Kingdom of Swaziland, I express our deepest condolences following the sad passing of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej Rama IX," Princess Tsandzile said in the statement. The princess described the king as someone who had been a cornerstone for Thai peace and stability and a peacemaker in times of crisis. "May the Almighty God comfort all the peo-



SYMPATHY: Acting PM Princess Tsandzile.

ple from the Kingdom of Thailand during this sad moment," she said.

ELECTRICITY CRISIS LOOMS AS SEC BUYS 100% FROM ESKOM

COVER STORY

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

THE Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) has reached crisis levels when it comes to power generation.

It does not look bright at all for the country. We are on a brink of a thorough load shedding or worse still - a lights off situation if the country does not receive enough rains by May next year.

As from October 1, 2016, SEC started sourcing 100% of the country's electricity from Eskom in South Africa. In simpler terms the company, for the past 20 days, has been spending money it never budgeted for.

All power generation plants have been switched off because the dams used for such are depleted or at a very lower percentage capacity to generate power for the country.

A very concerned SEC Acting Managing Director Meshack Kunene said drought impacted greatly regarding power generation, lamenting that there is no clear plan B.

"There is direct correlation between the current persistent drought and power generation to the crisis. Swaziland is currently importing 100% electricity from South Africa and a local Independent Power Producer (IPP)," said Kunene who has been acting for over six months as MD.

Kunene revealed that their four hydro power stations do not have enough water to draw from hence the need to source 100 percent electricity from neighbouring states.

He said the water levels have decreased drastically hence they can no longer draw from them. The four hydro power stations are Edwaleni, Ezulwini, Maguduza and New Maguga.

Running

"Maguga has not been running for 10 months now, we last drew water from there on the first week of February. The pressure was not enough for generating electricity and trying to do that was going to damage our machinery. Luphohlo Dam has not been running since October 1," he said.

The clued up Kunene further said the flow rates in their dams have been dwindling over the years.

He said SEC has not received good rains for power generation for a period of three years now and their dam water storages have run dry. He revealed that Maguga Dam's capacity is currently at 16% while Luphohlo Dam is currently at 40%.

He revealed that SEC used to generate electricity from Maguga Dam when the dam's capacity stood at 40% and above.

He further revealed that Luphohlo Dam was recently at 36% but picked up to 40%.

Kunene further revealed that before the drought, SEC used to have six

● "There is direct correlation between the current persistent drought and power generation to the crisis. Swaziland is currently importing 100% electricity from South Africa and a local Independent Power Producer (IPP)"

TAKING NOTES: SEC Acting Managing Director Meshack Kunene listening attentively to questions during the press conference. (Pics: Gugu Simelane)



...SEC to generate thermal power at Lubhuku

SEC Acting Managing Director Meshack Kunene also revealed that the company will soon generate thermal power in Lubhuku.

Kunene said the prospecting process has already been completed.

He said it was discovered that Lubhuku has about 800 hectares of coal.

"The coal is from about 40 metres below the ground to a further 160 metres. The mine has been confirmed to be mineable on open cast and deeper. That is reason enough for the country to build a thermal power station. There is about 23 million metric tons of coal and further 46 million

metric tons of coal that has been discovered," he said.

Kunene said the presence of over 60 million metric tons is good enough reason to establish a power station which could last for 40 to 50 years.

"The coal is available, this has been confirmed," he emphasised.

Kunene further revealed that SEC is currently dredging at Mkhikhomo Dam in Matsapha.

He said the dam has too much waste and they have taken advantage of the situation (drought) to clean up the dam since there are no serious rains.

"We have a contractor on site and there is very good progress on the de-silting exercise," he said.



ALL EARS: Part of SEC executive management that attended the press conference.

SEC LOOKING AT OTHER POWER GENERATING OPTIONS

ACTING Managing Director Meshack Kunene said SEC is looking at other options to source electricity.

Kunene further revealed that the company is also looking at other power generation options through Independent Power Producers (IPPs).

He said currently they are receiving help from ILLOVO that generates its own electricity.

He said the company gives them

months for generation power, between October and March. He said this was the period which they used to harvest water and store the water for electricity generation.

"Every year between June and August the cost of importing elec-

tricity hiked by four times of the normal price, and this is the time when Luphohlo Dam came in handy. If GS15 is good enough, we would be storing there to meet high season capacity," he said.

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Electricity tariffs hike inevitable

MESHACK Kunene said a hike in electricity tariffs is inevitable though that will be decided by the Swaziland Electricity Regulatory Agency.

Kunene was responding to a question on the possibility of tariffs hike since the country is now importing electricity from neighbouring states.

Kunene said the regulator will look into the matter at hand, considering the fact that importing electricity from neighbouring

countries does not come cheap. "Currently, we are spending more money than we actually have on importing electricity," Kunene said.

Injection

Questioned on the E80 million government injection that was promised, Kunene revealed that SEC only got a portion of the money and they are still expecting the balance.

He did not state the amount of the balance.

SWSC TO USE LUPHOHLO FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY

ACTING SEC MD Meshack Kunene has come out to clarify that Swaziland Water Service Corporation (SWSC) is not taking over Luphohlo Dam but will only use it for emergency water supply to Mbabane residents.

Kunene said there have been concerns from the general public about SWSC using Luphohlo Dam for drawing water. Kunene said Luphohlo was solely built for power generation, but as SEC they intervened and helped out in the water crisis situation that SWSC is currently facing.

"SWSC has not started pump-

ing water from the dam yet. They are still setting up their machinery.

The agreement is that they will pump water from the dam only on emergencies. They can only draw an agreed volume for a certain period.

We have an agreement with them and they can only draw 10.5 cubic megawatts which is 10 000 litres per second. We will regulate them through a metre which will measure how much they have used up. Once Hawane Dam picks up SWSC will stop drawing water from Luphohlo Dam," he explained.

Diesel engines will be the last resort - MD

ACTING Managing Director Meshack Kunene said if push comes to shove, SEC will use diesel engines to generate electricity.

Kunene said it would however be a very expensive exercise to generate water using diesel engines.

Cost

"The cost of running those would run SEC down in a few weeks.

"Swaziland must look into power generation methods not just thermal and hydro genera-

tion," he said.

SEC's Doctor Hlongwane said through engagements with KOBWA, they have learnt that Maguga Dam might be back to normalcy by 2019 for power generation.

Drought

"The impact of the drought will affect SEC for the next years to come.

"Our saving grace would be enough continuous rains not just the drizzle that we are currently experiencing," he said.

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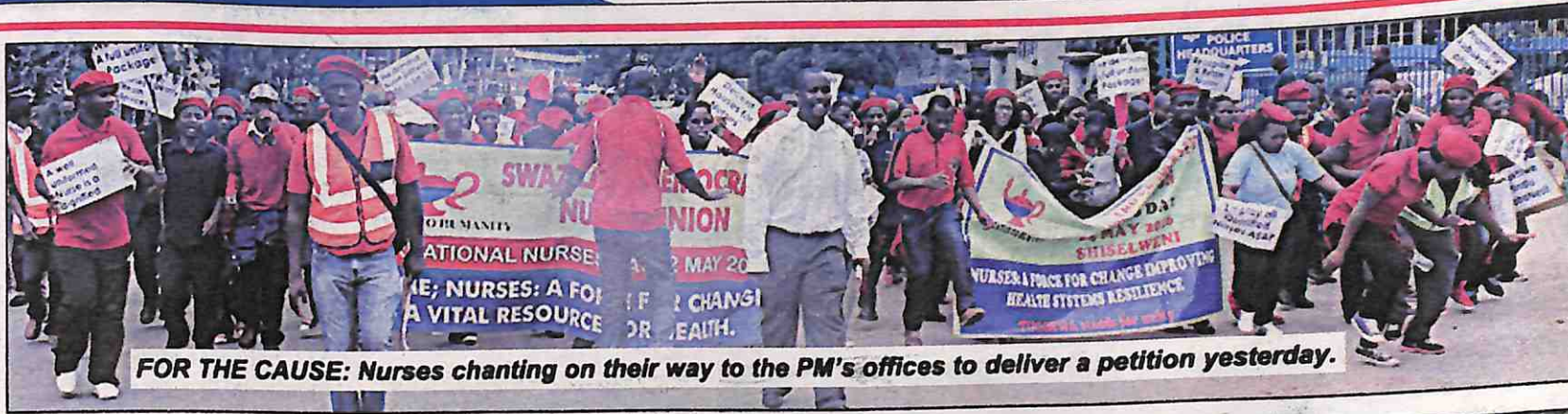
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SWADNU General Secretary Sibusiso Lushaba and member Bheki Mamba listen as PM's office Principal Secretary Victor Nxumalo addresses the nurses upon receiving the petition. (Pic: Gugu Simelane)

HOSPITALS TO SHUT DOWN IN 7 DAYS IF...

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

THE Swaziland Nurses Association has vowed to shut down all government health care facilities in the country in seven days if government does not act on demands that have been put forward in a petition they delivered at the prime minister's office yesterday.

Yesterday, the capital city was painted red when about 200 members of the Swaziland Nurses Association filled the streets and marched to the ministry of health and the prime minister's offices to deliver petitions seeking better working conditions.

While delivering the petition at the prime minister's office,

... On shortage of nurses, the Government of Swaziland must improve the number of skilled nurses from the 1:1000 ratio to at least 5:1000 as per the recommendation of the World Health Organisation. Government must immediately create posts for nurses to curb the shortage in the medium run. It should also reduce the vacancy rate of the established posts to zero by employing all nurses who have just qualified as we are of the view that there are no supplies constraints in nursing in the country. Govt must also stop employing nurses on a wrong scale

Swaziland Nurses Association President Bheki Mamba said if government does not respond to them on the demands they have put forward as an association they will shut down hospitals and clinics. "We believe that since we have

now addressed the issue with the head of government our concerns will be addressed accordingly," he said.

Key among the issues is the continued nursing staff shortage which they claim threatens the effective



delivery of services across all the tiers of the health care services delivery system.

Recommendation

"On shortage of nurses, the government of Swaziland must improve the number of skilled nurses from the 1:1000 ratio to at least 5:1000 as per the recommendation of the World Health Organisation. Government must immediately create posts for nurses to curb the shortage in the medium run. It should also reduce the vacancy rate of the established posts to zero by employing all nurses who have just qualified as we are of the view that there are no supplies constraints in nursing in

the country. Government must also stop employing nurses on the wrong scale," reads the petition.

The petition further demands that nursing assistants must be allowed to further their studies without them having to resign.

"There must be an improved quota for nurses who are allowed to train utilising in-service, not the three per year we have seen which is an insult to the profession. Nothing for nurses without nurses; no profession can be able to decide how many nurses need training than the nursing profession itself. We are giving government a chance to act on these demands," states the petition.

DPM's office employee arrested for stealing E50 000 of elderly grants

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane

A period of about six months saw a systems administrator at the Deputy Prime Minister's office defrauding government a sum of E49 929.

Sibusiso Kunene was employed under the social welfare department entrusted with the responsibility of, amongst other things, processing elderly grants when he allegedly assumed the status of being a conman.

It is alleged he did unlawfully and intentionally misrepresented to Standard Bank more than once that he was entitled to receive elderly grants as a beneficiary. His means of misrepresentation induced the government of Swaziland to its actual loss and prejudice to the sum of E49 929 which was deposited into his account at Standard Bank. Kunene allegedly committed these offences 10 times spanning over six months, thus he is facing 10 counts of fraud.

His first offence was committed in October 14, 2011 at or near Mbabane whereby he deposited E3 600 into his account while he committed his last offence in March 19, 2012. The remaining eight offences were committed in-between this period whereby he would deposit varying sums of money into his own account.

While making his appearance at the Mbabane Magistrate's court, Kunene was granted bail of E24 000 by Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi.

It is alleged Kunene was suspended at work for quite a long time after it was discovered that he was playing an unlawful game with the funds belonging to the government. However, the 31-year-old man was arrested by the police recently after internal investigations and hearings were completed. Moreover, the largest amount Kunene deposited into his account came on February 17, 2012, where it is said he committed the crime of fraud by depositing a sum of E11 229 while at or near Mbabane.

Final submissions in E50m trial

By Linda Jele
High Court

THE E50 million Capacity Building Fund trial is nearing completion now as lawyers have started making submissions before High court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe.

Principal Crown Counsel Macebo Nxumalo yesterday made his submissions persuading the court to convict the accused on the grounds that the state has proved that they did commit fraud.

He said businessmen Qhawe Mamba and Sabelo Mavuso, of Channel S TV and Phumelele school, respectively, had established a company, Swazi Enterprises in order to defraud government.

He said government was defrauded a lot of money which was paid to the company yet the company had not been fully registered at the time it applied to render services during the capacity building project where job creations workshops were conducted.

However, the judge had many questions to the crown on the charge of fraud preferred against them.

He questioned how the crown decided to charge them with fraud. He asked how the state suffered

prejudice or potential prejudice and misrepresentation by the acts of the company.

He said for fraud to be said to have occurred prejudice or potential prejudice and misrepresentation must be proven to have occurred together.

He questioned the crown how government suffered prejudice when the company was paid for services that were rendered.

Breached

Nxumalo submitted that the accused had breached government policy when they registered the company.

The judge wanted to know if the alleged breach of policy amounted to fraud or not, to which Nxumalo responded to the affirmative.

Nxumalo also submitted that Thembanani Simelane and Phindile Gwebu had been employed as accountants in government in the ministry of finance but made payments to service providers when they knew that it was not allowed to make payments for another ministry when working for another.

He said the two were veteran accountants who were clearly aware of government procedures.

The judge asked what happened if the other ministry, in this case the then ministry of enterprise and

employment, cooperated when the payments were made from the ministry of finance side.

"There was no gun put in the heads of the accountants of the ministry of enterprise to sign or authorise payments. Was there no arrangement made?" the judge asked.

Nxumalo submitted that there was no arrangement and this was proven by evidence led before court. The judge said by conduct, the ministry of enterprise officials had agreed of the arrangement. He said the two caused about E3.2 million loss to government.

"We know the effect of consent," the judge said.

Nxumalo said the two had been working with the late principal secretary in the ministry of Finance Musa Fakudze who was the main suspect in the case.

The judge wondered if more people should have been arrested including the officials in the then ministry of enterprise who were authorising the payments or not.

Nxumalo said they were supposed to have been charged as well and made accomplices, but evidence proved that they should not be charged.

The case continues.

SD AMBASSADOR TO QATAR HOSTS DINNER FOR INDLOVUKAZI



MHLEKAZI: Her Majesty Indlovukazi making her remarks during the dinner hosted for her by the Swaziland Ambassador to Qatar Felizwe Dlamini. This is part of Her Majesty's state visit to that country to strengthen relations between the two nations. She is flanked by Princess Sdvumolesihle and Zodwa Ginindza who are part of her delegation. (Courtesy pics)



WITH OUR GREAT MOTHER: Her Majesty posing for pictures with locals based in that country who were also part of the dinner.



ATTENTIVE: Her Majesty listening to speeches on the day.

WELCOME: SD's Ambassador to Qatar Felizwe Dlamini making his remarks.



GIFT: Felizwe Dlamini and his wife Ellena smile after presenting Her Majesty with a gift.



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6 NATIONAL NEWS

GOVT CONCEALS E154 MILLION OVERDRAFT

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

THE ministry of finance has been accused of failing to disclose domestic debt of E154 million from financial statements.

This is contained in a Public Accounts Committee (PAC) report, which was tabled before Parliament on Monday by Chairperson Thulisile Dladla.

The report contained the finding of the auditor general (AG) on how the public funds had been used. The auditor general, at the time, was Phestecia Nxumalo.

The auditor general found the domestic debt was excluded from the financial statements. "For instance, an overdraft of E154 million has not been corrected and it was classified as an asset," part of the report states.

The auditor general went on to state there was a discrepancy between the domestic debts amount that was reported by the director of debt and the one reported in the statement of liabilities.

Ministry of Finance Controlling Officer Bheki Bhembe is reported to have acknowledged the E154 million was a discrepancy, which resulted from a reconciliation error.

Bhembe promised the accounted general the error would be addressed during the current 2016/2017 financial year.

Nxumalo recommended such anomalies should be avoided in such



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Public Accounts Committee
Chairperson Thulisile
Dladla.

an important ministry.

"The controlling officer is urged to appreciate the auditor general's concerns in order to avoid such anomalies in future.

He is urged to quarterly update the PAC chairperson and the auditor general on addressing the issues raised," reads part of the report.

It went on to warn the controlling officer he would be charged with contempt of Parliament, should he fail to do that.

The auditor general also found government had excluded domestic debt generated investments. She reported that funds that were invested were financial assets of the government and had to always be reported on in the financial statements.

She states this was in relation to

the best practices to recognition, classification, criteria and accounting for financial instruments (assets and liabilities) which required that they should be clearly accounted for and reflected in the financial statements and the best practices should be adhered to.

The controlling officer concurred with the auditor general's findings and concurred with her recommendations. He disclosed the ministry was aligning its reporting and accounting systems to all transactions, separately, in line with the new chart of accounts.

This was also in accordance with the international standard set by the Government Finance Statistics Manual of 2001.

The auditor general, in response to what Bhembe said, noted the ministry of finance could not know how much government had in investments and returns, in the absence of records. She recommended it was paramount that investments should be reflected in the public debt account and be constantly monitored.

The controlling officer, Nxumalo said, should be apprised on a regular basis by the investment committee and maintain proper records.

The controlling officer was also told to give the revised debt policy to Dladla and the auditor general within 90 calendar days after the adoption of the report. Failure to do so would result in Bhembe being charged with contempt of Parliament.

E44 million hedge funds not disclosed

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

THE ministry of finance was found to have failed to disclose hedge funds amounting to E44.38 million.

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ings of the auditor general (AG) on how the public funds had been used. The auditor general, at the time, was Phestecia Nxumalo.

The report states the auditor general expressed concern about the concealment of the hedge fund, JP Morgan,

which was not reflected in the government accounting records.

Ministry of Finance Controlling Officer Bheki Bhembe is reported to have submitted there were terms of the contract between government and JP Morgan that had to be followed. He said the latter, as a third party, facilitated the acquisition of the foreign exchange payments.

As per the payment schedules in the contract, government is said to have remitted E44.38 million to JP Morgan on a quarterly

basis.

Bhembe, according to the report, promised to avail the relevant information to the office of the auditor general during the course of the current 2016/2017 financial year.

The auditor general advised the controlling officer to ensure this debt was captured in the ministry's statements of accounts. If he failed to do so, he would be charged with contempt of Parliament.

Parliament.

He was advised

to give a copy of

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trolling officer was told, should be accompanied by a report on the number of loans that were facilitated by JP Morgan and the amounts thereof. Failure to do so by the controlling officer would result in him being charged with contempt of Parliament.

The controlling officer was also tasked with undertaking a comprehensive analysis of the cost/benefit to government arising from the engagement of a middleman (JP Morgan) as opposed to dealing directly with foreign exchange lenders.

Former Miss SD joins SNYC board

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane

FORMER Miss Swaziland Nozipho Shabangu has joined Swaziland National Youth Council (SNYC) as a board member.

Shabangu was introduced to the board members together with another member, Stanley Mkhwanazi, who is employed by Junior Achievement (JA) Swaziland. The two were introduced by the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Honourable David 'Cruiser'

Ngcamphalala. The minister mentioned the two members were being added to the initial board that was announced and their appointment completes the board now. He mentioned he has high expectations from the two as they are young and understand the youth better, having interacted with them at different levels.

Also present at the function was Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Sports Culture and Youth Affairs Prince Mlayeto and the rest of the SNYC board and CEO. Shabangu is currently involved in a number of



WELCOME: Former Miss Swaziland Nozipho Shabangu shakes hands with Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs as she accepts her letter of appointment after being elected as board member of the Swaziland National Youth Council at the Technical Centre, Lobamba. (Pic: Phesheya Kunene)

farming projects. "I have already donated about 1 000 chicks to women and my aim is to give them something that will sustain them and help them change their lives for the better. I am also looking at bringing positive change to the people and youth of my home area," Shabangu

said.

While on the other hand, Mkhwanazi is currently busy equipping youthful entrepreneurs by helping them achieve their goals in the business world through entrepreneurship training and other necessary components.

Two cops hitch-hike to accident scene

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

A driver who had knocked down a cow at Mpisi area had to wait hours for police officers while they hitch-hiked from Mafutseni Police Station to the accident scene to record a statement.

The two police officers based at Mafutseni had to hitch-hike to the accident scene after getting a call that a car has been involved in an accident. Narrating the ordeal before court, a police officer stated a stray cow, belonging to Israel Myeni, had been hit by the vehicle so they had to attend to the accident with her colleague. The police stated while they were waiting at a filling station they received another call

informing that another accident had occurred near St Joseph's Mission. The officer told Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini yesterday during trial for the owner of the cow that as a result of the developments they had to split with her partner, with each officer going to the different assignments with no back up. The police officer stated when she finally arrived at the accident scene she found the car which was involved in the accident unoccupied. While wandering next to the car the officer said a man emerged from the bushes and told her he was the driver of the vehicle involved in the accident. This incident according to the officer happened on October 2, 2015 before the new fleet of police vehicles were deployed to various stations.



MINISTER OWEN COULD BE DRAGGED TO COURT

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

PENSIONERS want to take new Public Service Minister Owen Nxumalo to court over the issue of the delayed conversion of the Public Service Pension Fund (PSPF).

The PSPF is a fund that keeps contributions from public servants for use during retirement.

The pensioners want the fund to stop being wholly owned by government and be an independent company. Members of Parliament (MPs) are still waiting for the minister for public service to sign a letter that would convert the fund to be an independent one.

The MPs ordered the minister to do so after it was discovered the fund was made an entity that is wholly owned by government.

Issue

This is now a task that is faced by Nxumalo, who was sworn in as a public service minister last week Monday.

The pensioners yesterday promised to fight this issue until they got what they wanted. They said this during their meeting at Mater Dorolosa (MDS) Church Hall.

They pointed out they were in the process of acquiring legal services to make sure something like this happened.

The members of the association were told to fork out E100 to make this a reality. They also do not want to be given 25 percent as a gratuity. They say they want 50 percent to be given to them once they have retired.

Chairperson of the Mbabane branch of the pensioners Osvart Sukati made it clear they wanted nothing to do with government on the funds.

He said the government was greedy because it saw that the fund was growing financially and it wanted a share of the pension money.

Bible

"We come from a situation whereby E600 million was given to Swaziland National Housing Board. About E567 million was also given to Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) to build its headquarters in Ezulwini.

All this was done without consulting us as owners of the funds," Sukati said.

Sukati urged all the pensioners to speak out and make their voices heard so that even the people who were not able to speak would be represented.

He articulated this by quoting the bible book of Proverbs 31:8 and 9. Verse 8, in the American Standard version of the bible, says, "Open thy mouth for the dumb, In the cause of all such as are left desolate." Verse 9, of the same version, says, "Open thy mouth, judge righteously, And

minister justice to the poor and needy."

The chairperson also told them that James 4:17 said a person who could not express his opinion was committing a sin. The American Standard version of the verse said, "To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

Sukati's words were shared by his deputy chairperson Elliot Mkhathshwa.

He said it was not proper for a stranger to manage his money because he had worked hard for it for so many years. He said Swazis were cowards in such a way that they would allow any person to tell them how they should use their money. He said such was not good.

Parliament, according to Mkhathshwa, was not doing justice to the people. "It is not good for a whole legislature to square up against a minister who does not want to listen to them.

They should do something about it. Another thing, the people who manage our pension give us the 25 percent because they want us to quickly die because they want to have the rest of the money to themselves," Mkhathshwa said.

President of the pensioners, Patrick Bhembe also concurred with the pensioners, saying they made submissions even when the report was still made by the MPs.

Disrespectful boy convicted of old man's murder

By Linda Jele
High Court

HIGH Court Judge Mzwandile Fakudze has noted, with concern, the rate at which young people disrespect adults, when he convicted a boy for killing an old man.

The bone of contention was that the boy, Sikelela Khumalo, refused to give way to Joseph Ndelela when they met along a pathway. The incident happened at Emfabeni community in the Shiselweni region on June 19, 2010. Khumalo stabbed Ndelela several times on the body in a dispute over who was to give way to the other in a pathway.

The small pathway passed near a river where about five ladies were washing their laundry and fetching water when the incident happened.

According to their evidence, Ndelela approached from one direction visibly drunk and carrying a stone while Khumalo was also moving to the opposite direction and they were to meet. Ndelela demanded Khumalo to give way because he was older than him, but the latter refused, which resulted in Ndelela throwing the stone at him, but missed. The two manhandled

each other and Khumalo fell on the ground, but was lifted up by the old man by his pants, but fell because Ndelela did not have much strength due to drunkenness. There was a tussle on the ground and Khumalo drew a knife to stab Ndelela on the body several times.

He died on the scene. "The case at hand is a picture of how the youth fail to show respect to elder people. There was no reason for the deceased to ask the accused to give way. He should have allowed the old man to pass as the pathway was in an open veld.

Arrogance caused the accused to fight the deceased who was visibly drunk, according to the crown witnesses," Judge Fakudze said.

The office of the director of public prosecution was represented by Senior Crown Counsel Ncamisile Masuku in the matter while lawyer Sifiso Jele from Mabila Attorneys appeared on behalf of Khumalo as pro deo counsel.

Pro deo counsel is an attorney hired by the state on behalf of suspects charged with serious crimes, but cannot afford to instruct their own legal practitioners.

In his defence Khumalo submitted he was drunk on the day in question and the knife

he was carrying belonged to a friend and he was to deliver it to him.

He told the court when he met Ndelela along the pathway he moved to another one, but the visibly drunk Ndelela continued to demand he should move and stoned him. He said he tripped and fell and Ndelela lifted him by his pants and hit him. He said Ndelela also strangled him and they fought. He said after that he did not recall what happened because he 'blacked out.'

The judge said in the confession statement submitted as evidence, Khumalo had stated after the tussle he stabbed Ndelela a couple of times. He also confessed he then ran away and went to hide in a forest because he was scared.

In his defence before court he said he acted in self defence, was provoked and was intoxicated. The crown stated the stabbing of Ndelela was not directly proportional to the provocation.

"I agree with the crown's submissions the accused's (Khumalo) reaction exceeded the reasonable grounds of provocation. The defence of private defence or self defence does not hold. The courts view is the defence of intoxication does not hold water," he said.

Man guilty of killing nephew over cattle

By Linda Jele
High Court

A man has been convicted to murder for killing his nephew in a dispute over cattle.

Elliot Mamba was found guilty of killing Sidwell Methula on January 8, 2009. The deceased had been under the care of Mamba since infancy and his school fees were paid for by him.

However, at the time the incident happened, Methula had moved out of Mamba's homestead to stay at Bothman's place in the neighbourhood.

Mamba's cattle, the court was told used to graze at the yard in Bothman's homestead, but on the day Methula demanded they should be moved.

It was stated Methula had taken alcoholic beverages when he shouted at his uncle and hurled insults at him calling for removal of the cattle from the yard.

Methula, the court was told during trial, approached Mamba in a bid to attack him armed with a knobkerrie.

The two were involved in



MY LORD: High Court Judge Mzwandile Fakudze.

a tussle and Methula was chased by Mamba and later stabbed more than twice on the body.

The crown had led evidence that indeed Methula hurled insults at Mamba, but when the latter then attacked Methula at a later stage and he was not armed with a knobkerrie.

In his case, Mamba said Methula had attacked him armed with a knobkerrie. He told the court Methula hit

had him several times before he managed to disarm him and stabbed him in self defence.

High Court Judge Mzwandile Fakudze said even if he were to agree with Mamba that Methula had been armed and was the aggressor, the evidence he had disarmed him when he stabbed him proved that his actions were excessive. "It is trite law in murder cases that the crown must prove beyond reasonable doubt to the commission of the offence by the perpetrator.

In order to prove guilt of an accused person, the crown must establish the perpetrator committed the unlawful act that led to the necessary intention to kill known as dolus. It is this court's view the crown has succeeded in this regard in respect of the case at hand," Fakudze said.

He said it was not in dispute the two stab wounds resulted in the death of Methula.

He said the crown proved self defence could not hold as means used in averting the harm was excessive. He convicted Mamba to murder.



Background

Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation - Swaziland situate at the Bristol-Myer's Squibb Children's Clinical Centre of Excellence (COE) in Mbabane and the associated Satellite Centers of Excellence (SCOE) at Hlatihikulu Government Hospital and RFM Hospital in Manzini are a manifestation of a public-private partnership between the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland and Baylor College of Medicine, Texas, USA. The Foundation seeks to immediately fill the following position:

Social Worker

Reporting to the Program Manager, the Social Worker will be responsible for provision of psychosocial support services help children and their families deal with the broad range of psychosocial issues and stresses related to coping with illness and maintaining health at the main clinic and at the satellite clinics in line with the objectives of the COE.

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Integrate the social and psychological needs of children, adolescents and families with their health care.
- Increase accessibility to health care and other services offered at the COE.
- Serve as a conduit between the clinic setting and a family life, home and community.
- Protect and advocate for the best interest of children, for social justice in the form of children's rights and access to resources.
- Develop a psychosocial counseling program or schedule for the COE clients
- Provide ongoing support counseling to patients, their guardians and families
- Provide treatment adherence counseling and nutritional counseling
- Facilitate disclosure to patients, family members and friends
- Supervise, coach and mentor volunteer counselors, student interns
- Coordinate adolescent psychosocial support groups
- Identify, liaise and work with available community support resources
- Investigate children in difficult circumstances and refer appropriately
- Conduct home visits as necessary
- Encourage parents to enroll their children for diagnosis, treatment and care
- Establish, work and strengthen linkages with child care centers and the Department of Social Welfare for placement of children in very difficult circumstances
- Participate in research activities for the improvement of the program.
- Be well informed on latest information for the care and counseling of people infected or affected by HIV and AIDS including TB and other complex conditions in children.
- Participate in training and play a lead role in training and teaching in sphere of work
- Prepare regular reports as required by the organization

Minimum Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from a recognized institution
- Three years relevant experience in health, HIV, TB will be an added advantage
- Fluent in both English and SiSwati.
- Good computer skills

Applications

Application accompanied by a cover letter, CV and copies of certificates can be sent to the Executive Director, Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation - Swaziland, P.O. Box 110, Mbabane and hand delivered to the Finance and Administration Manager Cnr. Somhlolo and Sigwili Street, Kent Rock, Mbabane or e-mailed to: emasinga@baylor-swaziland.org.sz. Faxed applications will not be accepted. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. **Deadline: 28 October 2016.**

8 NATIONAL NEWS

NURSES MARCH TO PM'S OFFICE



DELIVERED: SWADNU GS Sibusiso Lushaba preparing to handover the petition to PM's office Principal Secretary Victor Nxumalo, while SWADNU President Bheki Mamba shakes hands with the PS.



GALLOPING: Nurses in song and dance marching to the prime minister's office to deliver a petition.



LOUD AND CLEAR: SWADNU General Secretary Sibusiso Lushaba reading out the petition before he handed it over at the prime minister's office.



SONG AND DANCE: Nurses marching in song after delivering the petition at the ministry of health.



MESSAGES: The nurses left the placards at the prime minister's office gate. (Pics: Gugu Simelane)

FIRE GUTS KANDWANDWA ROYAL RESIDENCE

By Sizwe Dlamini
KaNdwandwa Royal Residence

FIRE burned down two huts and a kraal at KaNdwandwa Royal Residence on Sunday.

The fire that lasted for about an hour was eventually put out by the locals who rushed to offer assistance to the royal residence.

The fire started at around 4pm.

According to sources the fire was started by a minor who was trying to extract honey but failed to control the fire, resulting in the flames that overcame him and went on to raze two huts and a kraal.

"The fire was started by a minor who was just trying to extract honey thinking it was a simple task. Unfortunately for the minor, the fire



CONFIRMED: Chief of Ndlalambi Prince Magudvulela.

then escaped him and became uncontrollable resulting in the damage that we witnessed," said a source.

The source stated that the fire was regarded purely as an accident because it was caused by a minor so there was no need for the issue to be sensationalised.

"It was a mistake by the minor who we all know and love, therefore we do not need anybody to sensationalise the issue and make it bigger than it already is; we appreciate the concern from the public but we will deal with the matter internally."

Chief of Ndlalambi Prince Magudvulela confirmed the incident and encouraged the people of the area to treat the incident with decorum to protect the minor.

"It is very important that we protect the minor in question as he made a mistake that could be made by anyone. We should not chastise but protect him as he is one of our own."

SIBAYA SHOULD BE ANNUAL - IDEAL

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

THE People's Parliament (Sibaya) should be held on an annual basis to conform to the requirements of the national constitution.

This is the view held by the Institute for Democracy and Leadership (IDEAL), which is contained in the report of a meeting at Caritas in Manzini on September 24, 2016. IDEAL is an organisation that was established by Human Rights Lawyer Thulani Maseko to ensure that the constitution was followed in the country.

The organisation convened the meeting last month to see if the constitution was still followed in the country. It was on that basis that the participants in that meeting called for the implementation of Section 232 of the Constitution.

This is the section that talks about the People's Parliament (Sibaya).

Subsection (1) reads, "The people through Sibaya constitute the highest policy and advisory council (Libandla) of the nation." The following subsection states, "The Sibaya is the Swazi National Council constituted by Bantfwabenhkosi, the *tikhulu* of the realm and all adult citizens gathered at the official residence of the

Ndlovukazi under the chairmanship of Ngwenyama who may delegate this function to any official."

Subsection (3) says: "Sibaya functions as the annual general meeting of the nation but may be convened at anytime to present the views of the nation on pressing and controversial national issues."

Maseko, when speaking to this newspaper, did confirm that the issue of Sibaya, among other issues, was discussed at length.

"We are going to convene another meeting this coming Saturday at Caritas in Manzini. We are going to make a follow-up to the resolutions we took during that meeting," Maseko said.

Suspended Heavy Plant accountant runs to court

By Linda Jele
Industrial Court

AN accountant at Heavy Plant Centre has been suspended from work after she allegedly failed to collect debts from the company's clients.

Nonhlanhla Mathonsi has claimed that the company further withheld her salary and told her that she would only be paid after two of their major clients had paid.

She has instituted legal proceedings before the Industrial Court seeking an order directing Heavy Plant Centre to pay her salary and declare the suspension without pay unlawful and set aside.

Forklifts

She claimed that she had been employed since July 2013 by the company that rents out and sells forklifts among others items and services earthmoving equipment.

She claimed that in September 2016, all other employees were paid their salaries but she was not paid.

She claimed that she approached

the managing director Zwelithini Zulu. She claimed that Zulu told her that she would not be paid until two companies who owed money for services rendered had paid. She claimed that Zulu told her to demand payment from the two companies.

The companies would not be named because they are not party to the proceedings and have no interest in the matter.

Suspended

She claimed that she was then told that she was being suspended from work and she approached her attorney Bonginkosi Xaba who wrote a letter of demand to her employer.

She claimed that after receipt of the letter of demand Zulu sent her a message via social networking site WhatsApp and told her to fetch a suspension letter.

She submitted that she suspension of her salary was unlawful in that she had never signed a contract to the effect that once a customer failed to pay for services rendered she would not be paid.

"I further wish to say that as an accountant I did request for payment

but the customers could not pay by the end of September 2016.

"I further wish to state that the withholding of my salary is discriminatory in nature because all other employees received their salaries at the end of September 2016, except for me," she said.

She claimed that the employer never at any stage discuss issues of misconduct with her, therefore it was unlawful to suspend her without pay.

In its responding papers, the company alleged that Zulu had been reminding Mathonsi to do her job diligently in the past four months.

Affidavit

Zulu, in his affidavit, claimed that she had not been doing her job properly, which entailed keeping proper financial records and collecting payments from clients.

He claimed that a number of the company's clients complained that nobody reminded them to make payments.

He said this caused embarrassment to the company because it failed to pay employees on time. The matter is pending before court.

COMESA ministers discuss regional security

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

MINISTERS of foreign affairs from COMESA member states met in Madagascar ahead of the 19th Summit of the heads of state which started yesterday.

The main agenda of the meeting was to review peace and security in the COMESA region.

COMESA is the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa.

Prime Minister of Madagascar Mahafaly Soloandrasana Olivier opened the meeting which was also addressed by Secretary General of COMESA Sindiso Ngwenya.

Olivier expressed his country's appreciation for the support provided by the regional grouping to return to democratic order after a period of political instability in the past.

Crisis

He said the Madagascar political crisis provided useful lessons to the region on the need to consolidate peace without which economic development cannot be realised.

On that note, the COMESA secretary general informed the ministers that the regional bloc had put in place crisis prevention measures to detect simmering conflicts.

"We have put in place a robust early warning system on conflicts in the region known as COMWARN and completed our first structural vulnerability assessments which we disseminated to all countries last year," he announced,



UNITY: Ministers of foreign affairs from COMESA member states in Madagascar with COMESA SG Sindiso Ngwenya.

adding that this would contribute to finding lasting peace in the region.

He said, in addition, that 16 trade information desks had been established under COMESA's post conflict programme.

This has reinforced trade and investment in the Great Lakes region and as a result, thousands of small scale traders could obtain accurate and reliable information at the border areas thus facilitating cross border trade.

"We are now at an advanced stage of establishing five border

markets and access roads in the same region with an estimated budget of approximately five million Euros, mobilised from partners," Ngwenya said.

Focus

"This focus has become a niche for COMESA because we recognise that peace processes do not end with the signing of agreements but the phase that follows is critical for ensuring lasting peace," he added.

Other peace building initiatives by the regional bloc include sup-

port to 10 countries affected the most by maritime piracy.

Under this initiative, Ngwenya said COMESA was strengthening their capacity to fight financial crimes that result from piracy and other predicate offenses, as well as ensure that the illegally gotten money does not further perpetrate these crimes.

On that note, the Prime Minister of Madagascar said his country has now been admitted to the East and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG),

which is a requirement of all jurisdictions fighting money laundering.

The admission was facilitated through the COMESA Maritime Security Programme (MASE) funded by the European Union.

MASE is implemented in 10 countries that were most vulnerable to piracy attacks including Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Somalia and Tanzania.

Its overall objective is to fight piracy and other maritime threats.

Chinese, Indian currencies to be used in COMESA

THE Chinese Yuan and Indian Rupee will be included in the Regional Payment and Settlement System (REPSS) operated by the COMESA clearing house as mode of payments.

Currently, the United States dollar and the euro are the only two international currencies used in COMESA with provision for the British Pound, Japanese Yen and the Swiss Franc.

COMESA Clearing House Director Mahmood Mansoor told delegates attending the 36th Intergovernmental Committee Meeting in Madagascar that the inclusion of the two currencies followed the decision by Central Bank governors from the region during their meeting in August this year.

"This inclusion as the sixth and seventh settlement currencies would make REPSS more robust and meet the growing needs of payments and settlements in the fast changing financial world," he said.

REPSS is a Multilateral Netting System with end-of-day settlement in a single currency.

It provides a single gateway for Central Banks within the region to effect payment in a multicurrency environment (US\$, Euro or any other specified currency).

Importers and exporters are therefore able to pay and receive payment



TASK FORCE LEADER:
COMESA Secretary General
Sindiso Ngwenya.

for goods and services through an efficient and cost effective platform thus increase intra-regional trade.

The direct participants of the COMESA Clearing House are the Central Banks of Member States.

Mansoor said the two currencies would reduce the requirements for US dollars in trade with China and

India and also in the Intra-COMESA and regional trade. This would greatly facilitate COMESA and non-COMESA member states.

Member states have steadily been using the REPSS which currently has eight Central Banks live on the platform.

The value of transactions processed on the system reached nearly E182m (\$14m) and E15m (€1m) as at August 2016.

The use of REPSS was expected to grow as the Central Banks of Egypt and Sudan are poised to begin live operations soon. Currently, Central Banks of DRC, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda and Zambia are operating on the system.

In the meeting of governors, COMESA Secretary General Sindiso Ngwenya was asked to lead a Task Force comprising of the COMESA Clearing House, PTA Bank, COMESA Business Council and any other relevant COMESA Institution, to work in collaboration with Central Banks and main exporters and importers to channel all their payments/receipts through REPSS.

The Secretary General would also liaise with Afreximbank to use the Clearing House for their intra-COMESA transactions.



Swaziland Environment Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE

RE: PROPOSED FUTSI HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ESTATE ON PORTION 30 OF FARM 9 PEEBLES BLOCK NORTH MANZINI DISTRICT

A public notice is hereby published in terms of section 52 of the Environmental Management Act, 2002. Futsi Housing Development Estates has prepared an Environmental Impact Assessment report and formulated a Comprehensive Mitigation Plan for the proposed development of Futsi Estate.

The purpose of the study was to identify environmental impacts that are largely to emerge as a result of the proposed development so that measures are taken to mitigate negative environmental impacts and enhance positive ones. Copies of these reports are available in the following places:

1. Swaziland Environment Authority offices -RHUS Park, Mbabane
2. Manzini National Library
3. Lwandle Primary School
4. Moneni Umphakatsi
5. Elwandle Umphakatsi
6. Living Waters Primary School
7. Discovery Junction Pre School
8. Joy Mission

Interested and affected parties are requested to submit comments and/or objections as per Environmental Audit, Assessment and Review Regulations, 2000. Written submissions should be directed to the Executive Director, Swaziland Environment Authority, P. O. Box 2602, Mbabane. Fax: 2404 1719 or email: ceosec@sea.org.sz

The deadline for submission of comments is 11 November 2016*

*20 days from last week of publication of notice

Ensuring the integration of environmental concerns into Swaziland's development

10 NATIONAL NEWS

Country in a mess of litter - SEA

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

SWAZILAND is currently in a mess of litter which is scattered almost everywhere.

Swaziland Environmental Authority (SEA) Director of Environmental Assessment and Compliance, Ishmael Ndwandwe said the country was facing a serious challenge of poor waste management.

He said this was evidenced by many illegal dump sites scattered in many areas.

Ndwandwe was speaking during the official launch of a National Waste Management Indaba which started in the Lubombo region on Tuesday.

The ministry of tourism and environmental affairs facilitated the dialogue which was officially launched by Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini who was represented by newly appointed Minister Christopher Gamedze.

The director said for this reason, the



ON BEHALF OF: Minister Christopher Gamedze.

organisation found it necessary to engage the people on how the current situation could be overcome.

When making a presentation on the subject, Ndwandwe said the current situation of poor waste management contributed immensely to climate change, which in most instances resulted to unfavourable conditions such as drought.

Ndwandwe pointed out even though government has put in place some legislation to prevent littering,

they did not seem to be effective enough, hence the need to have them amended.

He said there had been disturbing instances where some companies were reported to be disposing industrial waste to rivers which were also used by the public.

He said such practices were not only a health hazard to humans but also affected the environment.

The inappropriate disposal of clinical waste was said to be another issue which has left the environment hazardous to its habitants. Some highly infectious waste from various health institutions were said to be disposed at the main dump sites instead of being separated and disposed in a specific manner.

Ndwandwe said however, the ministry had made several interventions such as hosting clean up campaigns in various areas.

He said such initiatives however needed the collaboration of all other sectors for it to bring the desired fruits. It was said the national Indaba therefore, seek to reflect at the challenges and propose possible actions to overcome them.

'Sound waste management a prerequisite of first world status'

PRIME Minister Sibusiso Dlamini has said one of the prerequisite for the country to attain the first world status is making sure sound waste management is put in place.

Dlamini was represented by the Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Christopher Gamedze during the official launch of the Waste Management Indaba.

The prime minister highlighted the country needs to make swift interventions towards poor waste management in the society.

He said on this platform, members of the public are requested to deliberate and bring forth opinions on what the country can do to address the problem of poor waste management at household, community, chiefdom, constituency, town and regional level.

However, the prime minister said it was evident the problem also presented a huge business opportunity as almost 80 per cent of waste generated in the country can be safely recycled and reused to stimulate economic growth.

He said the challenges of waste management could be turned into an opportunity for communities to create jobs and economic activities by exploring opportunities to set up waste recycling centres across the country.

Meanwhile, the prime minister said government economic strategy affirmed that tourism could play a crucial role in accelerating economic growth in the country.

He said for this reason, government would consider submissions to be made by the people on the dialogue to be conducted regionally.

CALL FOR DISPOSABLE NAPPIES BAN

THE issue of disposable nappies was one of the burning issues amongst participants of the Waste Management Indaba yesterday at Matsetsa School for the Deaf as some were of the view that the government must ban the use of diapers.

This was after the participants were given time to deliberate on the contributing factors of poor waste management in the society. Some participants stated that the nation must consider bringing back the use of reusable nappies.

Some of the participants however stated that the use of disposable nappies must not be totally banned but there must be a way of using them on special occasions. This was however submissions made by mainly the male participants while female

participants said there must be a proper way of disposing such nappies. Meanwhile, Chief Maliwa Maziya called for parliament to endorse the initiative of selling plastic bags by shops to minimise litter. Maziya said another option to minimise waste would be introducing paper bags for carrying groceries as opposed to the use of use of plastic bags.

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Tourism minister has nothing to say

NEWLY appointed Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Christopher Gamedze had nothing to say during the launch of the National Waste Management Indaba at Matsetsa School for the Deaf yesterday.

The dialogue which was facilitated by Gamedze's ministry is currently being conducted regionally as it was the Lubombo region's turn.

Gamedze only presented the prime minister's speech which was to mark the official launch

by reading it before retiring back to his seat.

Gamedze had already descended from the podium when Director in the Environmental Assessment and compliance, Ishmael Ndwandwe asked him to also present the prime minister's speech in SiSwati.

It was then the minister highlighted he was still new in the ministry and was not very clear on what to say, much to the amusement of the attendees. Apparently, this was Gamedze's first official assignment as a minister after his appointment.

Schoolboys sent to jail for house breaking and theft

TWO schoolboys and a man from Maphungwane were lucky to be given a light sentence of a year in a correctional facility after they were found guilty of breaking into a shop and stealing items valued at E29 510.

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The two teenagers, *Sanele and *Musa who attend school in one of the local schools and Mancoba Ndzimandze were charged with house breaking and theft. They are said to have acted in a common purpose and wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally broken into a shop belonging to Syde Atif Hussain and stolen items of the said amount.

The accused persons were said to have stolen mainly cellphones which were kept in the shop. According to the complainant, the cellphones were brought by clients for repairs. When the charge sheet was read to them, each of the accused persons pleaded guilty to the charge. The crown also accepted the pleas

without leading evidence to prove commission of the crime.

During mitigation, the accused persons stated they were actually under the influence of alcohol when they committed the crime.

They said they did not plan to commit the offence as they also did not need the cellphones. The first accused also stated he was doing his Form One.

When issuing sentence, Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso stated the accused had committed a serious crime. Mavuso then sentenced the accused to a year in a correctional facility with an option to pay E2 000 fine each.

Meanwhile, Bonginkosi Matsanjwa appeared before Principal Magistrate Dumsani Magagula where he also faced a charge of house breaking and theft. He was alleged to have broken into a house belonging to Jabulile Ndzinisa and stolen items valued at E3 500.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charge while conducting his own defence. He was accordingly found guilty by the court after his plea was accepted by the crown. When delivering sentence, Magagula pointed out such offences were prevalent in the region.

He said this showed the sentences issued by the court were not stiff enough to act as a deterrent to offenders. Magagula then sentenced the accused to five years in a correctional facility without an option of a fine.

Businessman asks court to be quick on his trial

LOMAHASHA Businessman Joseph Mtshali (48) has asked Principal Magistrate Dumsani Magagula to treat his case as a matter of urgency.

Mtshali is facing charges of contravening the theft of motor vehicle act. The accused who owns a fleet of trucks had one of the trucks impounded by police last year after he had brought it to them for the processing of its permit.

He was eventually charged for contravening Section 9 of the theft of motor vehicle Act 16 of 1991. He was alleged to have wrongfully and unlawfully tampered with the vehicle's

engine number.

He was further charged with a similar charge in that he wrongfully and unlawfully drove the motor vehicle which had false registration marks.

Police alleged the truck was stolen from South Africa. At some instance in July, the court ordered the police to release the vehicle to Mtshali after South African police submitted a report which stated the vehicle had not been reported to be stolen.

Mtshali had also told the court he bought the vehicle from a South African garage which had a branch in Matsapha.

The police, however, insisted in preferring charges and keeping the vehicle. Yesterday, Mtshali was back in court for trial. The crown, however, asked for a postponement of the matter, saying it was not ready for the trial.

Mtshali then asked the court to have a way of concluding the matter urgently, saying he was losing business due to the detention of the vehicle. He stated he has already lost some clients which he used to serve using the detained truck.

The matter was eventually set for trial on November 4, 2016.

Mzuthini applauds media as another escapee arrested

Stories by Observer Reporter
Mbabane

HIS Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase has applauded the media for its relentless efforts in disseminating information which has led to the arrest of three suspects who escaped at Big Bend Correctional Centre last Friday.

According to Ntshangase, the cooperation between the media and the department was evident he also said the media were indeed heroes in the fight against crime and such efforts could not go unnoticed.

Sensitising

The commissioner general specifically thanked the efforts by the Swazi Observer, Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services (SBIS) and Times of Swaziland for playing a mammoth role in sensitising the nation about the escaped suspects through publicising the unfortunate incident.

Information provided by the media has led to the re-arrest of another escapee at Ekhwezi area

under Lubuli Inkhundla yesterday. This brings the number of apprehended escapees to three. Benson Shabalala was apprehended by Correctional officers while around the area despite his attempts to evade the officers upon noticing their presence.

The first two inmates, Mancoba Sibandze and Mpendulo Dlamini were re-arrested at KaLanga area on Sunday.

Following the dramatic escape of the seven inmates at the Big-Bend Correctional Centre last Friday and the re-arrest of the three suspects, Ntshangase also expressed his deepest appreciation to the joint operation between the Royal Swaziland Police Service and His Majesty's Correctional Services officers for their key role in the capture of the three fugitives.

Appreciate

However, Ntshangase further mentioned that despite this achievement, officers were still hot on the heels of the four who remain at large.

The Commissioner General also took time to appreciate the support from members of the public, who have played a significant role in providing vital information leading to the re-

arrest of the escapees.

"They can run but will never elude the long arm of the law," he said.

Preliminary evidence indicates the seven inmates who were kept in the remand wing of the Big-Bend centre used metal objects to gain freedom through a burglar window. However, Ntshangase mentioned that full investigations on how this unfortunate incident unfolded were still underway and promised that when the process of investigation is finished and results are known, appropriate measures would be taken to ensure such does not happen in the future.

The commissioner general further appealed to the public for assistance in the quest to bring to book the remaining four fugitives.

These fugitives are; Sibusiso Masuku, Banele Dlamini, Sphamandla Dlamini, and Wandile Sigwane.

He further urged these individuals to hand themselves to the police and be men enough to face consequences of their alleged criminal acts.

The escaped convicts face charges such as house-breaking, murder, rape, and car hijack-

ing.

On another note, Ntshangase expressed appreciation to inmates who are already serving their time and those awaiting trial for cooperating with the department in discharging its mandate of keeping offenders in human custodial conditions, while also ensuring their proper transforming through rehabilitation programmes.

The escapees and their charges

Name: Banele Dlamini
Address: Siteki-KaLanga
Charges: Robbery

Name: Mancoba Sibandze
Address: Kamkhweli
Charges: House breaking and theft

Name: Benson Shabalala
Address: Lomahasha-Matfuntini
Charges: House breaking and theft

Name: Sibusiso Masuku
Address: Zombodze Emuva
Charges: Rape and attempted murder

Name: Siphamandla Dlamini
Address: Sigombeni
Charges: Robbery

Name: Mpendulo Dlamini
Address: Lomahasha-Mbhasheni
Charges: House breaking and theft

Name: Wandile Sigwane
Address: Siteki-KaLanga
Charges: Robbery and theft

Seven Correctional officers graduate

HIS Majesty's Correctional Services officers continue to empower themselves academically as per the advice of the Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase.

As in previous years, this year saw seven officers forming part of the 1 286 graduates who were awarded with degrees, diplomas and certificates during the 36th graduation ceremony held at the University of Swaziland, Kwaluseni Campus over the weekend.

The increasing desire to grow academically amongst the new crop of correctional officers is a response to the call by Ntshangase urging all officers to upgrade the level of their education so as to remain relevant to the ever-changing and demanding work environment.

Ntshangase, a teacher by profession, made it a practice to preach the gospel of upgrading skills amongst officers during routine visits to the different correctional centres. He said education arms officers with better skills to face all sorts of work related challenges. It gives them the ability to do their job effectively and efficiently.

The call for academic empowerment in the corrections career has been necessitated by the transformation of the department from prison practices to the corrections dispensation which comes with added responsibilities on the shoulders of the officers. Nowadays, officers are required amongst other things, to transform offenders into responsible citizens using scientific based treatment programmes unlike in the prison era where the focus was on the security part of this industry.

Meanwhile, another officer in Sergeant Zandile Ntentesa graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration at Management College of Southern Africa (MANCOSA) last week, that is, increasing this year's graduates to eight.

Commissioner General Ntshangase congratulated all the officers who received their academic awards on the day and said such would add value in helping the department provide services that match international standard of corrections.

The graduates attributed their success to the encouragement and support of the Commissioner General for allowing them the opportunity to pursue their studies.

Interviewed after the ceremony this is what some had to say:

Name: Daniel Mncina
Rank: Sergeant



Course: B.ED. In Adult Education
Most offenders have stress related issues; therefore, I will be able to attend to their ignorance related problems

so that we can assist them in their rehabilitated processes. This will help because as a department we also have sections that specialise with all the kinds of education to enhance inmates during their jail time as well as the general public. As a department we are aware that some people lack knowledge which usually leads them to commit crimes.

Name: Mancoba Lukhele
Rank: Sergeant
Course: B.ED. In Adult Education

First of all, offenders are now educated therefore we have to be at par with them thus we are forced to empower ourselves academically since Prison Services was turned to Correctional Services. Like the Commissioner General always says 'An educated officer always makes informed decisions'. Moreover, we deal with adult inmates from day to day basis therefore we have to be sure of what is expected from us as officers.

Name: Themba Matsebula
Rank: Warder
Course: Psycho Social Support Certificate



POSING: HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase poses with some of the graduating officers at the University of Swaziland.

Our clients need psychological support following that some have big cases which lead them to being challenged mentally then that's when we mediate as officers. The department also intervenes during the Victim Offender Mediation where the two families meet whereby the offender apologises to the victim.

Name: Ndumiso Nkomonde
Rank: Warder
Course: Psycho Social Support Certificate

Juveniles should be our first priority since they are the future. They have to be well taken care off back home that is, their relationship with parents should be a healthy one. But then if they end up as offenders we should prioritise in bringing back their self-esteem as a way of rehabilitating and reintegrating them.

Name: Sebentile Dlamini
Rank: Sergeant
Course: Diploma in Adult Education
Firstly, such courses add value to the department following that officers equip themselves for the better.



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SWAZI RAILWAY NETS E1.7M A MONTH FROM INSURANCE

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

SWAZILAND Railway Chief Financial Officer Vusi Makhubu has revealed that after the tragic accident which occurred at Mpaka last year, the entity is raking in around E1.7 million a month from the insurance company as compensation.

This will happen until the locomotives are fully repaired.

Makhubu said during the time of the accident, it took about three days to get the accident cleared and for the route to be used again.

He said since the line was used by about five trains, the company made a huge revenue loss which amounted to about E675 000 per day for about five days.

Makhubu said he could not confirm whether it was for five or three days as the accident happened some time back and he could not recall clearly the number of days.

He said the company made a loss of E40 million as a result of the accident. The chief financial officer stated that the company's financial woes might be far from over as they had not even received the bill from South Africa yet as one of the locomotives that was damaged belonged to Transnet.

Makhubu said the possibility of the insurer saying Swailand Railway



MONEY MAN: Swaziland Railway Chief Financial Officer Vusi Makhubu stressing a point during his appearance before the Mpaka Railway Accident Commission of Enquiry. (Pic: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

was responsible for the cause of the accident cannot be ruled out.

He said if that happened they would be forced to pay up for the damages and stated that South Africa has not yet given them the bill. Makhubu said this was not the first time Transnet has taken long to submit invoices.

He said such happened in 2014 whereby there was an accident and they waited for their counterpart to submit invoices but that never happened.

Makhubu said they might be forced to write that accident off their records since it has been a long time

because they did not get feedback from South Africa.

Even though no invoices had been submitted by South Africa, they as a company do make a provision that if it happens that they are taken to task they are ready for that financially.

The accident had negative impacts financially for the company.

He said even though the insurance company has renewed its contract with them, premiums had gone up.

Makhubu said for about 10 years, the company had no accidents and since they were not making any claims the premiums were going down.

... Company sets up deadly derailer to detour runaway trains

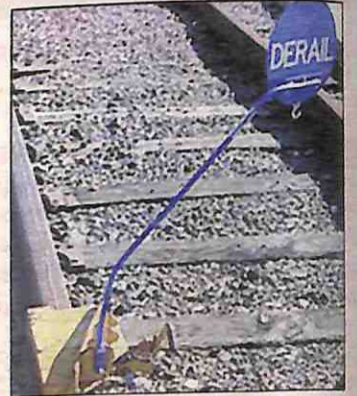
SWAZILAND Railway Company Chief Financial Officer Vusi Makhubu got the shock of his life on Tuesday when he was informed by the Mpaka Accident Commission of Enquiry that what the company has put in place as means to curb a similar accident as that of last year from occurring is actually not a solution but another problem.

The revelation was made after Makhubu informed the probe members that the company had made great strides by setting up a derailer that would divert runaway trains to the wilderness so that they do not cause accidents at the station damaging other stationed locomotives.

The commission of enquiry asked Makhubu if the engineers who developed the derailer consulted with the people who were on the safety board at Swazi Railway to which Makhubu said they did not engage them fully.

It was then brought to Makhubu's attention that the enquiry team has received information that the derailer that has been set up is not a solution but a serious problem.

Makhubu was told that the derailer does not allow the driver to have enough time to try



and stop the train but it merely detours the train.

The commission highlighted that when that happens they have since learnt that it is highly possible that the train upon being derailed would crash, leading to locomotives piling up on each other which is something that will see the company incurring more loss.

Such news left Makhubu dumbfounded as he revealed that he did not know about such. He said all that he was excited about was that the company was making great strides in ensuring that such an unfortunate accident never happens again.

Makhubu said such developments have even led to the insurance company renewing their contract with the rail company since they noted that they were improving on safety.

USDF dismisses Bishop Maseko chaplaincy claims

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

UMBUTFO Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) has come out strongly against The Covenant of Jesus Christ Ministries Bishop Enoch Maseko, saying he is not the authorised official USDF Chief Chaplain.

This comes after reports that the Bishop in his capacity as the local chief coordinator hosted a conference for all chaplains in the country recently. It is said during these conferences chaplains from the different security forces around the country attended.

This move did not go down well with the army as the Army Public Relations Officer Colonel Wilfred Dlamini issued a statement saying the Army would like to make it clear that the authorised official USDF Chief Chaplain is Colonel Sabelo Maseko not Second Lieutenant Enoch Maseko.

Conduct

Dlamini said the bishop had no authority to conduct any chaplaincy duties in the name of the USDF but can only do so in his private civilian pastoral duties.

Dlamini advised other forces namely the Royal Swaziland Police Services and His Majesty's Correctional



SETS RECORD STRAIGHT: USDF Public Relations Officer Colonel Wilfred Dlamini.

Services, the entire Christian fraternity and the general public that those doing business with the bishop will engage in a personal private civilian business not on official USDF duties at all.

The public relations officer stated that all USDF activities must be liaised and channeled through the rightful authorised USDF Chief Chaplain Colonel Sabelo Maseko. Bishop Maseko of The Covenant of

Jesus Christ Ministries was quoted by this publication during one of his workshops as having said that the current perception is that chaplains are just reserved for security forces and only responsible for leading funerals in their different forces.

Maseko stated that every institution must have their own chaplains.

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HOME AFFAIRS OFFICER SLAPPED WITH CONTEMPT OF COURT

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

AN officer at the ministry of home affairs has been slapped with a contempt of court charge for the fourth time after failing to repay a defendant which he had conned.

Emmanuel Phathaphatha Gamedze (54) was slapped with contempt of court after failing to compensate Mduduzi Nkhambule money totaling E20 000 which he allegedly stole from him using false

pretences

Gamedze is a senior officer in the ministry of home affairs under the Births, Marriages and Deaths (BMD) department in the Lubombo offices.

He was first arrested early last year and charged with theft by false pretences.

He was alleged to have misrepresented himself to Nkhambule and promised to sell him a piece of land if he paid him E20 000.

It is said he collected the said amount while knowing that he had no intention of selling the said land

as he did not own it.

Gamedze pleaded guilty to the charge and was accordingly found guilty by the court after the crown presented evidence to prove commission of the crime.

The court then ordered the accused person to compensate the complainant while sentencing was deferred pending the compensation. Gamedze was allowed to pay in monthly installments until completion of the payment which was due in December.

However, Gamedze has been

coming to court on several occasions to report that he was failing to pay back the money and would ask for extension of dates.

On Tuesday, Gamedze appeared before Principal Magistrate Dumsani Magagula where he was facing the contempt charge. He was said to have failed to present proof of payment for his monthly installments as ordered by the court.

Gamedze was said to have also given misleading information to the court during his previous arrest on a similar charge.

He is said to have asked the court to release him so that he would process payment for the August installment, upon which he was to return to court later on the same day to present proof of payment. However, Gamedze did not return on the said day.

The principal magistrate said the court was now compelled to issue a sentence on the case of theft by false pretense before even considering the latest charge of contempt of court.

Magagula said the law dictated that the accused must now be remanded in custody, but considering that he was now almost an elderly and deployed just next to the court, he was to be remanded out of custody.

Magagula then warned the accused to return to court today to get his sentence on the initial charge.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE BURNS DOWN WIDOW'S HOUSE

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

PROPERTY worth over E50 000 belonging to a widow at Khuphuka was burnt down after a house mysteriously caught fire.

Khuphuka is under Hlane constituency, an area which is facing serious effects of the El Nino induced drought.

The one-roomed house was used by a Zikalala family as the main house which kept important items such as food, clothing and school books which belonged to Alexinah Zikalala's grandchildren.

When reporting about the incident, Zikalala said she had left her elder daughter, Sindi who recently graduated at the University of Swaziland last Saturday earlier on the day to get her share of the ongoing food distribution in the area.

She said while away from the homestead, she received a call informing her about the incident which has since left the family without shelter.

Zikalala said her daughter reported that a mysterious fire started from the roof of the house while she was in another house nearby. She said it was not known what could have



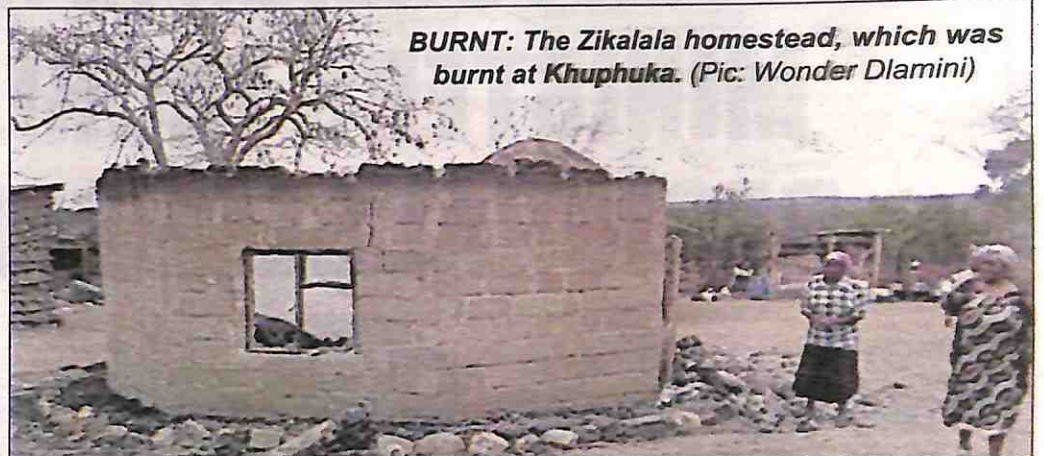
started the fire as there was no source of fire nor electricity in the house. The fire quickly engulfed the entire house and burnt down everything inside.

Items

Zikalala reported that some of the important items which were burnt included academic certificates which belonged to her grandchildren. "I just have nothing left as almost everything was inside the burnt house," said Zikalala.

Meanwhile, Hlane MP George Maseko pleaded with members of the public to assist the family to have at least a temporary structure and food. Maseko was called to the homestead immediately after the incident.

"The family is in serious need for help and we appeal to members of the public to assist especially with food parcels," said Maseko.



BURNT: The Zikalala homestead, which was burnt at Khuphuka. (Pic: Wonder Dlamini)

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COMESA FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTERS TACKLE REGIONAL SECURITY

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

MINISTERS of Foreign Affairs from COMESA Member States met in Madagascar ahead of the entity's 19th summit of the heads of state before the end of the week.

The main agenda of the meeting was to review peace and security situation in the COMESA region.

COMESA is the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa.

Prime Minister of Madagascar Mahafaly Soloandrasana Olivier opened the meeting which was also addressed by Secretary General of COMESA Sindiso Ngwenya.

The PM expressed his country's appreciation for the support provided by the regional grouping to return to democratic order after a period of political instability in the past.

He said the Madagascar political crisis provided useful lessons to the region on the need to consolidate peace without which economic development cannot be realised.



A FEW
TIPS:
COMESA
Secretary
General
Sindiso
Ngwenya.

On that note, COMESA SG informed the ministers the regional bloc had put in place crisis prevention measures to detect simmering conflicts.

"We have put in place a robust early warning system on conflicts in the region known as COMWARN and completed our first structural vulnerability assessments which we disseminated to all countries last year," he announced adding this would contribute to finding lasting peace in the region.

He said, in addition, 16 trade information desks had been established under COMESA's post conflict programme.

This has reinforced trade and

investment in the Great Lakes region and as a result, thousands of small scale traders could obtain accurate and reliable information at the border areas thus facilitating cross border trade.

"We are now at an advanced stage of establishing five border markets and access roads in the same region with an estimated budget of approximately five million euros, mobilised from partners," Ngwenya said.

"This focus has become a niche for COMESA because we recognise that peace processes do not end with the signing of agreements but the phase that follows is critical for ensuring lasting peace."

Chinese, Indian currencies join the COMESA system

THE Chinese Yuan and the Indian Rupee will be included in the Regional Payment and Settlement System (REPSS) operated by the COMESA clearing house as mode of payments.

Currently, the United States dollar and the Euro are the only two international currencies used on the system with provision for the British Pound, Japanese Yen and the Swiss Franc.

COMESA Clearing House Director Mahmood Mansoor told delegates attending the 36th Intergovernmental committee meeting in Madagascar the inclusion of the two currencies followed the decision by Central Bank governors from the region during their meeting in August this year.

"This inclusion as the sixth and seventh settlement currencies would make REPSS more robust and meet the growing needs of payments and settlements in the fast changing financial world," he said.

Multicurrency

REPSS is a Multilateral Netting System with end-of-day settlement in a single currency. It provides a single gateway for Central Banks within the region to effect payment in a multicurrency environment (US\$, Euro or any other specified currency).

Importers and exporters are therefore able to pay and receive payment for goods and services through an efficient and cost effective platform thus increase intra-regional trade. The direct

Other peace building initiatives by the regional bloc include support to 10 countries affected the most by maritime piracy.

Under this initiative, Ngwenya said COMESA was strengthening their capacity to fight financial crimes that result from piracy and other predicate offenses, as well as ensure that the illegally gotten money does not further perpetrate these crimes.

On that note, the Prime Minister said Madagascar has now been admitted to the East and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering

participants of the COMESA Clearing House are the Central Banks of Member States

Mansoor said the two currencies would reduce the requirements for US dollars in trade with China and India and also in the Intra-COMESA and regional trade. This would greatly facilitate COMESA and non-COMESA member states.

Member states have steadily been using the REPSS which currently has eight Central Banks live on the platform. The value of transactions processed on the system reached nearly E182m (US\$14m) and E15m (€1m) on August 2016.

Operations

The use of REPSS was expected to grow as the Central Banks of Egypt and Sudan are poised to begin live operations soon. Currently, Central Banks of DRC, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda and Zambia are operating on the system.

In the meeting of Governors, COMESA Secretary General Sindiso Ngwenya was asked to lead a Task Force comprising of the COMESA Clearing House, PTA Bank, COMESA Business Council and any other relevant COMESA Institution, to work in collaboration with Central Banks and main exporters and importers to channel all their payments or receipts through REPSS.

The Secretary General would also liaise with Afreximbank to use the Clearing House for their intra-COMESA transactions.

Group (ESAAMLG), which is a requirement of all jurisdictions fighting money laundering. The admission was facilitated through the COMESA Maritime Security Programme (MASE) funded by the European Union.

MASE is implemented in 10 countries that were most vulnerable to piracy attacks including Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Somalia and Tanzania.

Its overall objective is to fight piracy and other maritime threats.

Sibetsamoya Social Centre's 340 children to get early Xmas

By Starsky Mkhonta
Hlatikulu

OVER 340 children, mostly orphans at the Sibetsamoya Social Centre in Hlatikulu will soon receive donation from an unidentified sponsor.

Hlatikulu Chief Executive Officer Bongani Dlamini said a donor had pledged a donation to the children usually fed at the soup kitchen.

He did not disclose the donor(s) or sponsors but hinted the coordinator of the presentation was someone known in Hlatikulu.

"I am not sure what kind of donation will be given to the children, but I believe it is something that is going to leave smiles on their faces," said Dlamini.

Dlamini said it was encouraging to see donors assisting especially by providing to those less privileged.

He said Hlatikulu was faced with

challenges some which needed the residents to tackle without only leaving this to the town board.

Improving

He said there were known organisations that were playing an important role in improving lives of less privileged members of communities.

"The Scripture says blessed is the hand that gives than the one that takes. As we are approaching the festive season, it is our wish anyone with something should share it with

those who have nothing," said Dlamini.

Meanwhile, long time resident in the area Mfeneziamtfoba Magagula said the Sibetsamoya Soup Kitchen catered for over 340 children and they were pleased to hear there were people or organisations planning to donate something to the children.

"We have over 340 children who rely on our soup kitchen for food. Usually, at this time of the year

(towards Christmas), the children usually get something.

"There are people who are passionate when it comes to children and I believe it is the same thing with the people who approached the town board wanting to present something to the children. We all should show love to these children as some have found themselves in this situation not because they like," said Magagula.

Magagula said the town board also deserved to be hailed as it was doing all within its powers to deal with some of the situations the centre encounters.

SHISELWENI MP LABELED A LIAR

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

FROM the total of 14 members of Parliament (MPs) in the Shiselweni region, one of them has supposedly taken a community for a ride by relocating to their area when the 2013 parliamentary race started.

It is said the MP only put-up a shack on a piece of land allocated to him by elders of the area where he had relocated, and ever since, he had not bothered to improve the structure, let alone utilising it.

The MP abandoned the structure shortly after winning and then returned to his community.

Apparently, the plan to relocate was for him to win the elections.

Residents now feel they were made fools by the MP as he had abandoned not only just the land he was given by the elders but had 'forgotten' even about them as a community.



HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT: Picture showing the house of Parliament where the liar works.

It is said even at his original community, the residents feel he betrayed them and it was a blunder to have him elected.

"When he decided to relocate to the neighbouring chiefdom, we all knew he was aware it was not

going to be easy for him to emerge a winner at chiefdom level as there were serious contenders. He took advantage and requested to be given land at the nearby community and he was welcomed and it was like he was

going to build his home. Days passed, months also passed and nothing happened except for the 'umkhukhu' which is still there. At first everyone thought he was serious and when material like sand was delivered, there was hope he was preparing to build something.

It's nearing four years now, nothing has happened," said one of the residents.

Some of the residents said the MP had promised all families or households would have clean water and they would be fenced by this time of the year.

"He had also promised by this time, all homesteads will be having backyard gardens and orchards, however, nothing has materialised," said the residents.

Other residents said the current MP is a complete failure and was only good at making empty promises and despite that he has been given another chance, he continued to be unfaithful to them.

70 HOMESTEADS HAD ROOFS BLOWN OFF BY STRONG WIND

CLOSE to 70 homesteads under the Matsanjeni constituency have been identified as among those that were affected by the strong winds which engulfed surrounding areas on Sunday.

Indvuna Yenkundla Mandlakayise Matse said after assessing the situation, close to 70 homesteads need urgent attention.

"Even now, we have not received any rain while a number of areas around the country had. There is drought here, and now strong winds have affected our people," he said. Matse said there were homesteads that had almost all the houses' roofing blown away and the families had nowhere to sleep. Matse said the National Disaster Task Force team visited the constituency to conduct its own assessment. He said there were establishments like churches and schools which have been not spared by the strong wind. The affected areas under Matsanjeni where homesteads were blown away by the wind are as follows:

Kwaluseni- 10 homesteads	
Nkonka- 9 homesteads	Bambiye- 10 homesteads
Dinabanye- 1 homestead	Qomintaba- 16 homesteads
Nsaliye- 11 homesteads	
Kuphumleni- 6 homesteads	

HEAVY WINDS LEAVE TRAIL OF DAMAGE IN HOSEA

By Starsky Mkhonta
Hosea

SEVERAL families under the Hosea constituency have been left homeless after ravaging winds blew off their roofing on Sunday.

A school and homesteads near Hluti were some of the many other establishments which were affected by the strong winds.

Local Member of Parliament (MP) Thulani Masuku said during an assessment of the effect of the winds, close to 15 homesteads were found to be blown away. He said as he was going about doing the assessment, he



REMARKS: MP Thulani Masuku.

found some families trying to place their items and belongings with neighbours as their houses

were roofless.

"It's quite bad, there is need to see how these people can be assisted especially those who have been left with nowhere to sleep. We hope there will be an intervention soonest," said MP Masuku. MP Masuku said as some schools were also affected, they should be assisted without any delay given some pupils are already sitting for their external examinations. "The assessment continues and we will find out exactly how many schools were affected. It is important to attend to these schools as a matter of urgency as some pupils are writing their examinations and we don't want them to be disturbed.

As Inkhundla, we will avail ourselves and try to assist," said the MP. Despite the strong winds, there was however, no life lost. He said it was a setback for some families, while others are still trying to recover from the effects of drought.

"It is a double blow for some families, we are appealing to organisations as well as to companies to assist in whatever way as government alone cannot manage to do everything. It is important in situations like this, we all stand up and provide help to those affected as this disaster is not work of humans but it's nature which cannot be avoided," said MP Masuku.

People who suffer from stammering speech to get govt grants

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

PEOPLE who suffer from stammering will receive disability grants from government and they should not be discriminated.

Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Principal Secretary Khangeziwe Mabuza said stuttering or stammering was considered a speaking disability by the United Nations (UN).

The PS was presenting on the People Living with Disability Bill 2015 before 13 senators at the Pigg's Peak hotel on Tuesday.

"Stuttering or stammering is considered as a speaking disability by UN so it does qualify as such and people who do suffer from stuttering speech will qualify for the proposed government disability grants," she said.

Mabuza said stuttering speech was often a condition people acquired during their life span and not at birth.

"Stuttering or stammering is a speech disability that most people are not born with but acquire it as they grow older for a number of varying reasons," she said.

Mabuza said currently people living with albinism were at loggerheads and seemed to be discriminating amongst themselves which was worrying as people with albinism had two separate organisations. "It is unfortunate Swaziland has two separate people with albinism organisations, this creates an impression the two entities may have varying views that could point out the



PRESENTATION: Principal Secretary (PS) in the Deputy Prime Minister's Office (D.P.M) Khangeziwe Mabuza making her presentation on the proposed People Living with Disability Bill

organisations are not working in unity thus the organisations

members may be inadvertently discriminating against each other that is not positive."

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LATE CHARLES NDZIMANDZE DONATES E15 000 TO HOPE HOUSE

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

TOTAL Kafolishi Fuel Service Station Managing Director Charles Ndzimandze might have passed away, but the people left behind are still reaping the fruits of his good natured heart.

This was evidenced by a donation the company made on Tuesday to the Hope House Centre.

The donation which was to the tune of E15 000 included 28 Owango solar lights which are meant to mitigate the summer power blackouts and high electricity bills, 28 bed sheets, 28 pillows and 28 bath towels.

Speaking during the donation, Total Filling Station's Gugu Maziya said before the demise of MD Ndzimandze in August this year, he had sanctioned a donation for Hope House to the tune of E15 000.

Maziya said the MD had planned to present the items to the centre around the festive season.

She said unfortunately the passing away of Ndzimandze robbed him the spiritual satisfaction of being



FOLLOWING: People living at Hope House following the proceedings.

part of the donation which took place on Tuesday.

Maziya also pointed out that Total had embarked on a series of developmental and other social responsibility initiatives with the most noticeable one being the sponsorship of the Woman Farmer of The Year and being SADC official sponsor. Maziya said they chose Hope House for the donation because the centre was noble and had over the years been well man-

aged in spite of the tight budget and resources. Meanwhile, Hope House Chairperson Faith Dlamini said they were grateful for the kind gesture.

Dlamini also pointed out as Hope House they had since improved as the number of people who get help increases in the centre. Dlamini said because there were those living with HIV who come to the centre for help, they had realised that people no longer die like before due to the introduction of ARVs.



PRESENT: Harry Nxumalo, Faith Dlamini and Veli Dlamini seated during the donation event.



SOLAR POWER: Mkhulisi Sihlongonyane from Total demonstrating how to operate the Owango solar lights.



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MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY
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THE United Nations General Assembly (UNGASS) agreed in June 2016, that ending AIDS globally by 2030 requires a Fast-Track response to reach three milestones by 2020: Reduce new HIV infections to fewer than 500 000; Reduce AIDS-related deaths to fewer than 500 000; and Eliminate HIV-related stigma and discrimination.

The UNGASS further provided five pillars for achieving less than 500 000 new infections globally by 2020. These are:

- Combination prevention, including comprehensive sexuality education, economic empowerment and access to sexual and reproductive health services for young women and adolescent girls and their male partners in high prevalence locations.
- Evidence-informed and human rights-based prevention programmes for key populations, including dedicated services and community mobilisation and empowerment.
- Strengthened national condom programmes, including procurement, distribution, social marketing, private-sector sales and demand creation.
- Voluntary medical male circumcision in priority countries that have high levels of HIV prevalence and low levels of male circumcision, as part of wider sexual and reproductive health service provision for boys and men.
- Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for population groups at higher risk of HIV infection.

In the wake of the UNAIDS Prevention Gap Report that shows the decline in new HIV infections among adults has stalled (an estimated 1.9 million became infected with HIV every year during the past five years and rising in some regions) there is need to reinvigorate HIV prevention efforts so as to stay on the Fast-Track to ending the AIDS epidemic.

HIV PREVENTION PROGRAMMES

IN SWAZILAND

The country has nine (9) priority prevention programmes: HIV Testing and Counseling (HTC); Social and Behavior Change (SBC); Condom Promotion and Distribution; Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT); Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC); Customised Interventions for Key Populations and Vulnerable Groups; Pre Antiretroviral Therapy (Pre-ART); Antiretroviral Treatment (ART for PLHIV); and TB/HIV Co-Infection.

At a recent breakfast meeting with the private sector, the National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA) Executive Director, Khanya Mabuza indicated that new HIV infections were now at 11 402. He further stated that the HIV prevalence is increasing among younger women, aged between 18-24, something that can be attributed to the increased HIV risk exposure as seen in the 2013 Swaziland Health Statistics by UNICEF which states that among young people aged 15-24, condom use with multiple partners to be at 84.5% for males and 68.6% for females. In addition, 15.2% of women aged 15-49 years have unmet needs for contraception, leading to approximately 200 unintended pregnancies, whose consequence is revealed in the confidential enquiry into maternal deaths triennial report 2011-2013 which shows that from the maternal deaths audited, abortion attributes to 9% of all deaths. These three public health priorities require a decisive response using all available tools, with condoms playing a central role.

CONDOM PROMOTION AND DISTRIBUTION

Condoms are an important component of a comprehensive and sustainable approach to the prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and are effective for preventing unplanned pregnancies. They are however just one component, a combination prevention strategy which advocates for a holistic approach to HIV prevention by also bringing into play, the simultaneous use of complementary HIV prevention strategies.

These include those that seek to reduce the risk of HIV transmission by addressing risky behaviours (behavioural); strategies that use a mix of clinical and medical approaches to reduce transmission (biomedical); and those that seek to address underlying factors that make

individuals or groups vulnerable to HIV infection (structural), with gender and human rights dimensions mainstreamed in all aspects, as critical enablers. To ensure increased correct and consistent use of condoms by all sexually active people, the country has as part of its HIV prevention programmes, condom promotion and distribution.

This is strategic, given that nationally about 90% of all new infections occur through heterosexual contact (Modes of Transmission 2009).

The condom promotion and distribution programme targets individuals at high risk, venues frequented by high-risk individuals, communities at greatest risk for HIV infection, especially those marginalised by social, economic, or structural conditions, and the general population within jurisdictions with high HIV incidence. The supply and availability of both

male and female condoms is critical as it allows for their access and use of the commodities. Currently, programmers are unable to determine consistent use of condoms by the population so the concentration is on the availability of condoms through country-wide distribution. The country target for the current financial year is to distribute around 14 million condoms, and the National Quarterly Service Coverage Report (April to June 2016) shows that there were 3 873 844 condoms distributed in the quarter. There were 3 818 307 male condoms and 55 537 female condoms distributed.

OTHER DYNAMICS

It is important to note that there is no scientific evidence that promoting the correct and consistent use of condoms leads to alterations in sexual behaviour or increased risk taking.

For individuals that practice correct and consistent condom use, there is need to also emphasise the need to make use of available couple HIV testing and counseling services so as to know own HIV status and that of the regular sex partner. Further, voluntary medical male circumcision protects against acquisition of HIV in men who are circumcised, therefore men should consider doubling their defense by circumcising and continue to consistently and correctly use a condom.

There is need too, to reduce the number of sex partners as well as consider abstinence in certain age groups and for those that may choose it – for some choose that method of protection. At national level, the control of other sexually transmitted infections, particularly in high risk groups like sex workers and men who have sex with men, is important.

It is imperative that everyone begins to realise that life matters enough to want to protect self and the person they love.

Condoms can play a big part (even in serodiscordant couples) so if sexually active, choose wisely – use a condom, correctly and every time.

FACTS ABOUT CONDOMS

● Condoms prevent transmission by reducing the risk that an exposure to HIV or STIs occurs during sex. Laboratory studies show that the materials used to make most condoms do not allow bacteria, viruses or other germs to pass through them. Therefore, condoms act as a barrier to HIV and STI infection by preventing the mouth, vagina, penis and rectum from being exposed to:

● Bodily fluids (such as semen, vaginal fluid and rectal fluid) that can contain HIV and STIs; and/or

● Skin infected by an STI (such as herpes and syphilis sores or genital warts). Condoms can be highly effective against HIV and STI transmission when used consistently and correctly but are much less protective if used inconsistently and/or incorrectly

● There are 2 types of condoms available to prevent the sexual transmission of HIV and other STIs:

● **The male condom** - Also known as the external condom, is a sheath made from polyurethane, latex, or polyisoprene that covers the penis during sexual intercourse. There are many types and brands of male condoms available, that vary in shape, colour, size, texture and flavour.

● **The female condom** - Also known as the internal or insertive condom, or a femidom, is a pouch made of polyurethane (FC1 condom) or a synthetic latex material called nitrile (FC2 condom). The pouch is open at one end and closed at the other end. It has a flexible ring at both ends. The ring at the closed end is used to insert the condom into the vagina and hold it in place. The ring at the open end of the pouch remains outside of the vagina and covers the external parts of the female genitalia.

● Some condoms are made from a thin membrane of sheep intestine, also known as lambskin condoms. These condoms are not effective at reducing the risk of HIV or STI transmission because bacteria, viruses and other germs can pass through this membrane.

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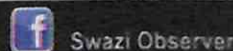
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1892 - The city of Chicago dedicated the World's Columbian Exposition.

1903 - A joint commission ruled in favour of the U.S. concerning a dispute over the boundary between Canada and the District of Alaska.

1910 - A baseball with a cork centre was used in a World Series game for the first time.

1930 - "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" debuted on NBC radio.

1935 - Mao Zedong arrived in Hanoi after his Long March that took just over a year. He then set up the Chinese Communist Headquarters.

1942 - Pierre Laval told the French labor that they must serve in Germany.

1944 - Allied forces invaded the Philippines.

1944 - During World War II, the Yugoslav cities of Belgrade and Dubrovnik were liberated.

1947 - Hollywood came under scrutiny as the House Un-American Activities Committee opened hearings into alleged Communist influence within the motion picture industry.

1952 - The Mau Mau uprising against white settlers began in Kenya.

1955 - "No Time for Sergeants" opened on Broadway at the Alvin Theatre. The show starred Andy Griffith and Don Knotts made his Broadway debut. The last show was on September 14, 1957.

1957 - Walter Cronkite began hosting "The 20th Century." The show aired until January 4, 1970.

1968 - Jackie Lee Bouvier Kennedy married Aristotle Onassis.

1979 - The John F. Kennedy Library in Boston was dedicated.

1984 - The U.S. State Department reduced the number of Americans assigned to the U.S. embassy in Beirut, Lebanon.

1993 - Attorney General Janet Reno warned the TV industry to limit the violence in their programmes.

1994 - The website WhiteHouse.gov was launched.

1995 - Britain, France and the U.S. announced a treaty that banned atomic blasts in the South Pacific.

2003 - A 40-year-old man went over Niagara Falls without safety devices and survived. He was charged with illegally performing a stunt.

2009 - European astronomers discover 32 exoplanets.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Snoop Dogg (Rapper) -
October 20 1971 -
45 years old



Candice Swanepoel (Model) -
October 13 1988 -
28 years old



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Powerful Girls

POWERFUL GIRLS



By Bakhombisili Dlamini

WLSA - is very excited about the future of the girl child in Swaziland.

Her strength has been likened by Ambassador Lisa Peterson to that of civil rights activist Rosa Parks while community leaders, parents and the boy child have pledged their support in ending the challenges she faces.

Civil rights activist Rosa Parks was born on February 4, 1913, in Tuskegee, Alabama.

She refused to surrender her seat to a white passenger on a Montgomery bus leading to a city-wide boycott. The city of Montgomery had no choice but to lift the law requiring segregation on public buses.

She received many accolades during her lifetime, including the NAACP's highest award.

Growing up, she had to deal with many challenges such as racism, separated parents and bullying at school.

As WLSA commemorated this very important day in the calendar with the support of the US Embassy, under the localised theme: Girls' Progress= Goals' Progress: Solidarity Against the Exploitation of Girls, community leaders, parents and boys came out in their



GLUED TO PERFORMANCES: U.S. Ambassador to Swaziland Lisa Peterson seated next to the United States Assistant Secretary for African Affairs Linda Thomas-Greenfield.

numbers.

Pupils from Mhlangeni Primary School and Nyandza High School were a marvel to watch as they delivered one spectacular performance after another.

Young girls made passionate pleas for security and opportunities through music and poetry.

The determination to make it as the girls shared what it meant to them to be a powerful woman was moving.

It made the atmosphere of the room that of a festival-of talent, emotion, promise and hope.

WLSA national director Colani Hlatjwako was an inspiration and had the audience hanging on her every word as she shared how she was able to break the mould and

make a name for herself despite her humble background. Young girls and boys were encouraged to take their education seriously in order for them to make it in life and enjoy the fruits of self-determination through being responsible for their choices. Hlatjwako pointed out that although the day was about the girl child, this was not to say that the boy child is forgotten or being neglected.

"The boy child is very much close to our hearts and we value him as much as the girl child. We are aware that both co-exist in society hence they need each other, just as they also need support from their parents."

The area's Member of Parliament

Sicelo Jele expressed sadness over how such a small area had become notorious for its high incidence of violence, especially sexual abuse of young girls.

He said as a community they were not proud of this which is why they were working hard to end violence not only in Mhlangeni, but in the whole country.

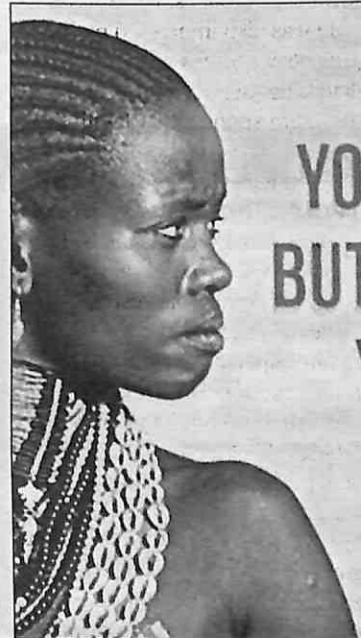
US Ambassador, Her Excellency Lisa Peterson said girls from Mhlangeni could still become powerful girls regardless of the circumstances they found themselves in.

She listed the ingredients to becoming successful to be resilience, determination and safety.

Referring to Rosa Parks background, she said that everything that happens in one's life usually prepares them for that moment when they become something and that is where the experience from those situations comes in handy.

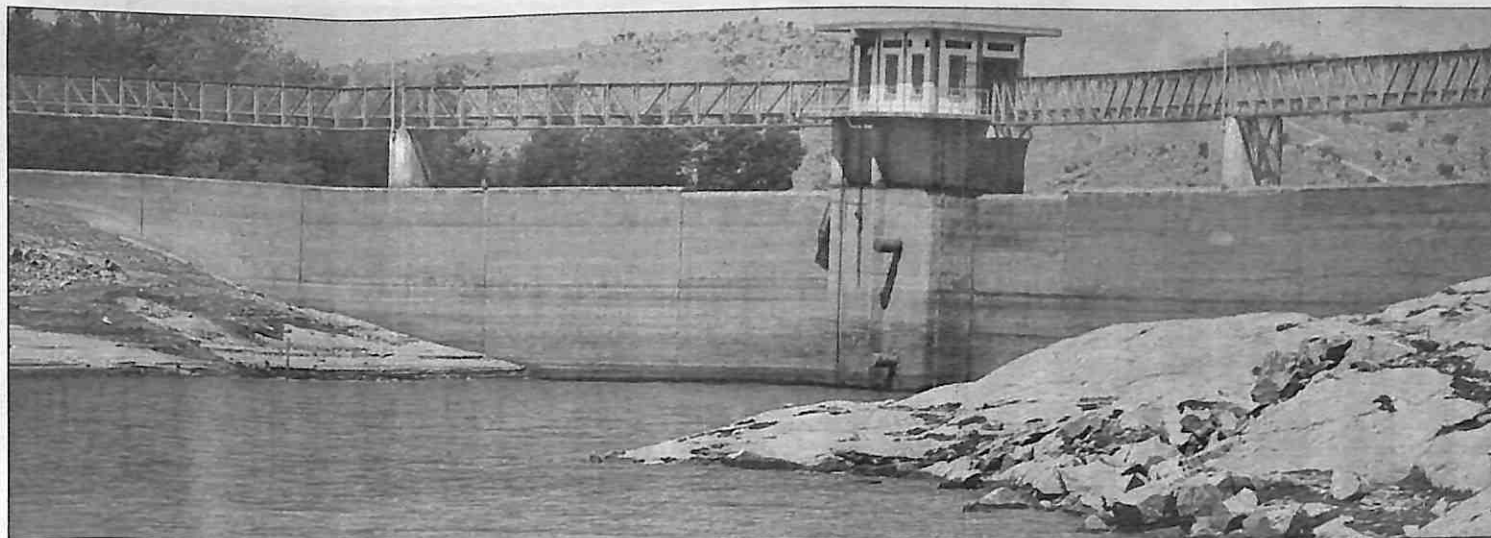
The event ended on a high note with the boys from Boys Reach Out (BROW) Club pledging their support to end gender inequality and promote men and boys involvement in advancing women and girls' rights.

Parents shared how they were proud of their girls and pledged to be always there for them and listen to them so that nothing happens to their girls under their noses just because they ignored the warning signs.



**"IF YOU EDUCATE A MAN
YOU EDUCATE AN INDIVIDUAL,
BUT IF YOU EDUCATE A WOMAN,
YOU EDUCATE A NATION."**

— AFRICAN PROVERB



KOBWA SPREADING WATER PRESERVATION GOSPEL



Phathizwe- Chief Zulu

Komati Basin Water Authority (KOBWA) recently hosted a high schools water conservation contest, under the auspices of the project: Water and Environmental Management Campaign.

The pupils were competing on best water preservation models.

The competition focused on schools within KOBWA's domain in Northern Hhohho.

The pupils highlighted the dreadful effects of drought. The historic drying up of the Hawane dam and strict water rationing for Mbabane residents were quoted as moral examples.

Acting Senior Inspector for Agriculture Bongane Siyaya who was one of the judges -represented Senior Inspector for Science -noted that the El Nino drought exposed the country and the drying of the capital city's water taps was a humiliating experience for the Mbabane residents.

Water access is a human rights issue and Siyaya added that in an ideal situation, no part of the country should have scarce supply of water.

"The talk that some parts of the

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country are used to protracted spells of drought is discouraged. It shouldn't be like that," he said, adding: "even in Lavumisa they should have water. Sustainable water supply should be for everyone not for a few."

Siyaya applauded KOBWA for investing in Swaziland's future water scientists and engineers. He noted that if wishes were horses, the country at large could benefit if the contest could be expanded to other regions of the country.

He said because the schools are within the Komati-Lomati basin, they know what they are talking about. He said the good ideas expressed in the models can be used at both household and industrial levels.

"We are clear as a country that we can't get quality education without making quality investment in education. As we invest in this quality education, it is going to take us somewhere. As somebody else has pointed out that Hawane dam was poorly designed, we empower these future generations' skills to design better dams.

"With such quality investment we must do something better in future. Should the drought come in the next ten or 15 years, we should not suffer the same way we have suffered now," he said.

Water engineer at KOBWA, Sakhiwe Nkomo said through the school programme they effect change of the pupils behaviour at an early age.

"The pupils are still young and have innovative minds. They are able to think outside the box, it is important to teach them water management at this stage unlike some of us who have learnt about such issues when already adults," said Nkomo.

He made strong emphasis on the importance of water conservation owing to the prevailing conditions of drought. Nkomo revealed that Maguga dam's current capacity has fallen to 17 percent while Driekoppies dam capacity has fallen to 25 percent.

He said the water is used for both agriculture and domestic activities. And, 10 percent of the water at Driekoppies dam is for domestic use and the rest is for irrigation.

"So far, it's only agriculture that has been rationed water. The sector gets 20 percent of the existing capacity. If the condition persists, we might start to ration water for domestic use just like in Mbabane.

Nkomo concurred with Siyaya that to expand the programme would be valuable to the country but because KOBWA is limited in scope they would need to partner with other stakeholders.

"We are confined to the Komati Basin at Hhohho. Maybe if it can be initiated by other agencies we can buy in," said Nkomo.

Emagobodvo High School came first in the water conservation competition. The school got a desktop computer and the individual pupils got gold medals and trophies. The runners-up were Nkonyeni High School. The

school got a printer which also acts as a photocopier and scanner. Pupils received silver medals as individuals, portable DVD players and trophies.

Third place was a tie between Mbeka Anglican and Malibeni High Schools. Each school got a DVD player and learners got binoculars and bronze medals.

Although the schools presented different projects in the competition, however, they shared common features in their functions. Basically, models focused mainly on water harvesting and purification for domestic use.

Filtering innovations like charcoal, sand, loam soil, gravel, ash are one of the many items pupils recommended to be used in purifying grey water for household reuse.

In agreement with Nkomo, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Manager on Climate Change Adaptation, Ncamiso Mhlanga said the models by the schools are of convenient use at domestic setting.

He was also impressed by the projects write-ups which gave details about the projects and they corresponded well with the models.

"As judges we also looked at the cost effectiveness in terms of implementing those models. I must say we need all the models by the schools to harvest and conserve water.

More especially applicable in homestead level because most of the challenges are faced at household level because companies have mitigation measures. There is a great potential for schools this side with more time we could come up with something more tangible," said Mhlanga.



● Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.
Mahatma Gandhi

● Just as a cautious businessman avoids investing all his capital in one concern, so wisdom would probably admonish us also not to anticipate all our happiness from one quarter alone.
Sigmund Freud

● Never permit a dichotomy to rule your life, a dichotomy in which you hate what you do so you can have pleasure in your spare time. Look for a situation in which your work will give you as much happiness as your spare time.
Picasso

● Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.
Abraham Lincoln

● We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognising and appreciating what we do have.
Frederick Keonig

● Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.
Joseph Addison

● Waste is a tax on the whole people.
Albert W. Atwood

● We never know the worth of water till the well is dry.
Thomas Fuller

● We have a responsibility to look after our planet. It is our only home.
Dali Lama.

● Our task must be to free ourselves... by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and it's beauty.
Albert Einstein

● That's what I consider true generosity: You give your all, and yet you always feel as if it costs you nothing.
Simone de Beauvoir

● If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.
Dalai Lama



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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	8.0%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



Correct as at 20 OCT 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.8870	13.9370
British Pound/SZL	17.0337	17.0951
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.4435	7.4674
Swiss France/SZL	14.0315	14.0806
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2984	1.3184
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.6499	10.6283
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.5926	10.6910
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5317	5.6076
Euro/SZL	15.2444	15.2993
Gold	1,261.4000	
Oil	49.5700	

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Moving Forward

MINERALS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE E1.8 BILLION BY 2018 - MINISTER

Stories by Linda Dlamini

THE mining and minerals sector must strive to contribute more than four per cent to the gross domestic product of this country by 2018 onwards.

Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama said Vision 2022 of His Majesty Mswati III laid a milestone objective that Swaziland must thrive to attain a first world status by the year 2022 and the ministry in its Strategic Plan 2014-2018, set this as one of its objectives.

"In the opening of Lomati Mine by His Majesty King Mswati III, he said minerals extracted from within borders of Swaziland must be subjected to minerals value chain that will see a creation of secondary and tertiary industries using the country's minerals endowment," she said.

The Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama was speaking through Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Principal Secretary Winnie Stewart at the consultation exercise hosted by the Commonwealth Secretariat: Oceans and Natural Division held at Sibane Hotel yesterday.

Mashwama said the country as a member of the Southern Africa development Community (SADC) subscribes to the SADC Protocol of Mining of which His Majesty duly signed in 2007.

"The Protocol encourages

"The goal of the African Mineral Vision is to ensure that Africa's mineral resources are extracted and beneficiated to meet the Sustainable Development Goals, eradicate poverty, achieve rapid and broad based rapid socio-economic development"



STRESSING A POINT: Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy Principal Secretary Winnie Stewart speaking on behalf of Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama. (Courtesy Pics)

SADC member states to review and develop modern mining and minerals protocols, laws and legislation that will amongst other initiatives, attract new investments and also retain existing investments," she said.

Mashwama said Swaziland as a member of the African Union signed for the implementation of the African Mining Vision.

"The goal of the African Mineral Vision is to ensure that Africa's mineral resources are extracted and beneficiated to meet the Sustainable Development Goals, eradicate poverty, achieve rapid and broad based rapid socio-economic development," she said.

The minister said her ministry had facilitated the consultation

workshop in order to allow the stakeholders to engage technical advisors from the Commonwealth Secretariat: Oceans and Natural Resources Division on the legislative drafts that have been prepared and circulated to all stakeholders present.

"This session is designed in such a way as to get insight, contributions and comments on the draft mines and minerals regulation, fiscal regimes and a model mining agreement. Therefore each stakeholder is requested to identify and align itself with relative legislative draft in order to raise the pertinent issues with regard to the thematic matter," she said. Mashwama said the legislative drafts of mines and mine regulation, diamond regulation, schedule to the mines and mineral regulations and a model mining agreement have brought in a number of ministries, departments and state owned enterprises.

"Those here today include the Ministry of Finance, Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA), Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade, Royal Swaziland Police, Umbutfo Defence Force, Swaziland Environmental Authority, Central Bank of Swaziland, Land Management Board, Minerals Board and Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority," she said.

....Vibrant mining and minerals sector vital for employment opportunities

MINISTER of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama said a vibrant mining and minerals sector will contribute to employment opportunities, diverse skills and contract service providers among other benefits.

"These benefits cut across a variety of sectors that include education and training and will result in a large pool of skilled labour force for the mining and minerals subsector. Consequently, there shall be enhanced productivity at the mines and beneficiation facilities," she said.

The minister said she was grateful to His Majesty King Mswati III and government for recognising that the minerals sector has a potential to contribute to the domestic gross domestic product and thus improve the lives and livelihoods of citizens of this country.

"The government is also grateful to the Oceans and Natural Resources Advisory Division of an inclusive Commonwealth Secretariat that commenced the first phase of the mining legislation review exercise in 2001 that culminated in the National Mining Policy in 2003," she said.

Mashwama said The Oceans and Natural Resources Advisory Division further produced



FOLLOWING: Representatives of various government departments listening attentively.

the final Bills that led to the formulation of the Mines and Minerals Act 2011 and Diamond Act 2011.

According to the African Development Bank, coal reserves for Swaziland were estimated at about 158 million tons.

Extraction of minerals could attract private sector investments for the export market according to the African Development Bank.

"The mining sector, however, has restrictions

from a policy perspective and also suffers from institutional capacity constraints," notes the AfDB.

Currently there is only small scale mining, which involves sand, plaster sand, soapstone, cladding stones gravel and other building and construction materials.

With regard to large scale mining, coal, stone aggregates and ball clays are what is mined in Swaziland.

PROFESSIONALS, ARE YOUR PAPERS IN ORDER?

Stories by Linda Dlamini

AFTER successfully hosting a stakeholder's dissemination workshop at Esibayeni Lodge September 27, the Registration Council for Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Allied Professionals (AESAP) is now fully geared and functional.

Acting Registrar and Chief Executive Officer Enziwe Dube, who is also the Managing Partner at LCC Capital Consulting, confirmed applications for registration are now open.

Dube said the first phase started on October 1, 2016 and will end on October 31.

"We are taking applications from individuals who are registered with any of the foreign Councils, especially those in South Africa," he said.

The Acting Registrar continued to say as of the November, 2016 up until the December 31, 2016 applications will be open for all individuals willing to be registered even first time applicants.

"If an applicant holds a valid registration certificate with one of these foreign bodies and has a letter of good standing or can otherwise prove they are in good standing thereof, that individual will be directly registered under the same category with AESAP on condition they pay the application and registration fee post a validation or authentication exercise by Council," he said.

Dube said all other applicants will be subjected to an exam, presentation, interview and or any other professional review the Council may deem appropriate.

The Acting Registrar said Council recognises the following foreign Councils: South African Council of the Architectural Profession (SACAP), the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA), the South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession (SACQSP), the South African Council for Professional and Technical Surveyors (PLATO), the Council for the Natural Scientific Profession (SACNASP), the South African Council for Planners (SACPLAN), the South African Council for the Property Valuers Profession (SACPVP), and the South African Council for the Project and Construction

...COMMENCEMENT OF REGISTRATION NEXT YEAR

DUBE said the commencement of enforcement of compliance with the Act shall be March 1, 2017.

"Post this date, no one – employed or practicing will be allowed to continue working or practicing as long as they are not registered, irrespective of whether an application has been lodged with Council," he said.

Dube said Section V to VIII of the Registration of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Allied Professionals Act No 15 of 2013, prohibits anyone from performing professional architectural work, engineering work, quantity surveying work and allied work if that person is not registered with the

Council.

He also highlighted the fact that the Act prohibits the employment of such persons to perform professional work whether in the public or private sectors, including parastatals.

"This served as a stern warning to employers to comply with the Act and only employ registered professionals failing which, this may result to a punishment of imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years and/or a fine not exceeding E 50 000 for first-time offenders, and in the case of a second or subsequent offenders, imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten years and/or a fine not exceeding E 100 000," he said.

Registration discounts for companies

THERE is good news as the Acting Registrar confirmed the Council Board looked into the submissions made by stakeholders in the workshop held last month at Esibayeni Lodge and decided to offer a bulk discount for group applications between 10 and 29, they will get a five percent discount and for 30 percent and above, they will get a 10 percent discount.

"Bulk discounts are applicable to companies, institutions and associations who shall apply to register their staff," he said.

The Acting Registrar mentioned it has come to the attention of the Council there are misconceptions going around that if you are not registered as a 'professional' in the different disciplines then you cannot practice in Swaziland, which is not the case as the Act only prohibits anyone from performing professional architectural work, engineering work, quantity surveying

work and allied work if that person is not registered with the Council.

"You can operate but you will be prohibited from exercising the full rights of a professional such as signing of drawings as an architect. This is reserved exclusively for registered architects; the same applies for other disciplines," he said.

Misconception

Dube said the other floating misconception is one cannot register as a professional unless they have been registered as a "candidate" first, which again is not true as one can register directly as a professional if they meet the set registration criteria and guidelines of professionals in a relevant discipline.

"The Council has an interactive and informative website where all necessary information may be obtained including downloadable application forms at www.aesap.net or call LCC Capital offices should one need further clarification", said Dube.

Management Professions (SACPCMP).

"We urge all individuals employed and or practicing as professionals in the country to apply for registration as soon as possible, preferably before

the end of November as the applications have to go through a list of processes which may take up to three months or more, especially for first time registrants," he said.

Swaziland Economic Outlook 'weak' - World Bank

THE World Bank has painted a very bleak economic forecast for Swaziland in for the next couple of years.

The World Bank Macro Poverty Outlook Report for Swaziland released this month said Swaziland's economic outlook is weak, as drought and depressed regional prospects continue to weigh on growth. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is expected to decline by 0.9 percent in 2016, as sugar production, one of the major export earners, is viewed to drop by 25 percent; maize by 64 percent, and electricity generation by 23 percent.

"The fiscal situation is expected to deteriorate further, as the impact of the 2016 salary review and falling Southern African Customs Union (SACU) revenues take stronger effect, with the budget deficit widening to 15.3 percent of GDP in 2016," the bank said.

With regards to SACU revenue the World Bank said, SACU revenues are projected to decrease to E5.3 billion, representing a significant 25 percent decline between 2015/16 and 2016/17.

"The current account surplus should continue to compress during the remainder of 2016, amid an increase in grain imports, and a decline in exports-especially of textiles," reads the report in part.

The bank said the falloff in exports is expected to be cushioned by the depreciating

exchange rate. Further, the manufacturing sector continues to suffer from the loss of the country's African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) trade benefits since January 2015.

The bank surmised as a result of these weak economic prospects, poverty and inequality are expected to remain critical challenges as growth of disposable income and job creation slows.

In its Drought Assessment Report the World Bank concluded water sources declined by 50 percent which resulted in a reduction of 64 percent in crop production in the 2015/16 season and an increase in the number of vulnerable people by 68 percent in 2016.

"Further, the drought is expected to exert more inflationary pressure on food prices: the inflation outlook is expected to continue at an elevated level, averaging eight percent in 2016, and easing to below six percent only by 2018. This will affect the poor who spend a very high share of their total expenditures on food," the world bank said.

The intergovernmental organisation said Swaziland's inflation rate remained the highest among the Common Monetary Area members at 7.5 percent on average.

"Inflation pressures are driven by rising food prices as a result of the prevailing drought and depreciating exchange rate," the banks said.

Swaziland could be heading to another fiscal crisis - World Bank

THE World Bank Macro Poverty Outlook Report for Swaziland released this month said the fiscal situation poses significant risks in the short and medium terms.

"Fiscal risks emanating from the 2016 wage increase and declining SACU revenues might cause a crisis similar to the 2010/11 fiscal crisis," reads the report as part.

The Bank said this is compounded by the persistent drought as well as low growth in South Africa.

"The Swazi government initiated some measures to overcome these challenges by raising domestic revenues and stimulating growth through capital spending. However, such policy is unlikely to succeed because SACU revenues are expected to remain low in the foreseeable future and the expected impact of capital spending on growth may be less-than expected," the bank said.

The international bank said nominally, the fiscal deficit is in large measure domestically financed and may hamper private

sector growth, while the accumulation of double-digit fiscal deficits will rapidly elevate public debt.

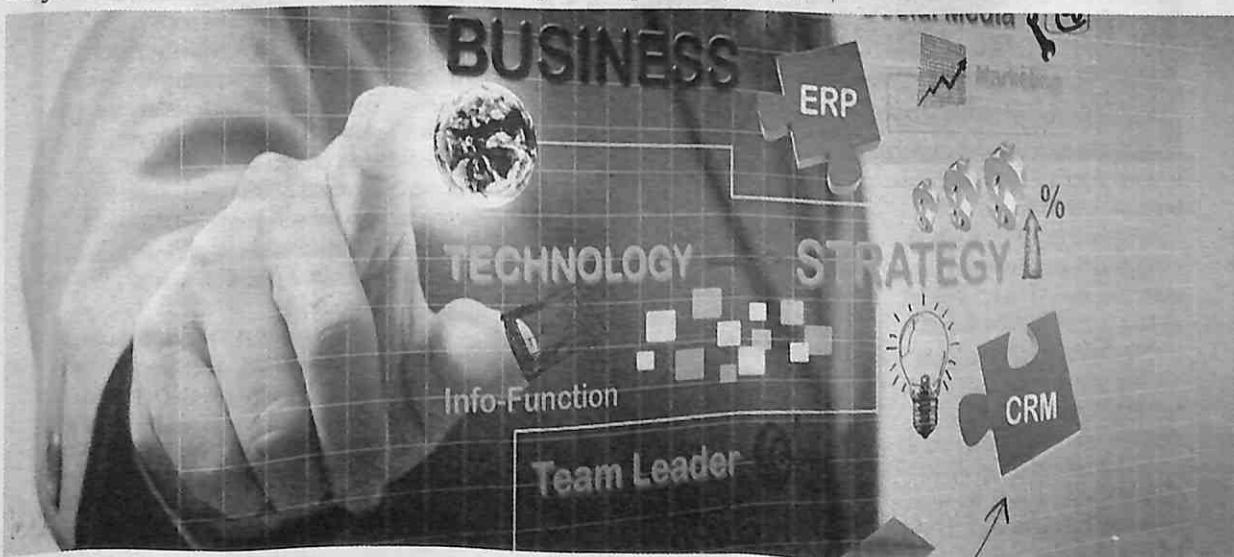
These sentiments have been echoed by the International Monetary Fund.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its World Economic Outlook Report October 2016 forecasted Swaziland low economic growth will continue until 2021 where economic growth will be around one percent.

"Swaziland economic growth next year will continue to be difficult as projections see the economy recording 0.9 percent economic growth," the IMF said.

The African Development Bank (AfDB) African Economic Outlook 2016 said prospects in Swaziland for increased economic growth in 2017 'remains poor.'

If the projection of the IMF, World Bank and African Development Bank hold true next year, Swaziland will be one of the slowest growing economies in Sub-Saharan Africa.



GAUTENG PREMIER SECURES MAJOR INVESTMENT DEAL

JOHANNESBURG - Gauteng Premier David Makhura has secured the first multibillion-rand investment deal with one of the major provincial governments of Italy - giving hope to millions of unemployed people in the province.

This was also the first for Stefano Bonaccini - the governor of the Emilia-Romagna Region province in northern Italy, to sign such a groundbreaking deal with one of the regions of Africa, and Gauteng in particular.

The deal was concluded during the third South Africa - Italy Summit 2016, which began at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Rosebank yesterday.

The signing of the deal was witnessed by 250 chief executive officers from other African states and Italy, including diplomats and

South Africa's government ministers.

Declaring his acceptance to invest in Gauteng, Bonaccini said he was not in the country to "build walls", but to extend his hand and work with Makhura to exchange ideas in the field of knowledge, research and agri-processing.

Entities like Johannesburg Water, Tshwane Water and others in the different municipalities were set to benefit. The Italian also vowed to assist in research through partnership with local universities and the setting up of manufacturing industries for the benefit of the two provinces.

"This is a five-year deal, but we are looking beyond the five years," he promised. Bonaccini said they chose Gauteng because the two provinces have a lot in common.

Both contribute significantly to

the GDP of their respective countries. His sentiments were also echoed by Italy's ambassador to South Africa Pietro Giovanni Donnici, who said his country chose South Africa because of its rule of law and the availability of institutions of democracy.

He said that created for the Italian government an environment to invest in South Africa and Gauteng. The ambassador was speaking after Water and Sanitation Minister Nomvula Mokonyane also signed a separate memorandum of understanding with her Italian counterpart, Barbara Degani, the deputy minister of environment, land and sea.

The occasion was also graced by the presence of the South African ambassador to Italy, Nomatamba Tambo - the daughter of former ANC president Oliver Tambo -

who also gave the deal her blessing.

However, it was her father who forged relations with the Italian government 40 years ago while still in exile. These Italians still hold Tambo in high regard, and his daughter said their deal would "show Europeans how to deal with Africa".

"It emerged during the summit that Makhura did a lobbying behind the scenes and managed to convince the European House Ambrosetti to choose Gauteng," she said.

The two previous South Africa-Italy summits were held in Cape Town and through Makhura's persuasion the Italian delegation headed to Gauteng. Makhura has vowed that all other similar summits would be held in Gauteng.

The Star



Pick n Pay puts job creation first

JOHANNESBURG - Pick n Pay Stores created more than 2 000 new jobs in the first half of its financial year and opened 74 new stores as part of plans to grow its market share in the face of South Africa's sluggish economic growth.

"The group is on track with its 2015 plan to create 5 000 new jobs per year by 2020. A further 2 100 new jobs were created in the first half of this year, bringing the benefits of work to more employees and their families," Richard Brasher, Pick n Pay's chief executive said on Tuesday. Pick n Pay, South Africa's second-largest food retailer, which signed a three-year wage agreement securing certainty after a deal with SA Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union, said it remained on track to spend close to R2 billion in capital expenditure this year on new store expansions and upgrading its current stores.

The announcement came as it posted its seventh consecutive growth in headline earnings yesterday, having cut costs following the implementation of its turnaround strategy.

Pick n Pay, which owns discount shopping chain Boxer, closed 0.89 percent higher on the JSE on Tuesday to trade at R66.63 a share as it reported that headline earnings had grown by 23 percent to 82.43 cents a share in the six months to August from 66.62c a share in the six months to August last year.

The group was unable to pass costs to consumers and capped food price inflation at 5.5 percent, below consumer price index food inflation of 10.7 percent over the period under review. *Business Report*

FNB hit by downtime, again

JOHANNESBURG - Financial services company First National Bank (FNB) has suffered more connectivity woes for the second time in under two weeks.

In a tweet on Tuesday midday, the company said it was experiencing problems.

"FNB is aware of intermittent connectivity issues on select services," said the bank. "We apologise to impacted customers for any inconvenience caused," added FNB. FNB customers on Tuesday took to social network Twitter to complain of online banking problems and not receiving One Time PINs (OTPs). This FNB glitch comes after the bank was hit by connectivity gremlins last week Tuesday. Amid last week's glitch, irate FNB customers lashed out at the bank to complain of non-functional ATMs and a downtime of cellular service through FNB Connect. *FIN24*

Africa's most valuable business worth less than what it owns

JOHANNESBURG - Fifteen years ago, a South African media company invested \$34m in an obscure Chinese internet developer. Today that stake is worth \$88bn.

All Naspers [JSE:NPN], now Africa's most valuable company, has to do is figure out how to make money from its other properties: The whole company is worth only \$72bn, less than its stake in Shenzhen-based Tencent Holdings. Investors aren't impressed with Naspers's operations in pay-TV, newspapers and e-commerce in such countries as South Africa, Russia and India. To win them over, Chief Executive Officer Bob Van Dijk has launched an aggressive push to sell some assets, invest in others and expand operations such as classified advertising into new markets. If it pays off, comparisons with Tencent could become more flattering. The valuation gap is an "opportunity for long-term investors who have done their homework" on Naspers's e-commerce components, said Ruan Stander, a money manager at Cape Town-based Allan Gray, which owns Naspers shares. *Fin24*

Sibanye clears state barrier to buy Amplats mines

CAPE TOWN - Sibanye [JSE:SGL] has cleared the final regulatory hurdle for its R4.58bn acquisition Anglo American Platinum's (Amplats) [JSE:AMS] Rustenburg mines, the companies announced in separate statements yesterday.

Sibanye was trading 2.92% higher at R41.99 yesterday at 09:30, increasing its market cap to R38.79bn, while Amplats was trading 0.32% higher at R343, with its market cap at R92.5bn. "We welcome the receipt of the Section 11 consent from the Department of Mineral Resources, which is the last

regulatory condition outstanding," Sibanye CEO Neal Froneman said in a statement.

"This transaction is consistent with Sibanye's strategy to grow its business in order to sustain its position as an industry leading dividend paying company," he said.

Acquisition

The acquisition, which is now officially unconditional, includes mining operations such as Bathopele, Siphumelele (including Khomanani), and Thembelani (including Khuseleka), as well as two concentrating plants, an on-site chrome recovery plant and the Western Limb

Tailings Retreatment Plant.

Sibanye, a spin-off from Gold Fields, will assume ownership on November 1.

"The deal, along with the \$294m takeover of Aquarius Platinum last year, will put South Africa's second-largest gold producer by market value into the global top five producers of platinum group metals with annual output of more than a million ounces," Reuters reported yesterday.

"For Anglo American Platinum, the transaction allows it to focus its strategy on newer, mechanised and less labour intensive mines." *fin24*

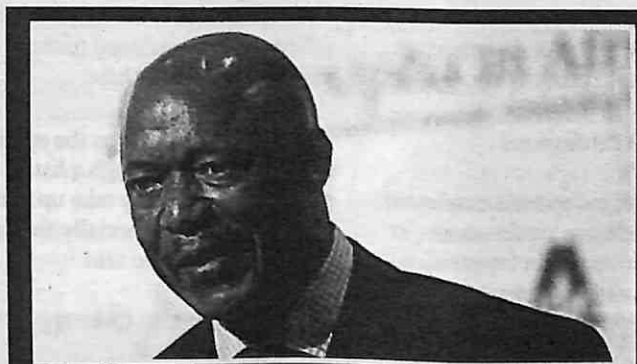
PIC granted R300m in loans to VBS bank

PARLIAMENT - The VBS Mutual Bank received more than R300-million in loans from the Public Investment Corporation (PIC) since last year, according to details of the unlisted investments of its Isibaya fund, disclosed on Tuesday.

The bank, which granted President Jacob Zuma a loan to repay state funds spent on his Nkandla home, received four different loans to that total since July last year.

It currently owes about R300.427-million, according to the information given to Parliament's standing committee on finance by the PIC and Deputy Finance Minister Mcebisi Jonas at a briefing on Tuesday. The submission also reveals earlier loans of R6-million - extended in 2011 and 2013 - to the Venda Building Society, the name under which the bank traded in the past.

The PIC and Dyambeu



AT THE HELM: Chief Executive of the Public Investment Corporation Daniel Matjila.

Investments are the bank's two biggest shareholders. Established in 1982, the bank struggled financially for a considerable period but managed to post a profit of R4.9-million in the last financial year.

It has just four branches but became widely known after granting Zuma a loan to repay R7.8-million by order of the Constitutional Court for luxuries added to his rural home

during a costly and hugely controversial security upgrade.

The president transferred the sum to National Treasury in September. Explaining last month why Zuma turned to this particular financial institution, his spokesman Bongani Ngqulunga said VBS was "one of the few financial institutions which offer home loans in respect of land owned by traditional authorities". *Fin24*

MPS REJECT HALF-BAKED REPORT ON R14.5BN LOSS

JOHANNESBURG - The details of PetroSA's massive R14.5 billion financial loss last year will not be known for now after the Department of Energy was refused by MPs to present a half-baked report.

Members of the portfolio committee on energy yesterday demanded a full forensic report of the financial loss by the state's oil firm.

Committee chairman Fikile Majola said they would not tolerate the conduct of the department to refuse handing over the full forensic report as ordered by Parliament.

Majola gave the department until November 1 to come back with the report.

In the presentation, the department blamed the losses largely on non-performance of PetroSA's Ikhezi project in Mossesgas.

"The Ikhezi project's main failure occurred as a result of low gas volumes compared to what was predicted," it said.

"This can be attributed to a poor or lack of understanding of the reservoir risk in drilling the F-O field."

The F-O field is situated 110km from the nearest landfall and 40km south east of the F-A platform, which supplies gas and condensate to the PetroSA gas-to-liquid plant in Mossel Bay. "The project eroded value," the department said. *Business Report*



World News

Obama tells Trump to 'stop whining'



STOP IT: US President Barack Obama.

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama on Tuesday slapped down Donald Trump's claim the 2016 presidential race is rigged, telling the Republican to "stop whining" and get on with his campaign.

In language normally reserved for chastising a stropky teenager, Obama discarded diplomatic decorum and skewered the mogul from the Rose Garden in front of visiting Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi.

As Trump's poll numbers have been dragged down by accusations of sexual assault, he has unfurled a

litany of complaints about the nation's election system.

Democrat Hillary Clinton has widened her lead over Trump nationally and in key swing states three weeks before Election Day.

Bookmakers in Europe - where political betting is legal - have already begun to pay out on a Clinton win. "Of course there is large scale voter fraud happening on and before election day," Trump wrote on Twitter, without offering corroborating evidence.

Obama shot back: "There's no evidence that has happened in the past, or that there are instances in

which that will happen this time."

"And so I'd advise Mr Trump to stop whining and go try to make his case to get votes," he told a news conference.

The withering riposte comes on the eve of the third and final presidential debate, and is just the type of comment that has baited Trump into launching distracting Twitter feuds and campaign speech tangents. Obama also renewed his effort to tether Republicans to Trump's faltering candidacy and described his behaviour as an aberration in American democratic history. **AFP**

Venezuela postpones state elections to 2017

CARACAS - Elections for Venezuela's state governorships will be held in 2017 rather than December as previously expected, the election board said on Tuesday, giving the unpopular socialist government a short breathing space before going to the polls.

Critics say authorities have delayed the state elections, and are also seeking to derail an opposition push for a referendum to recall President Nicolas Maduro, because they are scared of letting Venezuelans have their say.

Maduro, who replaced the popular Hugo Chavez in 2013 after his death, has seen his ratings halve to just over 20 percent amid a deep economic crisis in the OPEC nation.

The 23 state governors' four-year terms were to end in early January, with elections anticipated for December.

But National Election Board head Tibisay Lucena, who the opposition say is close to the government, announced they would instead be held towards mid-2017.

Though Lucena did not give reasons, government officials have said exceptional measures are justified in Venezuela due to a US led "economic war" against them and the oil price crash which has slashed national revenues. With Chavez suffering from cancer but having just won re-election himself, the socialists swept to victory in 20 states at the last regional elections in late 2012.

But opinion polls show they would currently fare badly at any election, and government sources have said they are hoping for an oil price recovery to help their cause. **AFP**

Ministers battle over whether Britain should stay in European customs union amid warnings

LONDON - Ministers are at loggerheads over whether to quit the European customs union amid warnings it could mean a 4.5 percent hit to GDP.

Papers circulated at a meeting of the Brexit Cabinet committee apparently suggested leaving could clog up trade through Britain's ports.

The forecast for a GDP hit, is the average prediction for how much growth would be sacrificed by 2030 made in three studies carried out ahead of the historic referendum.

The research, by the Treasury, the thinktank Niesr, the Centre for Economic Performance and London



NOT READY: Theresa May.

School of Economics focus on a Norway-style model where the UK exits the single market but stays inside the customs union. They have been heavily criticised by Leave supporters, who regarded them as part of

the failed 'Project Fear' attempt to scare voters off Brexit. International Trade Secretary Liam Fox is said to have backed withdrawal from the bloc at the meeting, arguing it would prevent global deals being done.

But Chancellor Philip Hammond highlighted the economic risks and Theresa May insisted she was not yet ready to make a decision on the UK's negotiating strategy, according to the Guardian.

The latest tensions emerged amid claims that Boris Johnson and David Davis have formed a pact to push for their version of 'hard' Brexit. **AFP**

ISIS holding civilians as human shields

Washington - Islamic State Jihadists were barring civilians from leaving Mosul on Tuesday and using them as human shields, as the battle for the Iraqi city entered its second day, a Pentagon official said.

"We know they are being used as human shields, absolutely," Pentagon spokesperson Navy Captain Jeff Davis told reporters. "They are being held there against their will. We have

not seen any change in the last day of people leaving or fleeing." Authorities and aid agencies are bracing for a massive flow of civilians fleeing Mosul as the fight progresses. Currently, the action has largely been in villages surrounding Iraq's second-largest city and the remaining ISIS stronghold in the country. President Barack Obama warned of "significant" displacement but said the United Nations and other aid groups

were ready. "We have put together plans and infrastructure for dealing with a potential humanitarian crisis that are as extensive as the military plans," Obama told reporters earlier. United Nations spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said an estimated 200 000 people are expected to be displaced in the first weeks of the offensive, growing to as many as one million under a worst-case scenario. **AFP**

CLINTON TEAM'S SURPRISE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER? MICHELLE OBAMA

DES MOINES - Hillary Clinton was always expected to get a late-campaign enthusiasm boost from the White House. The surprise is, it's not coming from the president.

On a star-studded team of campaign surrogates - including President Barack Obama - the most valuable player of 2016 is undoubtedly First Lady Michelle Obama.

During a divisive political year, the hugely popular first lady has wowed

voters with her powerful rhetoric. And she can be the emotional centre to a campaign whose candidate is not known for projecting warmth. Last week, in a searing indictment of Republican nominee Donald Trump that was broadcast live by cable news networks, Michelle Obama said his recorded boasts about making unwanted sexual advances toward women had "shaken me to my core." **AFP**

BRIEFS

Myanmar ferry disaster toll nears 50

MYANMAR - The death toll from a ferry disaster on a river in central Myanmar four days ago has risen to nearly 50, officials said yesterday, with most of the deceased identified as women and at least two dozen others still missing. The overloaded vessel, whose passengers included scores of teachers and university students, went down early Saturday while it was travelling on the Chindwin River in Sagaing region. Some 150 people were rescued alive on that day but officials believe the ship was carrying up to 250 passengers when it sank on its way to Monywa, a city around 72 kilometres (45 miles) south. **AFP**

Mystery swirls around Assange's status

LONDON - Midway through releasing a series of damaging disclosures about US presidential contender Hillary Clinton, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange says his hosts at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London abruptly cut him off from the internet. The news adds another layer of intrigue to a campaign which has been roiled by dramatic leaks and allegations of state-sponsored subversion. "We can confirm Ecuador cut off Assange's internet access on Saturday, 17:00 GMT, shortly after publication of Clinton's Goldman Sachs [speeches]," the group said in a message posted to Twitter late on Monday. **AP**

About 400 000 refugees return home

PAKISTAN - More than 350 000 Afghan refugees have returned to their war-torn homeland from Pakistan this year, UN data show, with the torrent of



people crossing the border expected to continue. Earlier in October the UN's refugee agency UNHCR said the number of documented Afghan refugees returning from Pakistan had soared past 200 000. But this week the body's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Afghanistan released updated figures. **AFP**

US women rally against Trump

CHICAGO - Crowds of women converged on Chicago's Trump Tower on Tuesday in the latest of a string of protests over Donald Trump's incendiary comments on women, brandishing signs saying "Real men get consent" and "Pussy grabs back." Protesters in Chicago and Philadelphia Tuesday, and a day earlier in New York, have been pushing back after the Republican nominee was caught, in a 2005 video, bragging that fame lets him grope women without their consent. "Just the fact that he's normalising rape culture... is not cool with us," said Kristin Marks. **AFP**

Israel angry at UNESCO resolution

PARIS - The UN cultural agency on Tuesday adopted an Arab-sponsored resolution condemning Israel's actions at a flashpoint holy site in east Jerusalem, deepening anger in the Jewish state. The UNESCO resolution on "occupied Palestine" was endorsed Tuesday by the agency's executive board at its headquarters in Paris, after being approved at the committee stage last week. Referring throughout to "the occupying power," it condemns Israel for restricting Muslims' access to the Al-Aqsa mosque compound - Islam's third holiest site - and criticises damage by security forces to the site and nearby excavations. **AFP**

New Ebola vaccine to be tested next month in Canada

OTTAWA - An Ebola vaccine developed by Canadian researchers and considered by the WHO to be the first effective treatment against the virus will soon start a new phase of clinical trials, Ottawa announced Tuesday.

The vaccine's safety and effectiveness will be tested on volunteers infected with HIV, starting in Ottawa and Montreal in

November, and followed by trials in Senegal and Burkina Faso next year, the government said in a statement. The tests are being conducted in partnership with US pharmaceutical company Merck. "It is particularly important to study the effectiveness of this Ebola vaccine in vulnerable populations, such as those living with HIV," said principal investigator Cecile Tremblay. **AFP**

Focus on SA scene

No need for violence - Zuma

PRETORIA – There was no need for students to break down the doors of learning when these were already open, President Jacob Zuma said on Tuesday.

"There is no need for violent protests which give the impression that government is opposed to students," he told ambassadors and high commissioners at the Heads of Mission conference in Pretoria. The country's leaders supported and were sympathetic to the students' cause. He urged students to allow various groups time to find solutions. Government needed to ensure that universities completed the 2016 academic year while seeking medium- to long-term solutions.

Zuma urged those in attendance to come up with ideas of how South Africa could resolve the impasse over calls for free higher education.

Repeating comments made by ANC secretary general Gwede Mantashe in August, Zuma said the ANC-led government had gone beyond the goals for higher education the ANC set down in the Freedom Charter. In it, the ANC called for access to higher education through merit, while the government helped anyone in need.

He however warned those responsible for the violence and destruction of property on campuses. Students should not allow people to hijack their noble cause for the wrong reasons. He asked police to continue doing their jobs at institutions of higher learning. *News24*

TEARS AS COURT RULES IN SHEMBE CHURCH DISPUTE

DURBAN – It was a judgment that made grown men cry. After a five-year court battle, the KwaZulu-Natal High Court in Durban ruled on Tuesday that Vela Shembe is the rightful leader of the Nazareth Baptist Church.

Vela's supporters sang and beat drums as they accompanied him from the court to his car in Anton Lembede Street following KwaZulu-Natal Judge President Achmat Jappie's ruling. Traffic came to a standstill as his followers hooted and revved their engines.

A few elderly men sat on the side of the road and cried tears of joy. The battle for supremacy of the multi-million member church, commonly known as Shembe, had been in court since its leader Vimbeni Shembe's death in March 2011. His son, Mduduzi, and his cousin, Vela, both claimed to be his rightful heirs. *News24*



LEGITIMATE: The Durban High Court on Tuesday ruled that Shembe's Vela Shembe was the legitimate leader of the church.

PRAVIN WILL GO TO COURT, WIN - FORMER CONCOURT JUDGE

CAPE TOWN – The case against Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan is a bad exercise in prosecutorial discretion, struggle stalwart and retired Constitutional Court judge Zak Yacoob said on Tuesday night.

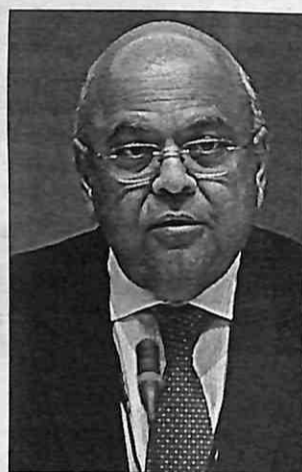
"I have some concerns, because obviously the charge has been made for an improper reason," he told journalists after delivering the ninth annual Imam Haron Memorial Lecture in Lansdowne.

He said there was no real case for Gordhan to answer because he did something that had been done in the public service for a long time.

"Even if I am wrong in that, and there is a case for him to answer, there is no such a thing as prosecutorial discretion."

He completely backed Gordhan. "He got not a cent out of it and that is agreed by everyone. That is why it is bizarre to charge someone with fraud and theft when he got nothing out of it."

Gordhan told National



IN COURT: Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan.

Director of Public Prosecutions Shaun Abrahams earlier on Tuesday that he would not be taking up his invitation to make representations by 17:00.

Instead he invited Abrahams to withdraw the charges against him in relation to an early retirement payout granted to former SARS deputy commissioner Ivan Pillay in

2010 and the extension of his contract.

Abrahams announced last week that Gordhan, Pillay and former commissioner Oupa Magashula would be charged with fraud. They are expected to appear in court on November 2. "I think obviously that Pravin will go to court, nothing much will happen. I think he will win his case and then we will see what happens," Yacoob said.

He joined a number of business leaders and Cabinet ministers such as Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, Economic Development Minister Ebrahim Patel and Tourism Minister Derek Hanekom as well as ANC chief whip Jackson Mthembu in rallying behind Gordhan.

At the lecture on Tuesday night, an audience member asked what he thought about the future of the ANC.

He prefaced his answer by saying he had stopped being a politician many years ago "so don't take my word for it".

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Two charged for assaulting UCT vice-chancellor

JOHANNESBURG – The University of Cape Town has laid charges against two people who assaulted vice-chancellor Max Price.

Price was pushed, pulled and punched while consulting with protesters last Friday and was escorted away by police. Classes at the university resumed on Monday, with intense clashes between security personnel and protesting students on Tuesday.

UCT conceded that the detention of student Masixole Mlandu was hampering further negotiations with the Fees Must Fall protesters. *eNCA*

MCEBO DLAMINI DENIED BAIL

JOHANNESBURG – Wits University's #FeesMustFall leader Mcebo Dlamini was denied bail by the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Dlamini, one of the high-profile leaders of the fees protests at Wits, is facing charges of public violence, theft, malicious damage to property and assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

He was arrested in the early hours of Sunday at a Wits residence.

The 32-year-old is to appear in court again on November 15. *eNCA*

Court finds ATM bombing gang guilty of murder

PIETERMARITZBURG – Eight members of an ATM bombing syndicate were on Tuesday convicted of killing three people, including a police officer, during a crime spree several years ago.

Judge Yvonne Mbatha, in the KwaZulu-Natal High Court in Pietermaritzburg, found them guilty on charges of murder, attempted murder, and illegal possession of explosives and firearms, for six ATM demolitions in KwaZulu-Natal between September 2012 and January 2013. Mbatha said the bombings involved a vast amount of planning and preparation. They acquired prohibited explosives, weapons, detonators and other equipment, including crowbars, to smash the ATMs.

Eight of the nine men were arrested at Mtubatuba, apparently on their way to do another bombing in 2013.

They used three AK-47 machine guns and another weapon. The bombings were perpetrated after 00:00. In Utrecht, gang members who had been tasked with warding off policemen shot dead Bongakuhle Nkosi and Sizwe Gule, who were on their way to work. After a bombing at Midmar dam, near Howick, the gang shot dead police Constable Vidhur Jadu during a pursuit. They shot security guard Tafadzwa Michael Chappwanya in the stomach at Nottingham Road. Another man was shot in the leg as he was driving his family past the scene of a bombing in the middle of Howick. *eNCA*

Maimane demands copy of state capture report from new public protector

JOHANNESBURG – Mmusi Maimane yesterday said there is no "reasonable justification" that new Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane can deny his demand to be furnished with a copy of the report into state capture.

"As the complainant in this matter, I am entitled by law to be provided with a copy of this report, which has been completed according to outgoing public protector, advocate Thuli Madonsela," the Democratic Alliance leader said.

"...Madonsela's statement that the state capture report is final and cannot be changed means that the current report must be handed over to the complainant," Maimane added. "It's just that simple."

"The report is complete, and there exists no reasonable justification to not furnish the complainant with the report – never mind make it public as constitutionally mandated to."



DEMANDS: Mmusi Maimane

He noted that it "must be open to the public unless exceptional circumstances require that a report be kept confidential".

"What has become clear is that the contents of this report are explosive. The fact that (President) Jacob Zuma, and his lackey (Cooperative

Governance Minister) Des Van Rooyen, are seeking an interdict against the release of this report shows that the president is petrified as to what the report contains, and desperate to stop it from being made public."

Report

Maimane said he had written to Mkhwebane to demand a copy of the report, which was placed in the care of the Speaker of Parliament, Baleka Mbete, after Madonsela last Friday decided not to release her report as initially planned.

Madonsela's delay in issuing it came after applications by Van Rooyen and Zuma threw a spanner in the works.

The report will remain in safekeeping until a ruling is made by the court in November.

It deals with allegations that the Gupta family had influenced the appointment of members of the cabinet.

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DARING FILM-MAKERS SWIM WITH CROCODILES

...wearing nothing but flimsy wetsuits that make divers look like reptiles

LONDON - Bold filmmakers have swum with crocodiles wearing nothing but flimsy wetsuits designed to convince the animals that the divers are reptiles.

The daring wildlife enthusiasts wear the special suits that mimic the crocodile's scaly skin and block the body's electrical current so they can capture the reptile's natural behaviour.

Wildlife biologist Forrest Galante and cameraman Mark Romanov explain that they are both 'reptile nerds' in the video showcasing the intense footage, filmed in June this year.

Attacking

It starts with footage of the powerful crocodiles attacking other animals and each other, before revealing the filmmakers getting up close and personal to six colossal reptiles.

Galante said: "The theory was by looking like a crocodile, acting like a crocodile, we might actually be a little bit safer and be able to get closer to the crocodiles."

"I don't know if those things played into it or not, but either way we got really close to the crocodiles and we were safe."

"When I was swimming with the crocodiles I was in this excited, tranquil, nervous, happy state all at once - I



UP CLOSE: Bold filmmakers have swum with crocodiles wearing nothing but flimsy wetsuits designed to convince the animals that the divers are reptiles.

mean it was just every kind of emotion you can imagine all at once while being in the water."

Both Forrest and Mark are hiding the exact location of their filming so other people do not try and replicate their astonishing crocodile discoveries.

And in some of the rare footage, one of the filmmakers appears under the water wearing nothing but swimming shorts as he aims the camera at the powerful beast just a few inches away.

Romanov said: "These creatures are just phenomenal, when you see them up close, the power they have, the grace they have, it's incredible to see."

"We're always looking to show stories about animals that people haven't seen before."

"This was a really interesting one to us because it showed animals, that are thought of as dangerous, in a capacity that we could interact with them."

It was nothing but their love for croc-

odiles that inspired the team to get so close to the sneaky predators.

"Both Mark and I are huge reptile nerds, we both grew up having tons and tons of reptiles and the crocodile is the ultimate reptile" Forrest added.

"So in our quest to make this nature film, and to explore this new perspective of crocodiles, we found this clear water area."

With up to six crocodiles swimming around them at one time, both Forrest and Mark had to remain on high alert.

Galante added: "Mark and I

● Forrest Galante and Mark Romanov capture incredible crocodile footage

● Wear suits that mimic scales and block the body's natural electric current

● Allows them to film natural footage just inches away from the huge beasts

● Although in some scenes, they abandon suits and film in swimming shorts

would really like to stress that this is not something for everybody.

"We are trained professionals, we're wildlife biologists - this is what we do for a living."

"This is not something that just anyone should go out and try and jump in the water with the crocodiles. You will get hurt or you will hurt the animal"

The footage forms part of a longer film the team are making called *Dancing with Dragons*.

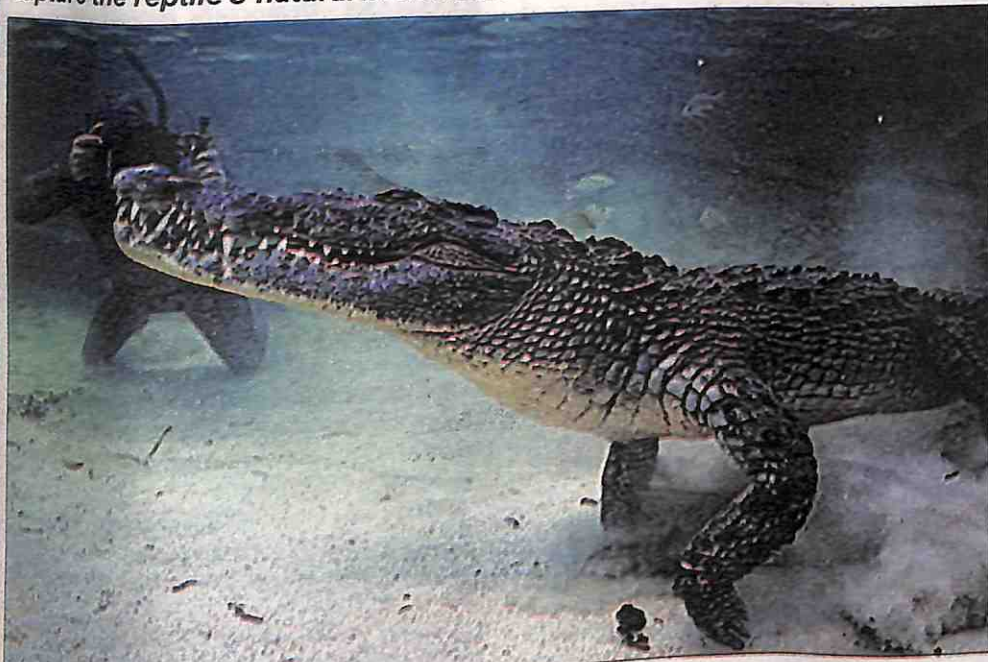
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ELECTRICAL CURRENT: The daring wildlife enthusiasts wear the special suits that mimic the crocodile's scaly skin and block the body's electrical current so they can capture the reptile's natural behaviour.



REPTILE NERDS: Wildlife biologist Forrest Galante and cameraman Mark Romanov explain that they are both 'reptile nerds' in the video showcasing the intense footage, filmed in June this year.



HOW IT START: It starts with footage of the powerful crocodiles attacking other animals and each other, before revealing the filmmakers getting up close and personal to six colossal reptiles.



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BRIEFS

'HowTheyRobbedUs' from Zim

HARARE - Having to send money back home to bury a sister you left behind when you left Zimbabwe. Having a bathtub you never fill with water.

Having a degree but no job. As top officials from President Robert Mugabe's government shrug off allegations of corruption, fed-up Zimbabweans have taken to Twitter to tweet their examples of #HowTheyRobbedUs. Meantime Mugabe has taken off again, this time to Madagascar. *News24*

UN beefs up peacekeeping force

NEW YORK - The United Nations is moving hundreds of peacekeepers from eastern Democratic Republic of Congo to Kinshasa to help deal with a possible outbreak of violence over the postponement of a presidential election, the UN officials said on Tuesday.

At least 300 soldiers and police from the Monusco force will be stationed in Kinshasa, where violent protests killed 49 last month, the officials said.

We are planning for all eventualities and have taken measures to strengthen our posture in Kinshasa," the UN Peacekeeping Chief Herve Ladsous said. *AFP*

President signs bill on withdrawal

KAMPALA - The president of Burundi has signed legislation to make Burundi the first country to withdraw



from the International Criminal Court. The presidency said on Twitter Tuesday President Pierre Nkurunziza approved the law after it won lawmakers' support last week. Burundi's decision to quit the ICC follows a bitter dispute with the international community over the human rights situation in the East African country. More than a year of deadly violence has followed Nkurunziza's controversial decision to pursue a third term. *AP*

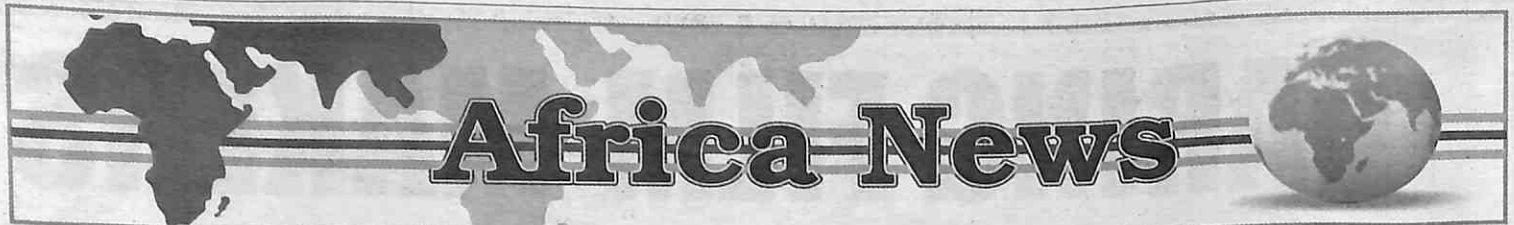
DR Congo clash leaves 20 dead

LUBUMBASHI - At least 20 people have been killed in three days of clashes in southeast DR Congo between Pygmy and Bantu people over a disputed caterpillar collection tax, a local parliamentarian told AFP on Tuesday. Local MP Kalunga Mawazo told AFP the fighting in Kabalo between Sunday and Tuesday was triggered by a dispute over the caterpillar harvest, a common food staple for the hunter-gatherer people of the Tanganyika region in northern Katanga. *AFP*

Shelves go bare as sugar prices soar

CAIRO - Borrowing a cup of sugar from your neighbour has rarely been so contentious in Egypt. At supermarkets across the country sugar has all but vanished, prompting media talk of a crisis and pushing the state to rapidly increase imports despite an acute dollar shortage and soaring global prices of the sweetener.

Egypt consumes around three million tonnes of sugar annually but produces just over two million tonnes, with the gap filled by imports, usually between July and October when local beet and sugar cane supplies have wound down. *Reuters*



Zimbabwe graduation protest students hauled

HARARE - Three students who took part in a peaceful protest at their University of Zimbabwe graduation ceremony last month have been summoned to a disciplinary hearing for behaving in a way that might harm the university's interests, rights lawyers said on Tuesday.

Dressed in his academic robes, Tonderai Dombo held up a placard demanding jobs in front of graduating students - and President Robert Mugabe - on September 29. Two other students also protested, according to the Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights.

They have been named as Theminkosi Rushwaya and Alexander Mukamba. The three were arrested and released on payment of a 10 US admission of guilt fine.

...before disciplinary committee

But the university has revived the case, just as Higher Education Minister Jonathan Moyo insinuated the institution might when the protest occurred.

Claimed

ZLHR said the university claimed the protest breached a rule of student conduct known as Ordinance 30 which forbids behaviour "reasonably likely to be harmful to the interests of the university, members of the university staff or students."

Longtime leader Mugabe, 92, is Chancellor of the university, which controversially awarded his wife Grace a doctorate in 2014 after a reported three months of study.

Sparked by Harare pastor Evan Mawarire's impassioned

outburst on social media in April, Zimbabwe's rolling street protests have slowed now.

Dombo and his colleagues' silent protest was one of the last acts of public defiance that occurred in a country battered by rising unemployment, corruption and economic malaise. Mugabe promised more than two million jobs ahead of elections in 2013, but the vast majority of Zimbabweans are employed in the informal sector, often in trading.

Tweeted one Zimbabwean on Tuesday in response to a question from a journalist as to what had happened to the protests: "People are weary of expressing their weariness maybe." *News24*



PROBED: Teodoro (aka Teodorin) Nguema Obiang Mongue, son of the Equatorial Guinea President.

Geneva prosecutor probes Equatorial Guinea president's son

GENEVA - Geneva prosecutor's office has begun a preliminary investigation into Teodorin Obiang, the son of Equatorial Guinea's president, the prosecutor's spokesman said on Tuesday.

The investigation was first reported in the Swiss 24heures newspaper, which said the Swiss authorities were responding to a request from their French counterparts.

Obiang, vice president of the small central African state, is to face trial in France for suspected money laundering, France's financial prosecutor said last month.

"A preliminary investigation is under way. That means we are right at the start of the inquiry. We are not making any other comment for the moment," the prosecutor's spokesman, Henri Della Casa, said by email.

Contacted by Reuters, Emmanuel Marsigny, Obiang's French lawyer, said he did not wish to comment.

Obiang has denied wrongdoing and has said his wealth, which has allowed him to buy luxury real estate in Paris, a private jet and a stable of exotic sports cars, was amassed legitimately through successful business dealings. *Reuters*

DRC opposition rejects bid to postpone poll to 2018

KINSHASA - Democratic Republic of Congo's main opposition party on Tuesday firmly rejected a move to postpone this year's presidential vote until April 2018 - handing President Joseph Kabila more than a year of extra time.

The UDPS led by veteran opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi "rejects" the proposal mooted the previous day to delay the vote as a "flagrant violation" of the constitution, the party's Secretary-General Jean-Marc Kabund told AFP. The idea was announced on Monday by the authorities and fringe opposition groups taking part in a "national dialogue" held to reduce tensions triggered by fears Kabila has no intention of stepping down when his mandate ends in December.

Kabund said the postponement plan "unilaterally imposes Mr Kabila in flagrant violation of the constitution which sets the end of his mandate at December 20."

French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault earlier on Tuesday said the plan was "no response to the crisis".

The offer emerged after the EU threatened sanctions if the country did not hold elections in 2017. *AFP*

ICC TO DELIVER VERDICT ON DRC'S BEMBA

THE HAGUE - Judges yesterday delivered their verdict against former Congolese Vice-President Jean-Pierre Bemba and four close aides accused of bribing witnesses in a bid to derail his landmark war crimes trial.

Prosecutors have alleged from his prison cell the ex-rebel leader Bemba masterminded a network to bribe and manipulate at least 14 defence witnesses to lie during his trial at the International Criminal Court.

Bemba was sentenced in June to 18 years in jail on five charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by his militia in Central African Republic.

Once the powerful leader of the Congolese Liberation



VERDICT: Congolese Vice-President Jean-Pierre Bemba.

Movement (MLC) and a wealthy businessman from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Bemba, 53, remains behind bars in The Netherlands and is appealing the sentence.

But in a separate case after a tip-off to the prosecutor's

office, he was charged along with two of his lawyers, an MP from his party, and a defence witness of presenting fake documents to the trial and dealing out backhanders to secure false testimony.

It was the first such corruption trial in the ICC's history, and prosecutors said the allegations showed "how far the accused were prepared to go to hide their illegal behaviour".

Also in the dock are Bemba's lawyer Aime Kilolo, his legal case manager Jean-Jacques Mangenda, along with Congolese lawmaker Fidele Babala and Narcisse Arido, a defence witness.

All five have pleaded not guilty to more than 100 combined charges. *AFP*

UN PEACEKEEPING CHIEF PLEADS FOR SOUTH SUDAN ARMS EMBARGO

SOUTH SUDAN - UN Peacekeeping Chief Herve Ladsous is pleading with the Security Council to impose an arms embargo on South Sudan where he expects an upsurge in fighting with the coming end of the rainy season.

Ladsous told reporters he had made his appeal directly to the council during a closed-door meeting on Monday.

"I think an arms embargo should happen now and that's

even very late," Ladsous told reporters on Tuesday.

"The rainy season is coming to a close and that has frequently been the time of the year when people go back to military operations."

The council is weighing its next steps in South Sudan after the government in Juba showed little cooperation with UN plans to deploy a 4 000-strong regional force. The council voted in August to deploy the force in Juba and

warned if the government opposed the plan it would face an arms embargo. Prospects for peace in South Sudan faded when rebel leader Reik Machar, who had been appointed vice president of a new unity government, fled Juba following heavy fighting in July. Machar has been replaced by Taban Deng Gai and is now in South Africa for medical treatment. He has called for renewed war with the SPLA forces of President Salva Kiir. *AFP*



WITH: Majaha Nkonyane

CHURCH NEWS



UKUTHOKOZA KWAMADODANA TO LAUNCH SECOND CD

THE 2015 NACA's best acapella winners Ukuthokoza Kwamadodana will be launching their second album entitled 'Somandla Sibonga Wena'.

The launch will be held on 12 November at the Sweedish Free Church in Manzini.

The choir revealed this in a press briefing that was held at the Gorge Hotel, the big announcement was made by the choir PRO Mbongwa Dlamini who was in the presence of invited guests and choir members.

The choir is made up of members who come from Different denominations under the Methodist church establishments. The combination is what has made the choir unique, in its style of singing, composition and its leadership.

The choir has grown tremen-



NEW BRANDING: Ukuthokoza Kwamadodana members showing off their new uniform which was given to them during the press briefing they had at the Gorge Hotel in Manzini. (Pic: Majaha Nkonyane)

dously over the years by rising from humble beginnings to being the leading Acapella

group in the Kingdom of Swaziland, this came from their 2015 NACA awards.

"It is exciting to see the choir grow so tremendously and not losing the true essence of acapella music. We are looking forward to hosting the choir's launch and celebrating the successes of the ensemble, we stand fully behind the choir in support and we would like to encourage all Methodist churches and the Christian fraternity at large to come in their numbers as this choir does it again" JSM Stable Director Dr Johannes Sibiya said.

The launch will also see Tshwane Gospel Choir, Emadodana Junior from Soweto, Godfrey Modlane, Masibuyele kuJehova, Solly Moholi, Phindile Mashaba and Matsapha Gospel messenger's minister in song at the event.

The choir was also able to raise funds at the press briefing which will go towards the launch, Bongani Nxumalo sponsored the choir with E2 000 which was used to buy and brand the choir's new uniform (Blue golf T-shirts).

On the other hand Theminkosi Mabuza also gave the choir E2 000, which was also used to buy and brand the choir's new shirts. The fundraising also saw attendees making pledges towards the launch.

CHURCH BRIEFS

High Praise Assemblies International

Date: November 5

Venue: High Praise Auditorium Nhlanguano

Time: 18:00 - 20:30hrs

The Church is celebrating 12 years of God's favour and grace, which has seen the church growing and multiplying and spreading throughout the SADC region. Church growth has reached a total of 38 branches to date within and outside of Swaziland.

The Dinner is to Thank God for helping the Church with what it has achieved in these 12 yrs.

Which include building church structures in most of the branches in Swaziland and South Africa.

The church has also been able to adopt a Children's Ward and servicing it by renovating and constantly maintaining it to standard in Nhlanguano Health Centre. The dinner will also launch officially the High Praise Assemblies LIVE Praise and Worship DVD or CD Recording to be held on December 16 in Nhlanguano.

Keynote address will be the Shiselweni RA Mr Themba Masuku

New Life Celebration Centre

Date: October 28-30

Venue: NLCC Matsapha Mshayazafe

Time: 18:00 - 20:00hrs daily

Theme: 'Be Ye Holy'

NLCC in Matsapha is inviting ladies from age 25 and above to fellowship with them in a women's special edition service.

The services will have six women speakers who will be discussing topics like: Forgiveness, counselling and advice on relationship matters, How to excel in all spheres of life in such a busy world and parenting.

The speakers to the event include; Sibongile Dlamini from St. Thomas Anglican Siphocosini, P. Shongwe, Pastor R. Mazibuko from Mbabane Alliance Church, K. Dlamini, N. Masango and P. Lupupa from Inqaba yekuphepha Church in Zion.

HEBREWS 11: 1-3

1. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
2. For by it the elders obtained a good report.
3. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

YOUNG BRIDES INVITED FOR EXCITING SEMINAR

In a bid to save the girl child from making wrong decisions when settling down with a future hubby and young brides in their new journey in marriage, Nokwanda Dlamini is hosting a 'Young Makoti' seminar.

The first ever seminar will be held on December 10 at CODEC, Ezulwini, from 09:00 to 13:00hrs.

Young Makoti is an organisation founded and

headed by Pastor Bakhe Dlamini's wife, Nokwanda. The organisation's main focus is empowering young brides.

The theme for the must attend seminar is: "Transition from Singlehood to Marriage".

Gracing

Speakers who will be gracing the event are Sword and Spirit Ministry's Co-founder, counsellor, and public speaker, Pastor Zandi

Thwala; marriage specialist, Dumsile Dlamini; corporate world leader-

Thandeka Dlamini; Yonder Worship Centre's senior pastor, author and motivational speaker, Bakhe Dlamini.

"We would like to encourage every young bride, aspiring brides and the youth to attend this seminar which is meant to enlighten young brides on issues of marriage, and we are very excited to host this seminar which will unveil all the things that eventually bother us as ladies in marriage.

Receiving

We are happy to be receiving such a huge response from the public, promises to be a life changing experience for young brides who will attend.

"We've been humbled and overwhelmed by confirmations from young brides as far as Durban, Johannesburg- to attend this seminar. We are looking at a great time of impartation of knowledge", revealed

Nokwanda Dlamini.

Tickets to the seminar cost E150, which will cater for tea and lunch. For tickets and reservations, the public can contact 7670 2291.

The dress code for the day will be: "Slay in stilettos".



SPEAKERS: Pastor Bakhe Dlamini, Yonder Worship Centre's senior pastor, an author and motivational speaker. (R) Pastor Zandi Thwala Sword and Spirit Ministry's Co-founder also a counsellor and public speaker.



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KOOL SWAZI'S DJ NJEBZA FEATURES SHOTA IN SINGLE

By Phumelele Mkhonta

SWAZI deejay and music producer Njabulo 'DJ Njebza' Mbhamali and South Africa's artist and businessman Mngqobi 'Shota' Mdabe have dropped a single titled 'iParty Kabani' just a week ago.

The track is proving to be a hit as it is currently getting huge air play in South African radio stations; it has been played on Metro FM, Ukhozi FM and other stations. The song is about the beauty of Swazi girls; Shota is a vocalist in the song while Mbhamali co-ordinates the drums and instruments.



TOGETHER: Njabulo 'DJ Njebza' Mbhamali and South Africa's artist and businessman Mngqobi 'Shota' Mdabe.

VIDEO ON THE PIPE LINE

There are still talks to produce a video of this track in the next coming weeks; though it was not disclosed as to when the video will be dropped. DJ Njebza is a Kool Swazi Entertainment deejay, a stable whose co-founder is Mfundo 'DJ Mfundo' Mbhamali, and they are also siblings.

Swazi guitarist for Selaelo Selota

By Phumelele Mkhonta

THE Swazi flag is hoisted higher and higher as local talents are breaking international barriers.

Swazi born guitarist Donald 'King Don' Thobela who relocated to South Africa in 2013 will be performing with jazz legend and 'Thrr...Phaaa!' hit-maker, Selaelo Selota this Saturday at Riders Ranch in Sidvokodvo. According to Thobela, he was born and bred in Makhohlolo in Mbabane where he stayed with his mother and he relocated to South Africa after discovering his father in 2013 in South Africa.

"I relocated to South Africa in 2013 after discovering my father who is South African. It was after that year that my music career started to pick-up, and I met big names like Selaelo Selota who then recruited me to his band as a guitarist and vocalist.

"I am excited and honoured to come back home to perform this Saturday; I have not lost my respect for my culture and I respect my people. I am also overwhelmed by the recognition that I have acquired. I promise those who will attend the best and it is a show not to be missed," said Thobela who is now based in Pretoria South Africa. Tickets to the event are still available at E200 general and E500 VIP. They can be purchased online at www.webtickets.co.za.

Reality 7 for Essence of Acapella

By Majaha Nkonyane

WELL known South African acapella sensation, Reality 7 is billed to perform in the country, in an event dubbed 'The Essence of Acapella' on November 5 at Woodlands in Ezulwini.

The group will be in the country courtesy of Hybrid Music and Sound, the event will be starting from 1800 hours till late. The company operates as a sound hire and rehearsal studio.

Despite that the company hosts all their shows using musical instruments, the show they are hosting is strictly acapella, no instrumental accompaniments. The event will have a number of local acapella groups which include: Harmony Trinity, Unitone and Harmony. The event's tickets are selling at E100 for adults and E40

for children; they will be available at the prepaid shop at the Swazi Plaza, Nandos, Mgavuzza Record Bar and Hybrid offices at checkers.

"In a bid to bring back the true essence of sound, we are hosting this concert which will unearth true talent. I would like to encourage everyone to come to this show, we are looking forward to this event, and I would also like to encourage everyone to get their tickets as soon as possible as we have limited tickets for the show", Hybrid and sound director Sanele Lukhele said. Reality 7 was founded in 1992 by men who were raised in a children's welfare home.

The group performs by singing South African gospel music in hospitals, schools and church events. On weekdays, several members mentor the youth through the Abalindi Welfare Society Home in Inanda, KwaZulu-Natal.

SD to have first opera show

By Nomfundo Sifundza

A new events management company called SD Classics is determined to bring the first ever opera show in Swaziland on November 25 at St Theresa High School.

The opera show is planned in such a way that it would have a clear and specific orchestrated story line where by the actual messages and actions will be portrayed by choristers from TUT as well other singers from local choirs.

SD Classics is a new company headed by Welile Nsibandze. Its main focus is classical

music, opera and choral music. The company finds new talent and equips them with the necessary performance skills and management skills to take their talent further.

According to Nsibandze; the first of its kind opera show to hit the country is a concept they have thought about and developed in a long period of time and they are now ready to roll it out to the public in the standard that other international countries host their opera shows.

The maestro behind the performances on the night would be Thando Zwane well known for his amazing vocal abilities in the classic and choral music circles.

Chakalaka now a team of four

By Phumelele Mkhonta

THE face of Chakalaka has changed as the popular deejay, DJ So What and songbird Nono have been added to the duo of LK and Mvilas.

Chakalaka is a music group whose main aim is to entertain and raise awareness on burning social issues through 'edutainment'. The group was founded in 2012 by Kwandumusa 'LK' Gama and Nkosingivile 'Mvilas' Mthethwa. Their breakthrough in the industry was via hit tracks 'Bafati' and 'Solo Siyabajoya'. According to Chakalaka Manager Samkeliso Sibandze, the change in the group was brought about by the zeal to be innovative. "We once featured Nono in our tracks and she

made a beautiful collaboration with DJ So What, we loved his talent from Finesse where he is a resident deejay. We saw it fit that as a group we add more talent for versatility," commented Sibandze.

The crew, which now has four members, has performed together and they have been featured for Sibebe Friday Night Live for next year February.



NEW FACES: Chakalaka.

PRODIGAL SONZ GEARED FOR SHHAS

By Nomfundo Sifundza

LOCAL Hip-hop three member group Prodigal Sonz are geared for the Swaziland Hip Hop Awards (SHHAS) slated for this coming Saturday.

The awards are a brain child of one of the most ambitious men in

the local entertainment scene Zwakele Mkhonta.

The Prodigal Sonz have been nominated in four categories namely; Group of the Year, Song of the Year, Video of the Year and Album of the year in which they hope to walk away with all awards. Speaking on behalf of the group, Ndimiso 'Mimz' Makhabane said

they have over the years brought a feel of hip-hop that has changed the look of the genre in the country and with it they hope to touch even greater masses.

Definitely

Makhabane continued "when we get on stage, we definitely own it. Many who have seen us perform already know this fact".

Although other artists who preferred not to be mentioned have been skeptical about the awards since they believe the marketing has not been loud enough for a concept as big as the hip-hop awards.

They however wished the best of luck to the man behind the concept and to the nominated artists as well.

The awards ceremony would be taking place at Esibayeni lodge on Saturday.

BIG BROTHER AFRICA STOPPED

Stories by Alec Lushaba
Johannesburg

MULTICHOICE Africa has stopped the production of its reality television shows, **Big Brother Africa**.

This was revealed by MultiChoice Africa CEO Tim Jacobs in an interview on Saturday ahead of the CNN MultiChoice 21st African Journalists Awards held in Johannesburg.

"It has been around for a long time. Not all countries got to follow it. It is a concept that has been there for over 10 years. It had some success, but did not generate the commercial success we had anticipated," Jacobs said. He said they found when they do **Big Brother** in this big format shows it works better when you do it in a particular country.

"We have just run **Big Brother** this year in Angola and South Africa runs its own.

It gets to resonate with that country or audience as compared

● Its production was no longer making commercial sense and MultiChoice is now trying fresh programme formats



TEAM: Tim Jacobs flanked by MultiChoice Swaziland GM Phumi Drummond and Namibian GM.

to when you do it with multiple competitors.

There is interest, but it is too dispersed and ends up not making the commercial sense intended," he said. Jacobs said they are at the same time trying new and fresher other big format shows that have become in their opinion relevant, as people demand

fresh stuff.

"So instead of doing **Big Brother** we are trying to move with the times and try shows like **Voice**, which we produce across many parts of the continent, like South Africa, Angola and Nigeria.

So far the response has been good and we are happy as music

and rhythm is endemic in the African culture."

He however stated it doesn't mean they will no longer consider doing **Big Brother Africa** again, but it means they are also trying new formats, news shows, fresher stuff and seeing how each of them resonates with their audiences.



ALL SMILES: Observer on Saturday Editor with Phumi and Tim Jacobs.

DIGITAL MIGRATION

TIM Jacobs says his company is assisting some African countries where they operate to manage the transition from analogue to digital signals.

He said as a company they have been operating on digital platform known as **DSTV** for many years.

"That is not the digital migration that governments are dealing with. We are talking of the transition from analogue to Digital Terrestrial Transmission (DTT). We have a brand called **GOTV**, which we operate in nine African countries.

In those countries where we have set-up our own networks and we certainly try to assist governments in their digital transition," he said.

Jacobs said they do not assist Botswana for example as it operates a standard different from the rest of the countries in the continent.

He said in countries like

Zambia, Kenya (which has switched off completely its analogue transmission and Namibia), they do assist those governments.

"There are two parts into the digital migration, which is setting up the infrastructure that allows the signals to be distributed and the second part is giving every household access to that signal (set-top box).

"We have tried in the countries where we operate DTT networks that make commercial sense to subsidise set-top boxes and make it possible for people to access these gadgets and convert from analogue to digital signal.

"However, different countries have different needs, so we sometimes offer advice on how to go about this transition phase or offer technical training and there are times where we educate them on how we have set up DTT in some countries where we operate. We play a role," Jacobs said.



CONGRATS: The Nation Magazine Editor Bheki Makhubu congratulates winner of the Mohamed Amin Photographic Award James Oatway.



PROUD SWAZI: Swazi born GE Head of Communications Thuli Phiri.



GOOD TO MEET YOU: Phumi meets KwaMagogo No.43 Trelawny Park Author and concept founder Elias Masilela.

CNN, MultiChoice African Journalists Awards cannot fix journalism standards

MULTICHOICE Africa CEO Tim Jacobs says the continent journalism standards and quality cannot be fixed by an awards programme like the CNN MultiChoice African Journalists Awards.

"The function is to highlight and showcase story telling and what goes on behind the scenes. That is how much risk journalists take in investigating and exposing corruption in certain countries. And how much integrity plays in coming up with that story when we know that journalist's life is in danger and people don't want to share that information," he said in an interview with the Swazi Observer over the weekend.

"That is what the awards can achieve and highlight. This programme allows us the opportunity to know what is happening within the continent," Jacobs said.

He said it is also important that when journalists do their work they are first and foremost not driven by the desire to win an award, but more about their conviction to tell the story or get to its bottom.

"To get an award is an after effect, but it motivates you in your peer group," he said.

When asked if MultiChoice Africa with its partners would consider doing regional or country awards before the continental event, Jacobs said logistically it may be a challenge.

"We would need to ensure quality and avoid bias to ensure the standards of integrity are maintained. I am not saying it does not have conceptual merit but practically it may have some complications," he said.

Quality

When asked how they ensure the quality of journalism improves, Jacobs said their primary focus is to provide television programming, but stay away from news production.

"We carry channels with news on it, but do not produce news or direct the outcome of news.

One of the reasons is we try to stay away from the political arena. We are a regulated industry, we showcase and carry channels that are in the business of news, but we don't participate in that space.

A lot of that is done through editorial policies that we don't influence but just carry their platforms," he said.

Jacobs said even a small thing like a financial contribution from them may find that in a way it starts to influence certain things, hence they stay out of such issues.

"We are a TV platform provider and not a news producer," he said.

When asked if we can count on MultiChoice for continued support of these awards?

"Like all good business executives, we never commit for the long haul, but we have nothing on the table to say we will not continue to support it, but at the same time I cannot say it will be here forever.

"We believe it plays a unique role in the continent and we use this event to bring our guest and stakeholders on board. So long as it has meaning in the continent I don't see us stopping to support the programme."



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NEWS



HIGHLIGHTS

CULINARY JOURNEYS

Today 10:30 | CNN
International (401)

CNN Culinary Journeys comes to the rainbow nation in

October for an exploration of South African cuisine with the country's top chef, Reuben Riffel.



THE CHASE CELEBRITY SPECIALS

Tomorrow 17:30 | ITV
Choice (123)

"S6/E1 - 6/1". Bradley Walsh hosts a celebrity edition of the hit quiz show in which four

famous faces must work together to try and win thousands of pounds for charity.

Can they outwit the Chaser, one of Britain's finest quiz brains?



DCs legends of tomorrow

Tomorrow 20:30 | Vuzu Amp
(103)

"S2/E1 - Out Of Time". After the murders of his family, time

master Rip Hunter travels back in time to the present day where he brings together a team of heroes and villains to prevent more killings.

WE ARE BEARS

Saturday 11:50 | Cartoon
Network (301)

"S1/E27 - Yard Sale". Follow

three bear brothers named Grizzly, Panda and Ice Bear in their awkward attempts at assimilating into human society.



EVA+ WILL BE ON DSTV

MULTICHOICE Africa and AMC Networks International have announced that they will launch telenovela channel Eva+ in Africa, a sister channel to Eva that first aired on DStv in 2015.

Eva+ will begin airing on Tuesday, November 1 on all DStv packages on channels 142.

Similarly to Eva, Eva+ will offer high production value Latin American telenovelas fully dubbed in English and Portuguese languages, and will be the first channel in AMC Networks International - UK's (AMCNI UK) regional portfolio to be available on MultiChoice's DTT platform.

Louise Cottrell, Vice President, Affiliate Sales for AMCNI UK, said: "We are delighted to be expanding on our telenovela offering and introducing Eva+ to the African market, in partnership with MultiChoice. Telenovelas continue to be popular in the region, so it's exciting that with Eva+ offered on DStv, we will now be able to reach brand new African audiences with our top quality content."

"With our focus now on putting our customer first, we are delighted to be



adding Eva+ on to our platforms. Telenovelas have always been a sensation with our customers and we hope this addition further demonstrates our commitment to bringing programming that will make viewers eager to tune in to DStv," said MultiChoice Africa CEO Tim Harris.

Eva+ will air double bills of four telenovela titles every weekday and marathons over the weekend, including *Buscando a Maria* (Searching Maria) on air from Tuesday 1 November at 11:20 every weekday then on Saturday at 06:00 and on Sunday at 16:00 and *Cuando me*

Enamoro (Timeless Love) on air from Thursday 1 December at 11:20 on weekdays at 17:00 then on Saturday at 06:00 and on Sunday at 16:00, CAT.

Eva will continue to broadcast on the DStv platform, and in addition to the DStv Premium, DStv Compact Plus and DStv Compact packages on channel 141, it is now offered in the DStv Family package, reaching further audiences. Two of the most successful series, *We are Family* (Somos Familia) and *Foiled into Love* (Amores con Trampa) from the Eva schedule are now available as seven-day catch up.

NEW GIRL

Tomorrow 20:35 | Comedy
Central (122)

What do you get when you throw a quirky young woman into a house with three odd guys? One of the funniest series on TV it seems. Jess and her three closest friends are back for another hilarious season. Find out where her and Nick fled to after the wedding. Meanwhile, the rest of the crew have some important decisions to make.



MultiChoice announces a revolution in pay-TV

GREAT news for television lovers in Malawi - the revolution has arrived and everyone will continue to enjoy great family entertainment as MultiChoice delivers even more value to DStv Premium, DStv Compact Plus, DStv Compact and DStv Family! True to our commitment to our customers, MultiChoice has announced a decrease on DStv subscription prices alongside a massive content upgrade on DStv packages, effective on November 1, 2016.

MultiChoice's priority is to put customers at the heart of our business - and this is exactly what we are doing! In the last nine months DStv has delivered the world's best football leagues to DStv Compact customers (February) followed by the DStv price freeze in April - and in the latest giant leap in

providing customer value, DStv is offering the best value entertainment by combining both quality and variety at a reduced rate to ensure everyone has access to great family entertainment.

Announcement

Today's announcement introduces even greater changes to benefit customers - these include:

DStv Premium: More for less - more HD and pop-up channels at 9% less.

DStv Premium remains the ultimate television entertainment experience in Malawi - with the best of everything including the world's most popular local and international channels.

To entrench real value, DStv Premium will now offer more for less with an unbelievable reduction of 9% on the subscription price from November 1, the new subscription

price will be K55 600 from K61 100.

With the addition of eight high definition (HD) channels, customers can now watch more of their favourite shows including the latest and exclusive first run movies, drama, comedy and sport in picture-perfect, crystal clear quality on the 20 HD channels now available to them.

Celebrate

Also this October, DStv Premium customers will celebrate with M-Net on the M-Net Movies Blockparty pop-up channel on 109, and can look forward to more exciting pop-up channels in the coming months like the M-Net Movies Harry Potterpop-up channel which will run from 4 to 14 November.

DStv Compact Plus: Gets bigger and better with eight new channels at a 15% reduction in price.

International
Celebrity News

Seyfried opens up about living with mental illness

LOS ANGELES- Amanda Seyfried is who she is, and she doesn't pretend otherwise.

So, while discussing home renovations in Allure's November issue, the Fathers and Daughters actress casually mentions she has obsessive compulsive disorder. "I bought the house in 2013, and then I had it redone," Seyfried, 30, says of the home she owns in Stone Ridge, N.Y., located about 100 miles north of New York City. "I just finished renovating one of the barns for guests. I put in a bathroom and a little kitchenette, but no stove; I want people to eat meals in the house. Also, I always worry about peo-



I AM WHO I AM: Amanda Seyfried.

ple and how they use stoves. Which is just a controlling thing." *Eonline*

'Harper has a better social life than I do!'

AUSTRALIA- She never fails to gush about her four children with husband David Beckham in various interviews.

But it was quite surprising to hear Victoria Beckham admit to Vogue Australia, that her five-year-old daughter is the more popular out of the mother-daughter duo.

"Harper has a better social life than I do," the 42-year-old singer-turned-fashion-designer revealed, adding the five-year-old has 'a lot of friends.'

"[Harper] works very hard at school and is very sociable, so has a lot of friends," Victoria



GUSHES: Victoria Beckham.

gushed in the November issue. "She has a better social life than I do!" the popular personality joked. *Dailymail*

Clarkson wins the E!Q in 42

LOS ANGELES- Kelly Clarkson broke some sort of awesomeness record while taking the E!Q in 42.

Seriously, we didn't set out to have this be a competition, but Kelly just won all the same.

Blazing through our questions about wake-up times, bed size, sex vs. naps, Prince William vs. Prince Harry and more, the vibrant singer and children's book author happily—and quite thoughtfully—shared all sorts of



BREAKS RECORD: Kelly Clarkson.

insight into what makes her tick.

Such as the reason she and Prince Harry wouldn't get along, etc. *Eonline*

Anderson responds to being labelled a sex symbol

HOLLYWOOD- She is the sultry X-Files star who landed the top spot for FHM's 100 Sexiest People poll twenty years ago.

But Gillian Anderson, 47, has revealed that she had 'no clue' about her sex symbol status during her formative years in Hollywood. "I never understood that. I had no clue what anybody was talking about," mused the mother-of-three in an interview published in Harper's Bazaar this month. And it suddenly hit me... there is no relevance to me whatsoever. *Dailymail*



CLUELESS: Gillian Anderson.

SA Celebrity News

Mbuli calls the press to slam them

JOHANNESBURG- Controversial musician Mzwakhe Mbuli invited members of the media to an urgent press conference on Tuesday morning, where he lambasted them for 'killing' Mandoza before his death.

The press conference aimed to set the record straight on a recent Sunday World report, which claimed that Mzwakhe and Mandoza's manager, Kevin Ntaopane allegedly committed 'fraud' by allegedly sending a



SUMMONS: Mzwakhe Mbuli.

letter to the Music Association of South Africa (Masa) requesting funds to bankroll the star's company Nkalakatha Records. *Timeslive*

I was afraid to say my mother had HIV - Nova

JOHANNESBURG- Following the recent release of his heart-break album, Naninina, depicting a tumultuous period in his life, Vusi Nova has opened up about being ashamed to reveal the cause of his mother's death.

Speaking to DRUM, the singer revealed that Naninina helped him to not only face, but heal from all the pain he's suffered in the past, such as losing his parents and turning to drugs as a result. He said that after his mother passed away, he would



SCARED: Vusi Nova.

often not divulge the fact that she died of HIV, saying that he was very afraid. *Sowetan*

ProVerb's idea of romance is pretty simple

JOHANNESBURG- Whether you're coupled up or flying solo, it's always fun to hear romantic stories of famous faces. After all, celebrity romances are sort of like real-life fairy tales: even if they don't end up together, it's still fun to hear about their over-the-top gestures and declarations of love.

However, ProVerb's idea of being romantic is one that has probably never crossed your mind before.

While his adorable romantic gesture may lack the zeal of renting someone a wall, or declaring love on a conveniently located



ROMANTIC STORIES: ProVerb.

coffee cart, it reminded us that the simplest things count the most. *Timeslive*

Modise's soccer jersey causes havoc!

PRETORIA - Teko Modise causes havoc on the stands over a soccer jersey he threw to the crowd.

It seems controversial soccer star Teko Modise still has the magical touch. In a turn of events during a soccer match between Mamelodi Sundowns and Zamalek at Lucas Moripe Stadium in Atteridgeville, Pretoria on Saturday, Teko threw his jersey to the crowd and it created another match on the stands.

A group of his fans allegedly fought over the jersey, pulling and pushing until one of them grabbed it and ran away. And in light of all the negative



MAGICAL TOUCH: Teko Modise.

reports about his love life, Teko says he remains grounded. *Drum*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Zweli learns the shocking truth about Sihle. Judas targets the press conference with a new attack. Zama puts together a special project for Jabu, while Zanele makes her presence felt.



FEEL IT: Zanele.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



TOLD: Nina.

Obakeng reveals to Nina that Georgie is the informant. Gabriel tries to bamboozle Nikiwe into changing security at SG for his own ends.

Muvhango

TODAY

Bobo takes a gamble to win Serithi back to his side, but will she fall for his lies? Matshidiso worms her way back into KK's arms. Azwindini continues to be intrigued by Mpho despite Vho-Masindi's protests.

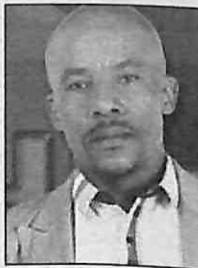


WARMER: KK.

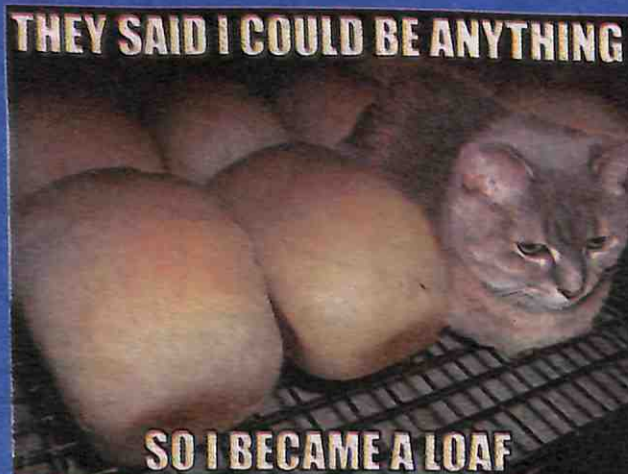
RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Sindiswa is forced to face the truth about Jeff. Suffo makes a proposal to Puleng that threatens to tear them apart. Doc lies about his prognosis to the family. Kop meets a mysterious man who offers solutions to his financial problems.



MAKES PROPOSAL: Suffo.



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Daily Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

The support you need is within your reach. This is a good time to solve problems and make important decisions. You will find a way around almost any obstacle and are in control and able to guide yourself with ease. Your sense of inner direction is good and should lead to many opportunities. You bring a sense of value and the ideal to what are otherwise very practical matters. You may find that you would be good management material.



Daily Cancer June 22 - July 22

When it comes to your work or home, your conservative values clash with whatever is unconventional and different. You may not care for the furniture or appliance someone has chosen. You do not value novelty and do your best to ignore changes. You appreciate tradition and regularity and your value system is dead set against anything new or out of the ordinary. There are regular infusions of change, which you may find very disturbing. New things may seem to overpower you. Occasionally, you surprise others and this could be one of those times.



Daily Aquarius January 20 - February 18

You will tend to enjoy socialising at work today. You can always put your ideas into words and describe or analyse situations for yourself and others. Your theories may be fine, but you may lack the patience to let things ripen. Write down your ideas and present them to an administrator instead of talking about them to co-workers.



Daily Leo July 23 - August 22

Others may find you especially witty and eccentric at this time. Much of your personal life hinges on pursuing your own growth and success. Your sense of discrimination, the ability to discern gradations and differences, is a crucial element in your personality.



Daily Pisces February 19 - March 20

There may be confusion today over a professional or career decision. You do not like making career decisions any more than the rest of us—this time you might consider some professional advice. Otherwise, the question at hand could become somewhat more complex. Making your mark on the world has special significance for you. Achievement, ambition and authority take on a greater importance.



Daily Aries March 21 - April 19

You take an attitude of gratitude today as you move forward with your career plans—loved ones support your ideas. Your system of values may deepen, providing you with a better sense of discrimination and good taste. You will begin to make good choices in the area of investments now. There is a lot of mental energy to complete your plans but there must be a balance maintained so you are not too stressed.



Daily Taurus April 20 - May 20

There could be some restrictions on your activities at work today—you may find yourself pacing the floor much of the morning. Inactivity can be just as stressful as too much activity. Repairing machinery or perhaps taking inventory would be beneficial. Perhaps you could find ways in which you can be of help to someone else. This will speed things along and then you will find a busy afternoon.



Daily Gemini May 21 - June 21

Your outward seriousness and no-nonsense approach to things are obvious to all. This deliberate sense of responsibility comes across and is central to your personality and the way you relate to other people. Everything is run through your checkpoint to see if it holds up and can pass the test. You can be a stickler with details today. You are driven and passionate in your pursuit of change and inner growth.



Daily Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22

There are plenty of opportunities today for you to choose and move into positive and upbeat circles. You may not have had any idea that your supervisors knew you were talented. You will have a chance to show off your talents and help create new ideas that improve the techniques of many employees you may have never seen. This may also entail the writing down of instructions and perhaps a guide for others to follow.



Daily Libra September 23 - October 23

You are a very feeling person and can sense the drift of a situation without a lot of study or wasted time. This immediate hands-on approach might be contrasted with one that is more deliberate. You could be left with a bit of an inferiority complex when it comes to matters of education, philosophy and conceptual ability. In a word, you revere this kind of stuff, not because it is natural to you, but rather because it may not come easily.



Daily Scorpio October 24 - November 21

Try not to worry so much—your abilities are much more accurate than you realise. Your general sense of concern for everything makes you valuable when anything needs doing but, if left unoccupied, you have been known to worry needlessly. Given only a few facts, you are able to take in a situation and come up with a real picture of what is happening.



Daily Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21

You have an innate urge to save, salvage and conserve. You could and probably will teach others the secret of your success—whatever that might be. You always want to help, to be of service, and to be fully useful. You hate waste and are very thorough and precise. For the most part, you are accepting. There is a need to be the centre of attention this afternoon when you discover an investment you made was a good choice.



BABY BLUES



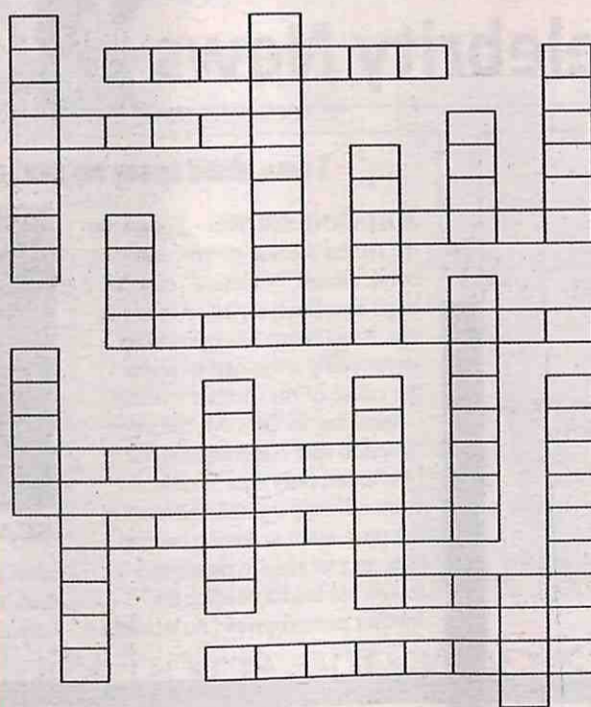
BUCKLES



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOVIE CROSSWORD - 36



Like a Moth to a Flame
by Duncan MacKellar

A light down below,
A strange attraction.
Whatever it is,
She feels the reaction.

Drawing her closer
With mystical glow,
A yearning inside,
From long ago.

Circling now,
It's pulling her in.
Nothing resists
The desire from within.

Wings almost touching,

Feeling the heat,
Can it be now
Time and destiny meet?

Spinning down
To the thunderous roar,
Into the fire,
Now beckoning more.

Then all at once,
A great wind blows,
The lethal flame,
No longer glows.

Released from the spell
Of the mortal light,
She turns away quickly,
Into the night.

LOL WORMS

A professor of chemistry wanted to teach his 5th grade class a lesson about the evils of liquor, so he produced an experiment that involved a glass of water, a glass of whiskey, and two worms.

"Now, class, closely observe the worms," said the professor while putting a worm into the water. The worm in the water writhed about, happy as a

worm in water could be. He then put the second worm into the whiskey. It curled up and writhed about painfully, then quickly sank to the bottom, dead as a doornail.

"Now, what lesson can we learn from this experiment?" the professor asked.

Johnny, who naturally sits in the back, raised his hand and wisely, responded confidently, "Drink whiskey and you won't get worms."

USELESS FACTS

1. The praying mantis is the only insect that can turn its head

2. Daffy Duck's middle name is "Dumas"

3. In Disney's Fantasia, the Sorcerer's name is "Yensid" (Disney backwards.)

4. In The Empire Strikes

Back there is a potato hidden in the asteroid field

5. Walt Disney holds the world record for the most Academy Awards won by one person, he has won twenty statuettes, and twelve other plaques and certificates

6. James Bond's car had three different license plates in Goldfinger

BRAINTEASERS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERSYESTERDAY'S
BRAINTEASERS

1. What has an eye but cannot see?

Answer: A needle.

Paul's height is six feet, he's an assistant at a butcher's shop, and wears size 9 shoes. What does he weigh?

Answer: Meat.

TODAY'S
BRAINTEASERS

1. There was a green house. Inside the green house there was a white house. Inside the white house there was a red house. Inside the red house there were lots of babies. What is it?

2. What kind of room has no doors or windows?

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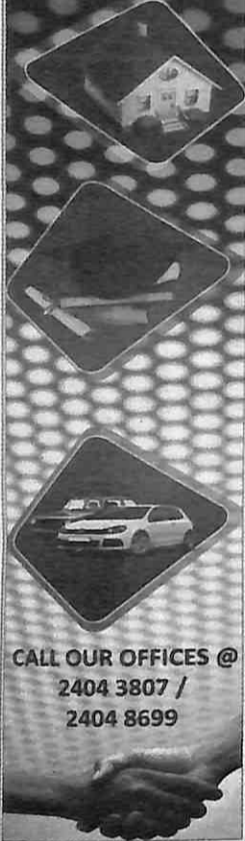
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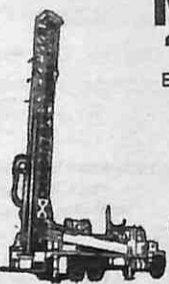


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Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Rose N. Mazibuko (uMavilane)** kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 23/10/16 emvakwemlindzelo ekhakhakhe Kontjingila. Sitieshi kukaMagagane. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguyise wakhe Philile H. Vilane

JOB 13:15

Though He slay me,
yet will I hope in him:
I will surely
defend my ways to
his face.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Maganga Dlamini** lotalwa ngumntfwane Nkhosi Manconjwane Samketi Dlamini na make Getrude Ndwandwe kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa beMadlangempisi ekhabo gogo wakhe nebakaNdwandwe ekhabonina eLwandle naseMbekelweni F.E.A. lapho bekakhonta khona. Kanyane nebantfwabeNkhosi Bonkhe. Kulindzelwa ngaLesine 20/10/16 afihlwe ngalesihlanu mhlaka 21/10/16 ngelisisiko leMalangeni kaNdlala. Simemetelo sikhishwa yiNduna T.V. Mtsetfwa.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Makhosazane Kayise Masango** lobekatiwa ngekutsi nguMaketile kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 23/10/16 emva kwemlindzelo eNhlabeni, eMubukweni. Lokhipha simemetelo ngumake wakhe Sizakele.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Babbe Mehlwengane Luise Tsabedze** nebasekhakhakhe eNyakeni bakaDlamini nebakaShabangu khabo nina kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Wasebenta eBulembu naseJozi. Inkonzoyesikhumbuto ise St Peregrins Roman Catholic Mission mhlaka 21 ngaleSihlanu. Icala nga 3.00pm bese kuyalindzelwa ekhaya lakhe eBulandzeni. Ufihlwa endlini yakhe yekugcina ngeMgibelo ekuseni mhlaka 22. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni wakaTsabedze.



Kwatiswa bakaZikalala nebakaMaseko, eSouth Africa nebakaMhlanga eMangcongco kutsi make **Elizabeth Maseko-Zikalala** akasekho emhlabeni. Usishiye mhlaka 16/10/16 utofihlwa mhlaka 23/10/16 ngeliSontfo, eNgogodla. Kwatiswa libandla lakhe laseGwamile Apostle Church. Sitieshi kukuMacembe. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumfundisi Esewu Zikalala.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani nemndeni wakaNhlabatsi ekhabonina kanye nebaseMsizini nebasekhakhakhe kaKhumalo kutsi **Sibonangaye Sibusiso Sabatha Simelane** lobekasebenta e His Majesty's Correctional Services kuMatsapha eCriminal kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhaya kubo eMsizini. Umlindzelo ungaleSihlanu mhlaka 21/10/16. Afihlwe ngeMgibelo mhlaka 22/10/16 ekuseni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni wakaSimelane.

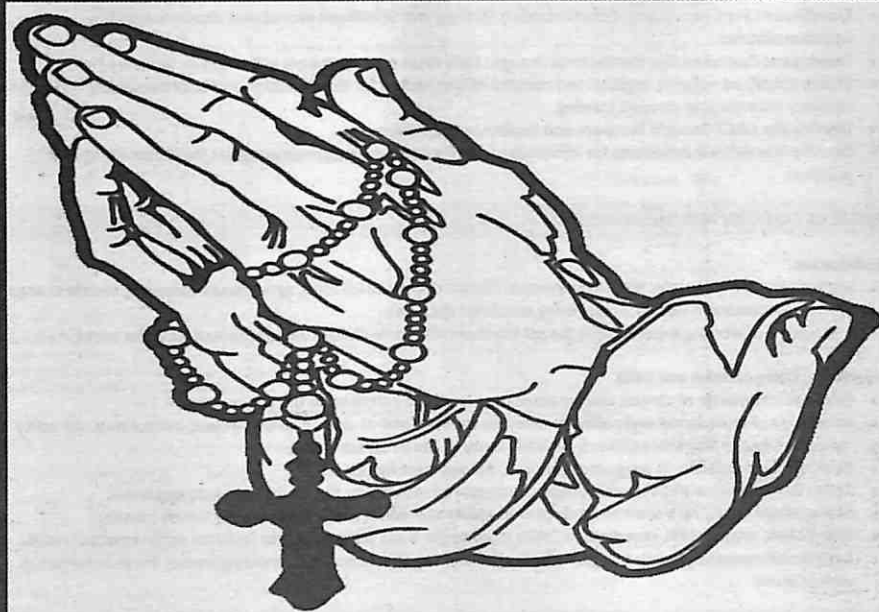


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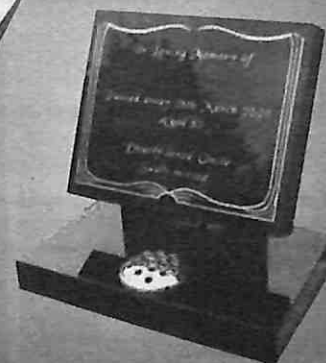
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Post Title	: Technical Support Services: El Nino Drought Emergency Project
Country of Assignment	: Swaziland
Start Date	: 1 st November 2016
Duration	: 1 st November -28 February 2017 Part-time basis spread throughout the 4 Months
Supervision	: National Disaster Management Agency, Director : UNDP, Programme Specialist

BACKGROUND

Swaziland is one of the countries in Southern Africa that is experiencing the severe impacts of the most powerful El Niño. The El Niño has been prolonged by the concurrent impacts of climate change resulting in austere drought, prolonged dry spells, poor records of rainfall and very high temperatures resulting in a poor agricultural harvest especially for the staple crop, maize. Key sectors have been affected namely agriculture and food security, WASH, education, health and energy as well as coordination capacity to enable efficiencies.

The newly restructured National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) requires organisational support to strengthen its coordination mechanisms in particular to curb the escalating El Niño drought impacts through the implementation of the emergency/relief component of the recently approved National Emergency Response, Mitigation and Adaptation (NERMAP) as well as facilitate early recovery (ER).

In view of the need to build resilience, strengthen coordination, information management, communication, creation of awareness including developing organisational systems for NDMA, the UN System has committed to supporting the country to ensure effective coordination, establishment of performance monitoring system, information management in the implementation of the NERMAP across respective sectors. The services of a Technical Consultant are sought to provide support for the development of operational management frameworks of the emergency leading to resilience early recovery.

TASKS

- Working under the guidance of the UN Resident Coordinator and reporting through the UNDP Programme Specialist the Technical Consultant will be expected to work under the guidance of the NDMA, Director and providing expertise to the UN Resident Coordinator's Emergency Coordinator to undertake the following tasks:
- Develop the rapid assessment of current information and data management systems and appropriate strategies/systems for the national response by producing the following deliverables; Emergency Multi-sectoral Coordination Framework; and, Communication Strategy and Guidelines on national disasters including operationalization.
- Develop and Operationalise the National Drought Early Recovery Framework with an Early Recovery Plan.
- Ensure enhanced national, regional and constituency capacities for the execution and operationalizing of the early recovery strategic plan through training.
- Develop the UNCT Drought Recovery and Resilience Programme
- Develop innovative mechanisms for information sharing and knowledge management for documenting best practices.

DEGREE OF EXPERTISE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Qualification

- Master's Degree in Disaster Risk Management, climate change adaptation, agriculture economics, climate change studies, development studies, engineering or related discipline.
- 3 to 5 years of working experience in the environment of climate change adaptation and/or water sector.

Experience, Competencies and Skills

- Extensive knowledge of climate change adaptation issues, in particular in the water sector.
- Knowledge of institutional and policy frameworks on Swaziland as related to the project, institutional and policy
- Issues on Disaster Risk Management, Early Recovery would be an advantage.
- Demonstrated expertise in programme/project management for results.
- Ability to communicate effectively complex, technical information to the audiences at various levels.
- Management ability for a team to produce with ability to produce quality outputs in a timely manner.
- Negotiation, organization, coordination, skills to influence a win-win position to facilitate achievement of results.
- Exceptional presentation, reporting and facilitation skills to effect consensus building among the stakeholders at various levels.

IMPACT OF RESULTS

Timely, effective and efficient coordination of the management of the El Niño Drought Emergency Project and achievement of planned targets and output/outcome results including reporting responsibilities.

DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT

Part-time spread throughout the 4 months duration of the El Niño Drought Emergency Project (November 2016 -February 2017).

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

Individual Contract signed with UNDP based on UN rates and payment contractual terms.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Interested individuals are invited to submit detailed CVs and Expression of Interest (EOI) marked 'Technical Support: El Niño Drought Emergency Project', to UNDP Offices, 5th Floor Lilunga House, P.O. Box 261, Mbabane or e-mail application to Registry.sz@undp.org or sent to <http://jobs.undp.org> on or before the 25th October 2016.

Additional Considerations

- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
- Only those candidates that are short-listed for interviews will be notified.
- Qualified male candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

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CELEBRATION: Mahrez (centre) celebrates with Islam Slimani (left) after the latter provided him with the assist for his goal.

MAHREZ'S STRIKE SEALS VICTORY FOR HOSTS

LEICESTER - In three Champions League outings, Leicester City have done what they couldn't in eight Premier League matches. Win three games. Reach nine points.

The Jekyll and Hyde nature to their season meant that with victory over Copenhagen Claudio Ranieri's team overtook their domestic points tally in Europe and now stand on the brink of reaching the knock-out stages at their first attempt. What a wonderful achievement that would be, and proof in neon lights of why Ranieri is quite correct

to prioritise this competition. Leicester achieved a miracle last season in winning the title and given a repeat was never under serious consideration claiming a place alongside the continent's 16 finest sides is a magnificent follow-up. While they appear vulnerable in the Premier League, they have now gone 270 minutes without conceding in Europe, and here faced opponents of decent heritage. Copenhagen, the Danish champions, were unbeaten in 23 games before Tuesday night but were edged out by Leicester, who have found a rhythm in the Champions

League other debutants could only wish for.

A large dose of gratitude for the shut-out must go to Kasper Schmeichel, who produced a stunning save in the 90th minute. Pressing for an equaliser, Copenhagen forward Federico Santander pulled back a cross that was met flush by Andreas Cornelius 10 yards out.

But playing against a club from his home country for the first time Schmeichel was not to be beaten. He adjusted his feet superbly and dived right, bringing a strong wrist to block to the fast-travelling ball. *Daily Mail*

'NASRI' IS AT HEIGHT OF HIS GAME'



HAILED: Samir Nasri.

MADRID - Sevilla boss Jorge Sampaoli has hailed Samir Nasri's match-winning performance against Dinamo Zagreb and believes the Manchester City loanee is playing to his full ability.

Nasri gave the Spanish side a 1-0 Champions League win at Croatian title holders Dinamo Zagreb in their Group H clash on Tuesday night.

Sampaoli, the former Chile Manager, has heaped praise on the Frenchman after he scored his third goal since

making the move from the Etihad Stadium.

'Nasri is performing and showing how good he is. He is a player at the height of his game, and he is getting us through the games,' said Sampaoli.

'We deserved more goals, but in these games if you don't have success you cannot afford mistakes.'

'If we are not strong it will be difficult to compete with better teams.'

With the passage of time, I hope to improve this.'

Daily Mail

BVB young guns shoot for knockouts

LISBON - Borussia Dortmund's young guns shone in the absence of almost a dozen injured regulars to keep the side firmly on track for the Champions League knock-out stages with a defiant 2-1 victory at Sporting Lisbon on Tuesday.

Dortmund have struggled without Marco Reus, Raphael Guerreiro, Sven Bender, Andre Schuerrle, Adrian Ramos and Gonzalo Castro among others, pick-

ing up a single point in their last two Bundesliga matches with an inexperienced line-up. "There will be setbacks, no doubt, given the age of the team and the three competitions we are playing in," Dortmund CEO Hans-Joachim Watzke told Reuters recently. "That is something that cannot be avoided." However, there was no evidence of stage fright among Dortmund's talented youngsters on Tuesday as they took a 2-0



YOUNG GUN: Thomas Tuchel.

first half lead in Portugal before holding on for a win that kept them top of Group F on seven points from three matches. © Reuters

CASILLAS SETS NEW RECORD FOR MOST CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WINS

Madrid - Iker Casillas helped Porto to a 2-1 win away at Brugge and in doing so set the record for the most wins in the Champions League.

The goalkeeper has won 92 games in Europe's top competition spanning his career for Real Madrid and Porto.

Casillas made an immediate impact in his debut Champions League season for Real when he became the youngest player to play in goal at 19 years and four days old and helped them win the competition when they beat Valencia in Paris in the 1999/2000 season.

It was the first of three Champions League titles he won with Real over his 16 year career at the Bernabeu.

Porto's win in Belgium took Casillas to 92 wins in the competition - one ahead of former Barcelona star Xavi - and if the Portuguese side are to get out of the group then they will need to win a few more games as they currently sit third behind Leicester and Copenhagen.

At 35 Casillas is sure to have a few more seasons left to play and will have the opportunity to extend his record.

But with Xavi retired, the biggest threat to his record comes from his former Real Madrid teammate Cristiano Ronaldo who is 11 wins behind on 81.

And with the holders going well in Europe there is every chance the

Portugal super star will be able to narrow the gap this season. Another of Casillas' former team

-mates, Raul is next on the list with 79 wins in the Champions League and then comes two-time winner and Manchester United hero Ryan Giggs who has 74 wins to his name.

Barcelona star Andres Iniesta has won 71 times while his former captain at the Nou Camp is next with 67 wins in Europe's premier club competition.

One-time winner and two-time runner-up Philipp Lahm is next on the list with 66 wins - one ahead of Dutch legend Clarence Seedorf.

The next goalkeeper on the list is ex-Barcelona stopper Victor Valdes



CELEBRATION: Iker Casillas celebrates Porto's win over Bruggs to take his tally to 92 Champions League wins.

who has won 64 Champions League wins - including three in finals. Former Real Madrid star Roberto Carlos also has 64 wins and can match both Valdes and Casillas for three Champions

League titles. If Porto were to go on a run to the final this season, it could see Casillas move up to three figures in terms of wins with 10 games remaining this season.

Daily Mail

'LLORIS 'ONE OF THE BEST IN THE WORLD'

Leverkusen - Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper Hugo Lloris drew high praise from Mauricio Pochettino after playing a key role in Tuesday's goalless draw with Bayer Leverkusen in the Champions League.

Lloris' stop to deny Javier Hernandez a certain goal from point-blank range in the second half was the standout in a top-class performance.

"I think after two years here and a few months, my third season at Tottenham, only I can say good things for him," Pochettino said. "He is a fantastic goalkeeper, one of the best in the world. Today in the second half he



THE BEST: Hugo Lloris.

was brilliant again.

"I have not changed my opinion about him, he is one of the best goalkeepers in the world, he showed in every action today he is top quality, one of the best.

"I think he is in the best moment of his career and

always it is important to have a 'keeper like him."

Tottenham will look forward to the return of Toby Alderweireld and Harry Kane after a difficult time up front and in defence.

The pair are set to make earlier-than-expected returns from injury.

Pochettino said a scan on Alderweireld's leg showed no major problems, while Kane has already begun light training.

Tottenham could have both available for the return match against Leverkusen. Spurs remain second in Group E after Tuesday's stalemate, one point off the top spot. *Sport24*

BALE USES RECOVERY SYSTEM TO GET BACK IN THE GROOVE

MADRID - Gareth Bale has been quick to start the recovery process after scoring his first Champions League goal since 2014 in Real Madrid's 5-1 win over Legia Warsaw.

The Wales star opened the scoring in the thrashing on Tuesday night and has already begun to recharge his batteries using a Pulse Pro Recovery system.

Bale, the former Tottenham

forward, took to his Instagram account following the game at the Bernabeu to upload a picture of the process.

He captioned his post: "Bit of recovery after another good performance from the lads and very happy to get on the scoresheet."

The 27-year-old superstar wore the Normatec Pro system over his legs as part of his compression therapy after

their comfortable victory.

The Normatec Pro Pulse Recovery system offers rehab and recovery help for athletes as they seek to get back on the horse.

Bale had every reason to smile after scoring his first goal in the competition since a group stage win over Ludogorets in December, 2014. *Daily Mail*



SCORES: Gareth Bale



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INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF SCHOOL FURNITURE FOR SELECTED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Tender Reference No. 214 of 2016/2017

The Ministry of Education and Training now invites sealed tenders from eligible and qualified tenderers for the supply and delivery of furniture for selected primary and secondary schools as described in the table below:

Description of Goods	Lot	Number of Primary and Secondary Schools	Units of Furniture
Supply and Delivery of single combination secondary school desks for primary schools	Lot 1: Hhohho Primary Schools	28	1400 pupils desks 36 teachers' desk 36 teachers' chairs
	Lot 2: Lubombo Primary Schools	14	700 pupils desks 15 teachers' desk 15 teachers' chairs
	Lot 3: Shiselweni Primary Schools	25	1250 pupils desks 33 teachers' desk 33 teachers' chairs
	Lot 4: Manzini Primary School	26	1200 pupils desks 24 teachers' desk 24 teachers' chairs
Supply and Delivery of single combination secondary school desks for secondary schools	Lot 5: Hhohho Secondary Schools	7	350
	Lot 6: Lubombo Secondary Schools	12	1150
	Lot 7: Shiselweni Secondary Schools	8	510
	Lot 8: Manzini Secondary School	24	990

Note: Details of supply of furniture are specified in the Tender Document.

The Invitation to Tender document can be obtained at the Ministry of Education and Training Building, First Floor, Officer 115 for the price of E300 (Three Hundred Emalangezi), which against receipt should be paid at Mbabane Revenue Office (payment is non-refundable) to A/C 351/3101/21990

Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, which must be marked as follows:

"The Secretary to National Tender Board", Treasury Building, Mhlambanyatsi Road, MBABANE"

Further, the envelope must be marked with the following information: 'Ministry of Education and Training', 'Tender No. 214 of 2016/2017', '[supply and delivery of school furniture for Lot ____]', please specify lot(s) tendering for. 'Do not open before [09.00 a.m.] on the [18th November 2016]'.

Tenders must be delivered to the offices of National Tender Board, Treasury Building, Mhlambanyatsi Road, Mbabane, Swaziland, by [09.00 a.m. on the 18th November 2016] and deposited in the Treasury Tender Box. There will be a COMPULSORY pre-tender meeting FOR ALL TENDERERS on Wednesday, 2nd November 2016 at the Ministry of Education and Training Committee Room at 10.00 a.m.

Tenders received in time by the latest date and time for submission will be opened at the Treasury Building at 09.00 a.m. on 18th November 2016. Tenders not deposited in the Treasury Tender Box, as well as late, telegraphic, electronic and faxed tenders will not be considered. Tenderers may attend the opening procedure.

The documents specified in "Instructions to Tenderers", including a Tender Security of the amount shown in the "Tender Data Sheet in Side 10" in the form of a bank guaranteed cheque or a bond either from SRIC or Lindwala Insurance must be included in the Tender

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

For further information contact the following: Senior Planning Officer, Ministry of Education and Training, P.O. Box 39 Mbabane, H100 and/or email: shongweno@gov.sz



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ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP



TURKEY - The Turkish giants were flying into Manchester for their Europa League clash with United tomorrow night.

But their private jet was hit by a bird on its way to the UK, cracking the cockpit's windscreen.

The damage to the plane that had earlier departed from Istanbul forced the pilot to land in Budapest, Hungary.

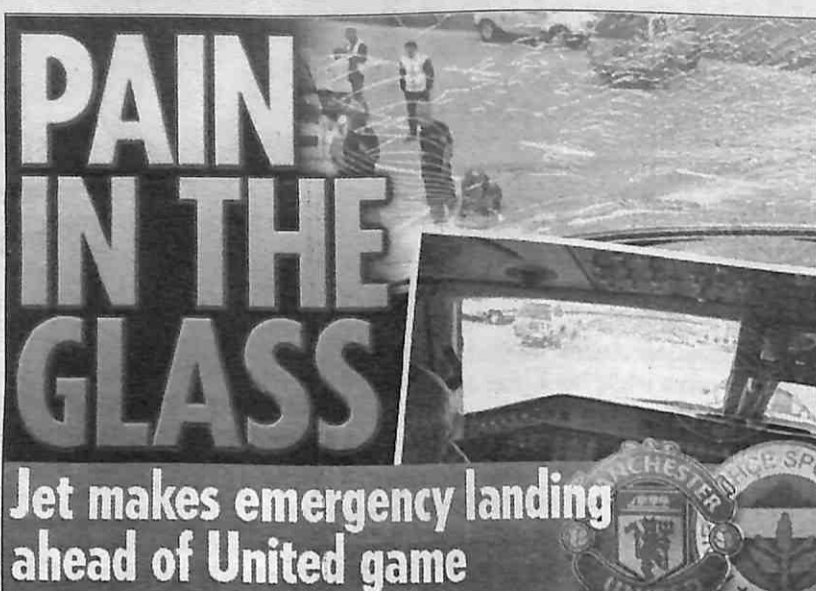
A second plane was then sent from Turkey to pick the team up to finish the journey. A tweet sent from the official Fenerbahce account read:

"Due to the impact on the glass by a bird, on the flight to Manchester, we made a forced landing in Budapest. No worrying situation."

Fenerbahce are ninth in Turkey's Super Lig and sit top of the Europa League group - a point ahead of United in third.

Their side includes ex-United striker Robin van Persie and former Liverpool defender Martin Skrtel.

The club is scheduled to hold a press conference at Old Trafford at 6pm today, followed by a training session. United trained this morning



Jet makes emergency landing ahead of United game

and both Anthony Martial and Morgan Schneiderlin were involved.

The pair were missing from the matchday squad for Monday's 0-0 Premier League draw at Liverpool after they suffered knocks in training on Saturday.

But they look to be in contention to return having been seen taking part in this morning's session at the Red Devils' Aon Training Complex in

Carrington, the first 15 minutes of which were open to the media.

Midfielder Henrikh Mkhitaryan, who has missed the last seven games due to a thigh problem, was also involved. The only absentee from the session was defender Phil Jones (knee), plus goalkeeper Sam Johnstone, who had been involved in an Under-23s match the previous evening. *Daily Mail*

ROONEY PICKS PLAY-FIGHTS WITH 2 MAN UNITED'S BACKROOM STAFF

MANCHESTER - Dressing-room banter is usually limited to players but Masseur Rod Thornley showed even Premier League medical staff aren't immune when he found himself at the centre of a play-fight involving two Manchester United stars.

Twenty-four hours after Juan Mata and Ashley Young mocked Eric Bailly's white sandals strapping the centre back's footwear up on a coat hanger and posting pictures on social media, the wave of childlike enthusiasm continued to sweep the club's Carrington training ground yesterday, with Thornley the latest victim. The brother of former United trainee Ben was minding his own business during a session ahead of the visit of

Fenerbahce today when he was accosted by England captain Wayne Rooney.

The striker grabbed him in a headlock before pulling him to the turf, at which point Young mimicked delivering a final blow to the ribs.

There was no malice involved in the incident, which came within a particularly cheerful training session for the Red Devils, and Thornley, Rooney and Young all laughed it off afterwards. The Masseur has been a part of the United backroom staff since the turn of the century, combining his work at club level with a role as soft tissue therapist for the Football Association. His time with the national setup ended in 2014, however, when then-Red Devils

boss Louis van Gaal insisted the former non-League striker committed himself entirely to his work at Old Trafford.

Last year, Rooney paid for Thornley, along with current England support staff Steve Kemp and Carlo Sertori, to visit Las Vegas for an end-of-season blow-out.

The Three Lions skipper - who earns £300 000 per week at United - spent £15 000 flying the medical professionals out to Sin City. Rooney wasn't about to make do with one take-down, though, and Ricardo Formosinho was next in his sights.

Again, the striker got his target into a chokehold, pulling the Portuguese scout down to the floor. *Daily Mail*

Loftus-Cheek insists Man United are 'lucky' to have Mourinho

LONDON - Chelsea midfielder Ruben Loftus-Cheek has backed Jose Mourinho to succeed at Manchester United and insists the Red Devils are 'lucky' to have the Portuguese as manager.

Loftus-Cheek was handed his Chelsea debut back in 2014 when Mourinho was still in charge of his second spell at Stamford Bridge.

And the highly-rated 20-year-old, who is yet to secure a regular first-team place under new boss Antonio Conte, is looking forward to facing his former manager when Chelsea host Manchester United in the Premier League on Sunday.

"I don't think it will be weird [facing Mourinho]," Loftus-Cheek told Goal.

"Obviously he is a great manager



BACKED: Mourinho (c) handed Loftus-Cheek his Chelsea debut in the Champions League in 2014.

and I think Manchester United are lucky to have him. Even though he has moved to United, Chelsea fans still love him."

United have suffered a disappointing start to the season under Mourinho after spending nearly

£150million on transfers during the summer window.

The former Real Madrid boss was criticised for his tactics on Monday after fielding a defensively minded team during the 0-0 draw against arch-rivals Liverpool. *Daily Mail*

Wenger hopes Ozil, Alexis will stay

LONDON - Arsenal Manager Arsene Wenger believes a serious challenge for trophies will go a long way towards convincing influential winger Alexis Sanchez and midfielder Mesut Ozil to sign new long-term deals at the club.

Ozil and Sanchez have entered the last 20 months of their current contracts at the Emirates Stadium and will hope to secure hefty pay rises to their reported 140 000 pounds (\$171 654.00) per week salaries to stay beyond 2018.

Wenger admitted while the financial aspects of contract negotiations were important, it was Arsenal's on-field progress that would prove decisive.

"I think these kind of players can raise a little bit above the financial aspect of the game because they are not poor and they have to look really at the football side," the 66-year-old told British media.

"It is more about whether the club can meet their needs on the football front. If 'yes' then a Premier League club can find an agreement with the players. We still keep values we have at the club, of course, and we pay what we can afford."

Chile international Sanchez has scored five goals in 10 appearances in all competitions this season, while Germany's Ozil has



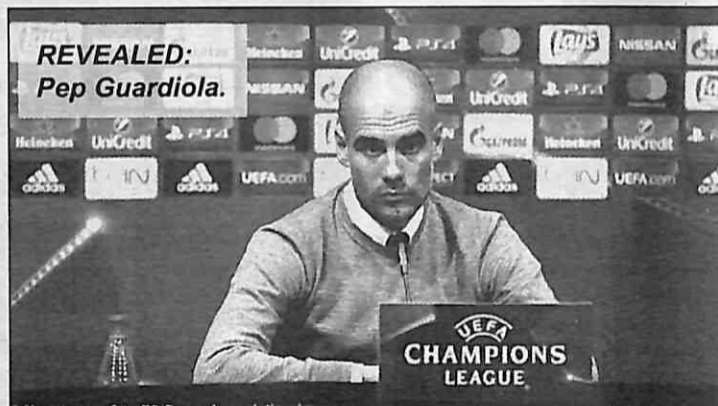
VALUED: Mesut Ozil and Alexis Sanchez.

chipped in with several decisive goals, including the winner against Swansea City last weekend. Arsenal have won two FA Cups since the 28-year-old Ozil arrived from Real Madrid in 2013, while the 27-year-old Sanchez has one FA Cup winner's medal to his name after moving to North London from Barcelona a year later.

"We still have a scale of wages... But don't worry, they are all paid well. It's normal players try to get the maximum out of the negotiations. They have to feel you meet their needs at the club and they get paid for it," Wenger added.

Arsenal, currently top of their Champions League group, hosted Bulgarian club Ludogorets Razgrad yesterday.

Reuters



GUARDIOLA ADMITS SPOKE TO STEGEN BEFORE SIGNING BRAVO

MANCHESTER - Pep Guardiola has inadvertently revealed Barcelona's Marc-Andre ter Stegen was his No 1 choice to replace Joe Hart as Manchester City's goalkeeper.

The City manager was speaking ahead of his side's Champions League clash against his former club Barcelona at the Nou Camp last night.

Guardiola's revelation came as he denied reports in Spain he has contacted a number of his old players since taking over at City in the summer.

However, he admitted speaking to Ter Stegen, indicating the German was his first-choice to replace Joe Hart at the Etihad instead of his former Barcelona teammate Claudio Bravo who

eventually joined City in a £15.4million deal.

"If you are talking about this summer, I never called Messi. I never called Neymar, Luis Suarez, (Sergio) Busquets, (Andres) Iniesta, I didn't call anybody," insisted Guardiola.

"As for Ter Stegen I knew he wanted to play all the time. We got in touch."

He wasn't happy with his situation. We needed a goalkeeper like Claudio or Ter Stegen. 'Claudio came and Ter Stegen decided to stay.'

If I ever called a player playing in any other club it would have been a special situation of not playing, and it would be my right to but I never called Leo Messi."

Daily Mail

Allegri praises Buffon

ITALY - Massimiliano Allegri lauded the heroics of Gianluigi Buffon after the Juventus stalwart added to his legendary status with a virtuoso display to thwart Lyon in the Champions League.

Juan Cuadrado's outrageous individual goal from an acute angle after 76 minutes separated the sides as the Italian champions came away with a 1-0 win from the Parc Olympique Lyonnais. But Allegri's side had Buffon to thank for the three points, with the veteran stopper saving a penalty from Alexandre Lacazette and showing instinctive reactions to a deny Nabil Fekir's deflected shot.

Juventus are in pole position to qualify for the knockout stages, topping Group H at the halfway stage, and Allegri singled out Buffon for praise after Mario Lemina's sending off had reduced his side to 10 men.

"We're on seven points after



CELEBRATING: Buffon celebrates Juventus' late victory at Lyon with his team-mates on Tuesday night

three games but the most important thing is that we still haven't conceded a goal," Allegri said.

"Tonight we owe our clean sheet

to Buffon's performance."

Buffon had been under pressure in recent weeks after costly errors for Juventus and Italy in his last

two matches.

But the 165-cap Italy international had a message for his critics after answering the lingering doubts in fine style.

"People can organise my funeral, but there's nobody there," Buffon said to Italian television channel Mediaset Premium.

"I have said many times, without arrogance, that I am very self-critical and don't need to listen to others who try to use situations to disrespect and show a lack of fairness to people."

Juventus are level on points with Sevilla, and Allegri has called on his side to produce improved performances on the road after riding their luck at times.

"We can and must get better," Allegri added. "We weren't direct enough with our running in the first half."

"Generally speaking, I think we need to relax a bit more and not rush things." *Daily Mail*



COME WITH ME: Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane and Bafana coach Shakes Mashaba.

Pitso invites 'Bra Shakes' to Egypt

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns boss Pitso Mosimane has invited Bafana coach Shakes Mashaba to accompany his side to Egypt to face Zamalek in the CAF Champions League second leg this weekend.

The Brazilians currently enjoy a 3-0 first-leg advantage and are strong favourites to win Africa's most prestigious club competition for the first time.

It was thought that Mosimane and Mashaba did not enjoy an amicable relationship due to issues surrounding national team selection of Sundowns players.

Previously, the Brazilians coach had called for certain players to be rested due to the club's hectic schedule, but Mashaba has seemingly not always been obliging.

Nonetheless, it seems the pair have buried the hatchet after Mosimane invited Bafana's coach to go to Egypt for the second leg.

He told reporters, "Bra Shakes, I brought him to the dressing room (after the 3-0 victory). He got a chance to speak to the boys. We congratulated us. We invited him to come with us to Alexandria, it's important."

Sunday's match kicks off at 20:30 (SA time) *Sport24*

Mexican tennis player banned for match-fixing

LONDON - Mexican tennis player Daniel Garza has been suspended for six months and fined \$5 000 (R69404.50) after being found guilty of match-fixing, the Tennis Integrity Unit said on Tuesday.

The 31-year-old, ranked 1 065th in singles, had attempted to influence the outcome of a match at an ITF Futures tournament at Calabasas, California, in March 2015, the sport's corruption watchdog said.

The case, based on a TIU investigation, was heard in Miami last month.

Garza, who achieved a career-high ranking of 294 in 2012, was banned with immediate effect, the TIU said in a statement.

World tennis was rocked in January by allegations that the game's authorities had failed to deal with widespread match-fixing in the sport.

The authorities rejected media reports that 16 players who have been ranked in the top 50 had been repeatedly flagged to the TIU over suspicions they had thrown matches in the past decade. A number of corruption-related cases have since come to light. *Reuters*



SUSPENDED: 31-year-old Mexican tennis player Daniel Garza has been suspended for match-fixing in the 2015 ITF Futures tournament in Calabasas.

Rafael Nadal joined by old rival Roger Federer

...as Spaniard opens Mallorca academy

MALLORCA - Old rivals Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer reunited yesterday to open the Spaniard's new academy in Mallorca.

Nadal invited Federer to the launch in his hometown of Manacor and the Swiss was only too happy to accept.

Federer said: "I'm super happy to be here. I know where I'll send my kids if they want to learn how to play tennis."

There was no shortage of mutual appreciation between the pair, who share 31 Grand Slam titles between them and have faced off 34 times.

Nadal leads the head-to-head record 23-11, but they have not played since the Basle final in November last year.

Nadal said: "It's very important for all of us to have you here. You represent the values and example for kids at our Academy."

Nadal and Federer may be as popular as ever but they are not quite the forces they once were, both now outside the top four of the world



RIVALRY ASIDE: Roger Federer (left) joins Rafael Nadal at the opening of the Spaniard's academy.

rankings for the first time since 2003.

Nadal, 30, currently sits at No 6 after struggling with a number of injury issues in recent years.

He is still hoping, though, to book a place in the end-of-season ATP World Tour Finals.

Federer, now aged 35, will slip out of the top-10 in the coming weeks for the first time since October 2002 after not playing since Wimbledon due to a knee injury. He plans to return at the start of next year at the Hopman Cup in Perth.

Daily Mail

Chiefs trophies matter most - Komphela

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs coach Steve Komphela has made no secret of the fact that winning trophies at the club is his clear mandate.

Since arriving at Naturena before the 2015/16 season, Komphela has yet to win a trophy despite reaching two cup finals with the team in the last campaign. The 49-year-old was facing a fair amount of pressure after a

difficult start to 2016/17, however fortunes have since changed around after the club recorded four wins in a row in the league. The Glamour Boys now top the Premiership table alongside co-leaders Golden Arrows, and signs are there that a successful campaign could be on the cards. Nonetheless, ahead of Chiefs' Telkom Knockout last 16 clash with Maritzburg United on

Saturday, the Kroonstad-born coach has made it clear that winning trophies is a priority. He told the club's official website: "We wish to reach the final once again but this time we must win the trophy. Reaching the final is a good indicator, but at Chiefs trophies matter most."

Saturday's action gets underway from 20:15 at FNB Stadium in Johannesburg. *Sport24*

Tiger reveals 'next chapter' in career

NEW YORK - Tiger Woods has revealed his new firm and logo as he prepares for the next chapter of his golfing career.

Woods, who put the brakes on his intended comeback at last week's Safeway Open because he didn't feel his game was ready for the big time, officially unveiled the next chapter of his career on Monday - Tiger Woods Ventures, under the brand name 'TGR'.

The new firm comes with a brand spanning new logo, which Woods now sports as a Twitter avatar and will no doubt appear somewhere on his equipment and apparel when he does finally return to the game (most likely at the Hero World Challenge on December 1).

The aim is to consolidate all of Woods' businesses under one banner.

"As I work toward returning to the sport I love, I'm also taking the next step in what I like to call Chapter 2: my evolution as a competitor off the course," Woods said on his website.

"That next step — and my next chapter — is TGR."

While it may look like Woods is already moving into his post-playing career phase, he assured his fans that he has been hard at work on his comeback on the course, joking about what he'd been doing with his time off.

"To clarify, I have not been lounging around watching 'Caddyshack' and playing video games. Well, maybe not the video games. I thought I was damn good at Call Of Duty until I went online and was beaten by seven year olds around the world."

"Which brings me to my point. It's just the opposite. I've been working harder than ever with a focus on our future."

Sport24

SHUKUMA SWAZILAND

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OUR STRATEGY: OUR KEY

Shukuma! Welcome dear readers to this, the second edition of our Shukuma Swaziland column.

We run short of words in expressing our gratitude to the Swazi Observer editorial for allocating this precious space to us.

Having given you an insight of what the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) is all about, in our first column, today we will share with you some of our strategic objectives in Council's bid to usher in a 'new story and song' on the perception our people have on sport in general.

It is no secret that we seek to unveil a visible positive impact of sport to human development.

Council has set a strategic plan. This plan sets out where we want to be in five years' time, building to the national vision of 2022.

The emphasis by His Majesty's government is on improved service delivery and a visible measurable contribution by every sector of the government to human development as defined by the Swaziland development index.

As a sports sector, let me assure you dear reader that we want to fulfil this mandate. Of course we are also aware that this mandate must be delivered in a way that has never been experienced before for maxim impact.

As our headline suggested in the last column 'We are here for you', indeed Council will do everything within her power to ensure sports are headed the right direction, while also serving you.

Our strategic plan addresses amongst other issues, the idea of reaching out to all communities in the country to deliver recreation sport at all the 55 Tinkhundla centres through our flagship programme Shukuma Swaziland.

It is worth noting that within the strategy, there are eight key thematic areas, which have been identified as key issues and need a comprehensive, integrated and easily implementable strategy.

These thematic/strategic issues have been found to be central for the strategy in order to effectively deliver

OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE 1 (SPORT FOR ALL)

To create participation opportunities in sport/physical activity and recreation for people of all ages and gender groups.

OBJECTIVE 2 (CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT)

To build capacity of the council and its recognised bodies to effectively and efficiently implement sport and recreation programmes.

OBJECTIVE 3 (MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION)

To define and establish brand SNSRC's value proposition in order to strengthen its perceived value amongst both internal (associates) and external (possible funders/sponsors) stakeholders.

OBJECTIVE 4 (PARTNERSHIPS AND RESOURCE MOBILISATION)

To foster institutional sustainability through partnerships and resource mobilisation initiatives.

OBJECTIVE 5 (GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION)

To streamline and coordinate all administrative activities of Council through development and utilisation of operational instruments and founding documents.

OBJECTIVE 6 (HIGH PERFORMANCE)

To create an environment and programmes that will enhance the develop-

ment of high level performance by Swazi athletes

OBJECTIVE 7 (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION)

To maintain alignment of sport practice in Swaziland with international trends, practices and policies to enhance the quality and standard of sport in the country.

OBJECTIVE 8 (INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT)

To create an enabling, supportive and sustainable environment for proper practice of sport and recreation activities in the country.

OUR STRATEGIC PARTNERS

- Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA)
- Swaziland Government Ministries
- Parliament
- Gymnasium
- Municipalities
- Corporate sector
- Parastatals
- Media
- Community
- Development Partners
- International Organisations
- Non-Governmental organisations
- Financial Institutions
- Schools, colleges and universities
- Hospitality industry

OUR OPERATIONAL STRATEGIES

- Financial and Knowledge Management
- Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Framework
- Stakeholder Relationships
- Inclusive and Decentralised National

- Sport and Recreation Facilities
- Sports System and Professionalism
- Marketing and Communication
- Monitoring and evaluation

OUR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

- Goal 1 End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- Goal 2 End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- Goal 3 Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages
- Goal 4 Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- Goal 5 Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Goal 6 Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- Goal 7 Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
- Goal 8 Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- Goal 9 Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation
- Goal 10 Reduce inequality within and among countries
- Goal 11 Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- Goal 12 Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- Goal 13 Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- Goal 14 Conserve and sustainably use the oceans and marine resources for sustainable development
- Goal 15 Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
- Goal 16 Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and effective, accountable and inclusive institution at all levels
- Goal 17 Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development.

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November will be pleasantly hectic

WE are headed for a busy month ahead, as the dynamic Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) team will be hard at work by delivering a series of Shukuma programmes around the country.

Pray and hope that your constituency will be amongst those

to host the refreshing and energising Shukuma.

Details of the programmes will be made known in the next column. I will talk to you again next week and remember to keep that body active for a healthy mind.

Until next Thursday, Shukuma Swaziland!



MAN BEHIND: SNSRC CEO
Darius Dlomo.



MTN Premier League 2016/17

PREVIEWS


LEOPARD OUT TO MAKE AMENDS AT MIDAS CITY'S EXPENSE

Leopard vs Midas City
Somhlolo National Stadium,
6.30pm

They are placed in second position of the MTN League log but things are seemingly not rosy for the MTN League defending champions as they are nine points behind current log leaders and arch rivals Mbabane Swallows.

Leopard are fresh from a shocking 0-1 loss defeat at the hands of new comers Tambuti FC in their weekend league encounter played at the Somhlolo National Stadium over the past weekend.

The team is however expected to give a better showing when they meet Midas City at the country's Mecca tonight.

The two sides will welcome players Lungelo Tsabedze and Xolani Papi Sikhondze who missed the clash after being suspended due to yellow cards.

The team will however still be without the five injured players as they have not recovered from their respective injuries.

Coach Sifiso Nuro Ntibane will have to make sure that his charges up their game if defending the league title is anything to go by.

They will be facing yet another tricky outfit in Midas City who are



still searching for their first win in this league campaign.

Midas City will also welcome veteran player Linda Msibi who missed the last clash against Moneni Pirates where they played to a one all draw.

Caleb Ngwenya will also have to ensure to lead his side towards the right direction if they want to finish not just the league but the first round in a respectable position on the log.

ROYAL LEOPARD:

Head coach: Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntibane

Captain: Siboniso Malambe

Key players: Lungelo Tsabedze, Colani 'Papi' Sikhondze, Sabelo Sangweni

Match winner: Lungelo Tsabedze

MIDAS CITY

Head coach: Caleb Ngwenya

Captain: Ndumiso Ndaba

Key players: Simanga Shongwe, Ndumiso Ndaba

Match winner: Simanga Shongwe

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG

Position	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Mbabane Swallows	6	6	0	0	15	3	12	18
Royal Leopard	5	3	0	2	6	5	1	9
Manzini Sundowns	5	2	2	1	5	5	0	8
Red Lions	6	2	2	2	7	9	-2	8
Manzini Wanderers	5	2	1	2	7	4	3	7
Mbabane Highlanders	5	1	3	1	6	3	3	6
Young Buffaloes	5	1	3	1	4	3	1	6
Moneni Pirates	6	1	3	2	5	10	-5	6
Tambuti	5	2	0	3	2	7	-5	6
Green Mamba	5	1	2	2	3	4	-1	5
Sea Birds	6	1	1	4	5	10	-5	4
Midas City	5	0	3	2	2	4	-2	3

(LAST NIGHT'S GAMES NOT INCLUDED)



Can Tambuti do it again against 'Buffs'?

Buffaloes vs Tambuti
Somhlolo National Stadium,
8.30pm

Amy outfit will host sugar belt side Tambuti FC in the second game at the Somhlolo National Stadium tonight.

The Premier League rookies go into this game oozing confidence after beating the MTN League defending champions Royal Leopard in their previous league encounter at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

A late strike at the death of the game handed the Alou Badara led ensemble their second maximum points of the season against the police outfit.

The team will however not have it easy as they will be up against a problematic Young Buffaloes who will also be gunning for nothing but a win

especially after sharing the spoils with Highlanders in their last game. The army side will be without the services of striker Phiwa Dlamini who has been nabbed by yellow cards.

TAMBUTI

Head coach: Alou Badara

Captain: Thokozani Mkhulisi

Key players: Gabriel Goshen, Mpendulo Ngidi, Zwakele Dlamini

Match winner: Ugochukwe Ohakwe

BUFFALOES

Head coach: Dominic Kunene

Captain: Mphile Tsabedze

Key players: Wandile Shabangu, Samkelo 'Rio' Lushaba and Nhlanhla Gwebu

Match winner: Sanele Ngcamphalala



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● Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola has denied trying to sign Barcelona and Argentina forward Lionel Messi, but says he would if the 29-year-old indicated he wanted to leave the Nou Camp. (*Guardian*)

● Barcelona boss Luis Enrique also insists the Spanish giants have not discussed Messi's future. (*Manchester Evening News*)

● Chelsea are ready to bid £49m for AC Milan and Italy defender Alessio Romagnoli in January after having a £35m offer for the 21-year-old rejected in the summer. (*Sun*)



● The Blues are interested in Paris St-Germain centre-back Presnel Kimpembe, but face competition for the 21-year-old from Liverpool and Manchester United. (*Sun*)

● Former Brazil striker Ronaldo is keen to see 24-year-old Liverpool and Brazil midfielder Philippe Coutinho at Real Madrid. (*Onda Cero via Daily Star*)

● Real Madrid and Portugal defender Pepe, 33, will consider a move to Chelsea unless he gets the two-year contract he wants from the Spanish club. (*Daily Mirror*)

● Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger says France striker Olivier Giroud, 30, still has a future at the club even though he is yet to start a Premier League game this season. (*Daily Express*)

● Liverpool want to sign Switzerland defender Fabian Schar, 24, from German club Hoffenheim, but may have to wait until next summer to do so. (*Daily Star*)

● Manchester United have been linked with Valencia mid-fielder Fran Villarba - but the 18-year-old Spaniard revealed on Twitter he has signed a new four-year contract. (*Daily Star*)



● Paris St-Germain and Brazil centre-back Thiago Silva's contract expires next summer, and his agent says the 32-year-old has had offers from "three or four big teams" but would prefer to stay with the French club. (*Le Parisien via Daily Mail*)

● England striker Wayne Rooney says he still has 'a lot of football left' in him, despite the 30-year-old having started Manchester United's past four games on the bench. (*Manchester Evening News*)



KNOCK-OUT: Ubombo Flyers playing against Manzini Wanderers in one of their matches during a knock-out competition (File pic)

FLYERS FACE ACID TEST IN INGWENYAMA CUP

Stories by Sports reporter

SOCCER - IN what can be described as a David versus Goliath situation, former elite league side, Ubombo Flyers face an acid test against 'new kids on the block' Ngcina F.C in the second round of the Lubombo regional phase of Ingwenyama Cup.

The game billed for Mayaluka Stadium tomorrow night will follow another entertaining clash pitting Lubhuku Liverpool against Black Swallows as the Ingwenyama Cup games get underway this weekend. According to the draw which was conducted at Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA) offices in Siteki on Monday evening, two-time Emakholo Knock-out Champions, Illovo will square off with Young Aces at Tabankulu Stadium on Sunday afternoon while Equator have a date with CPL in another encounter scheduled for the same venue on Sunday.

For the giant-killing Ngcina,

TEAMS APPLAUDED FOR VIOLENCE-FREE GAMES

SOCCER - TEAMS participating in the Lubombo Ingwenyama Cup have been applauded for showing good sportsmanship during the opening games of the regional phase of the tournament as no incidents of violence were witnessed in all eight games.

Speaking during the draw of the second round games at LRFA offices in Siteki on Monday evening, Lubombo Competitions Committee Chairman Mduduzi Lot Vilakati also encouraged the teams to continue practicing

the spirit of fair play so as to make this tournament a successful one. He also advised teams not to hesitate to approach the committee whenever they felt something was not done right instead of dressing down certain individuals and putting the image of the tournament into disrepute. Also present during the draw was LRFA Chairman, Mangaliso Langwenya, and his executive committee members, Lucky Dlamini, Sicelo Nene, and Richard Shongwe while teams' representatives were also in attendance.

who ousted Tabankulu Callies in the same tournament two weeks ago, theirs is to try and dismantle yet another giant on their path in Flyers, who will surely not afford to take this match for granted.

It will be the same story for Illovo, who cruised past Dangerous Darkies with a 4-1 score line in their previous cup match as the Big Bend based side take on unpredictable Young Aces, a game which has all the

ingredients of a thriller.

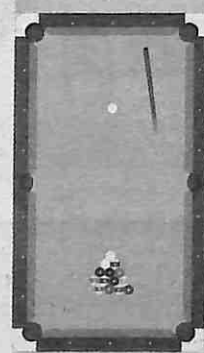
After beating Rail United 2-0 in their first match, Liverpool, who goes by the name 'Bafana be Submarine', will be seeking to maintain their form, albeit this time at the expense of Black Swallows, who claimed the scalp of Magwanyane in their opening game. Can they really do it even this time around? A question remains! CPL and Equator are also set to give the spectators something to cheer on as they battle for the last four spot in the region, and it goes without saying that the Mayaluka and Tabankulu Stadiums will be the hive of activity this weekend as the Ingwenyama Cup takes centre stage. Entrance fee is E10 in both double-headers. Buckle Up, Game on!

INGWENYAMA CUP TOURNAMENT FIXTURE

Tomorrow at Mayaluka Stadium
Lubuku vs Black Swallows 7pm
Ubombo Flyers vs Ngcina FC 9pm
Sunday at Tambankulu Stadium
Young Aces vs Illovo 1pm
Equator vs CPL 3pm

UGANDA BOUND POOL TEAM NEEDS E96 000

By Sanele Jele



POOL - THE recently announced Billiards of Swaziland Pool national team needs over E96 000 for the All Africa Pool games to be held in Uganda next month.

The association's acting Secretary Mbongeni Gamedze said this money would be used to cater for the trip to Uganda.

He pleaded with potential sponsors to meet them halfway with funds especially for transport and accommodation.

"We have sent requests to different companies to sponsor us.

We need at least E96 000 to cater for the trip and we ask for donations from local companies. We want to assure any potential sponsors that we will make them proud." He said the players are preparing themselves for the tournament. "We have selected 10 national team players to represent the country during the games and we know they will make the country proud."

He said they were hoping to leave next Saturday.

It's a team of 10 players and three officials.

IT'S A TEAM OF 10 PLAYERS AND THREE OFFICIALS

The list

1. Sifiso sting Dlamini (Tigers)
2. Celmusa Dlamini (Nicks)
3. David Masuku (City inn)
4. Nathie Hleta (Mbabane pool club)
5. Sihle Mokoena (Mbabane pool club)
6. Prince Sibeko (Way Inn)
7. Ngcebo Sihlongonyane (Scandza)
8. Siboniso Myeni (Vuya vuya)
9. Elvis Van Aardt (City inn)
10. Zwakele Tsela (Mankayane)

HIGHLANDERS TARGET TOP THREE FINISH

By Sanele Jele

SOCER - MBABANE

Highlanders boss Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane says they are looking at finishing in the top three after the first round games.

The team is currently sitting at position six in the MTN Premier League log table having won one game, drew three and lost one match.

Simelane made these remarks yesterday when interviewed about the team's first round ambitions.

"I am aware our fans are already pressing the panic button and I must say they should relax as we have a well documented strategy in place. They should not panic because everything is under control.

We are targeting the top three finish in the first round, and then we can start planning for the second round," said Simelane.

When asked if the interim head coach Terisayi Changara would get long term contract with the 'Black Bull', Simelane said they would for now give the coach the benefit of a doubt.

"Changara has an amazing relation-



DON'T PANIC: Mbabane Highlanders boss Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane.

ship with the players and we like that spirit. If you can come to our training session you can see what I am talking about, the players are happy with him. A coach should make his players happy and they will surely play



for him."

He said the players really enjoy working with the coach.

"Results will soon come and I can clearly see where the team is headed. We

are happy with what we have seen so far with the coach."

When asked about the team's slow start in the new campaign, Simelane said supporters should not be worried because the team would come up firing from all cylinders once the players adapt to the coaching tactics.

"It's not how one starts but how one finishes that counts.

Some teams are currently doing well but once they lose a single match, it will be the end of that team. We are still finding our rhythm and once we click Highlanders would be unstoppable.

We have already rectified our mistakes and I can tell you now this will soon be a thing of the past," said Simelane.

Lungelo, 'Papi' boost for Leopard ahead of City game

By Sanele Jele

SOCER - DEFENDING champions Royal Leopard will be boosted by the return of Lungelo Tsabedze and Colani 'Papi' Sikhondze when they take on Midway City in an MTN Premier League at Somhlolo National Stadium tonight.

The duo missed the team's clash where the police force side went down 0-1 to rookies Tambuti on Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium.

Confirming the latest development was the team's Public Relations Officer Frank Hurube.

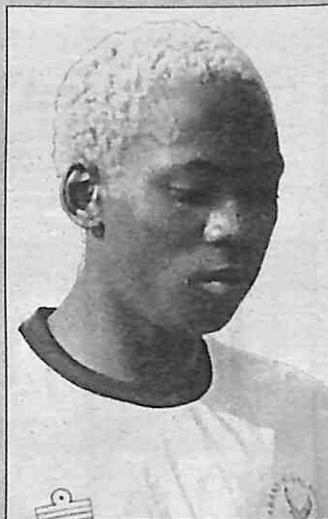
"We have forgotten about the 0-1 loss to Tambuti. It was not good to lose three points over the weekend and we will redeem ourselves against City."

He said they were happy Lungelo and 'Papi' would be available for selection tonight as it would be tough against City.

He further said the casualty ward had a negative effect on the team.

"This is not to say we underestimate the other players but we just had too many injuries and that was not good for the team thus the bad result during the weekend game."

Players in Siboniso 'Rocco' Malambe and Barry Steenkamp among others are still nursing injuries and will not be available tonight.



BACK: Lungelo Tsabedze.

"We will be all out for a win against Midas City regardless of the injured players," the soft spoken PRO said.

Meanwhile, Midas City captain Ndumiso Ndaba has been ruled out of Leopard clash following a muscle hamstring injury. This was confirmed by the team's PRO Guy Magongo.

"This is a huge blow for the team as he has been ruled out for the rest of the season. We hope this will give the other players an opportunity to shine. We wish him a speedy recovery," said Magongo.

Leopard are currently occupying the second spot with nine points after five games.

They are the defending champions of the MTN Premier league and they have won it three times in a row.

Former Mr SD, five other Oyama fighters for Japan

By Sabelo Majola

KARATE - HAVING successfully defended the recently held Swaziland IKO Matsushima Stanlib Oyama champ of champs tournament, six local athletes including former Mr Swaziland Linda Dlamini will be leaving the country to participate in the World Championships in Japan.

The tournament will be held on November 26 to 27.

Champ of Champs ladies division heavyweight Joy Ononogbu, Bongiwe Mathunjwa, Phulile Methula and Sindie Maphalala will be representing the country in the ladies category while Jabulani Hlatjwako and Dlamini are the only males. The athletes will be accompanied by Shihan Mfanafuthi Vilakati and Shihan Lucky Thomo, who are officials. Oyama Kyokushin President Bongani Ndzabandzaba has forwarded his gratitude to Stanlib for the sponsorship and encouraged members of the public to visit the

company offices for their services.

"We strongly believe the athletes will do well and raise the Swazi flag high in Japan.

The two officials will also attend a world class karate meeting where they will report about the progress in their respective countries and kyokushin karate involvement in Olympics Games," he said.

Ndzabandzaba then appealed to members of the public to assist the association financially in their quest to make the initiative a successful one.

Red Lions' Bongani Mvubu graduates in BSC

By Sabelo Majola

SOCER - RED Lions player Bongani Mvubu has graduated in Bachelor of Science in the recently held University of Swaziland graduation ceremony.

The player has not featured for his side for some time after he was excused to focus on his studies and has since graduated.

Red Lions PRO Comfort Shongwe said they were happy and proud of the player because of his academic achievement.

He said they were hoping other players would emulate him.

"Life does not end in the playground for players and it is important to have something to fall back on when their soccer career comes to an end. We are proud of him and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors, we do hope that players will draw inspiration and achieve greatly in their academics," he said.

Shongwe then thanked their fans, who crammed Somhlolo National Stadium last night in



HAPPY: Red Lions PRO Comfort Shongwe.

their fixture against Moneni Pirates.

"The spirit is very high in the camp and the players are geared to do well in the next match. We were unlucky not to win against Moneni Pirates on Tuesday. We dominated play but we were let down by lapse of concentrating in the dying minutes."

Red Lions are currently occupying the fifth spot in the MTN Premier log with eight points in six games.

FA targeting two friendly games for Under-17, 20

By Sibusiso Masilela

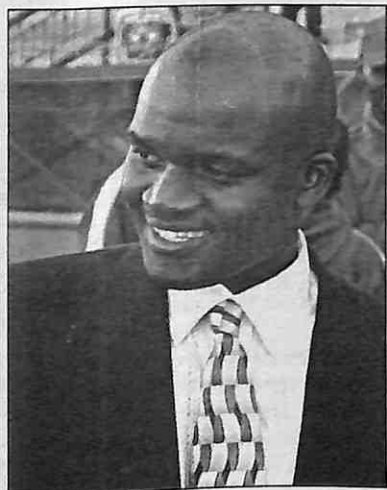
SOCER - THE National Football Association of Swaziland will organise two international friendly matches for both the national Under-17 and Under-20.

The two national squads will be competing in the Region 5 Games and the 2016 COSAFA Under-20 games to be held in December, respectively.

The two games are aimed at helping the junior national squads prepare for the upcoming international competitions to be hosted by Angola and South Africa, respectively.

FA Chief Executive Officer Frederick Mngomezulu said they were currently working on the programme of the two squads.

"We are currently in negotiations with several countries in as far as the



WORKING ON PROGRAMMES: FA Chief Executive Officer Frederick Mngomezulu.

friendly matches are concerned. We are looking at having two friendly matches to help both squads before

their international competitions at the end of the year."

He said they would wait for the players to finish writing their finals examination.

"Most of the players are currently busy with their examinations and we will have a clear picture of what to do next as soon as they are done with their academic commitment," he said. Mngomezulu said they wanted the squads to prepare well for the tournaments.

"We are fully behind the two squads as they are the future of local football.

We are confident they will make the nation proud during the tournaments," he said.

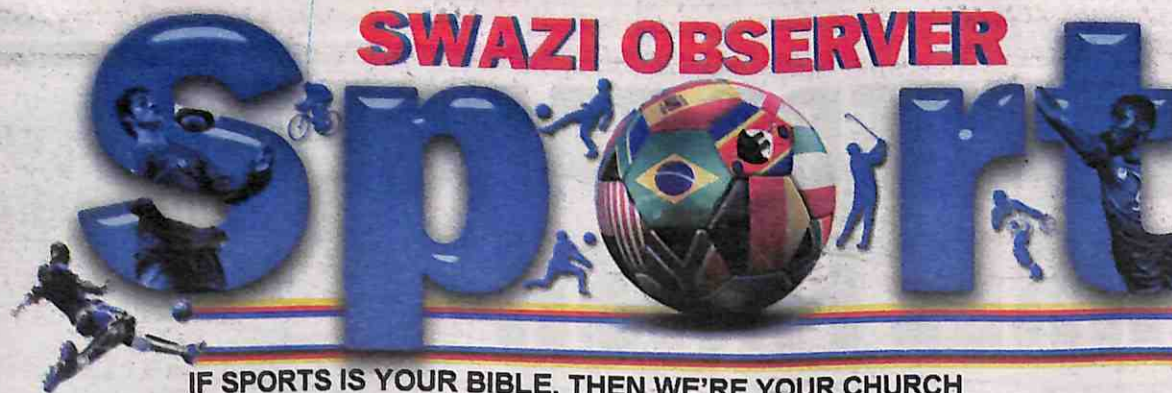
The Under-17s have already started their training programme at the National Football Association of Swaziland Technical Centre under the guidance of Velekhaya Mtsetfwa and Musa Manyatsi.

RESULTS

Celtic	0 - 2	Borussia M
Arsenal	6 - 0	Ludogorets Razgrad
FC Rostov	0 - 1	Atlético de Madrid
Napoli	2 - 3	Besiktas
Barcelona	4 - 0	Manchester City
Paris Saint-Germain	3 - 0	FC Basel
Dynamo Kyiv	0 - 2	Benfica
FC Bayern München	4 - 1	PSV

UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE | FIXTURES

FC Red Bull Salzburg	v	Nice	19:00
Slovan Liberec	v	Florentina	19:00
Manchester United	v	Fenerbahçe	21:05
Celta de Vigo	v	Ajax	19:00
Hapoel Be'er Sheva	v	Sparta Prague	19:00
FK Qarabag	v	PAOK Salonika	19:00
Standard Liège	v	Panathinaikos	19:00
Internazionale	v	Southampton	19:00
Konyaspor	v	Sporting Braga	19:00



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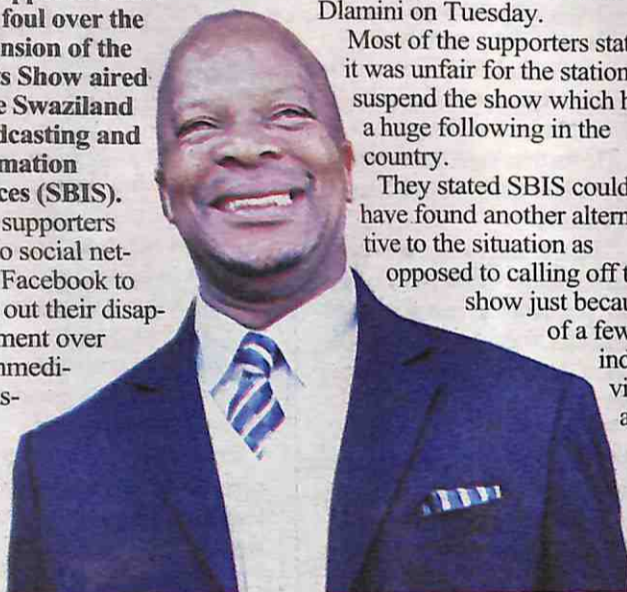
UPROAR OVER SUSPENDED SPORTS SHOW

- Most say a suspension was not the solution
- others not happy because other sports were not considered when taking decision
- Some feel it was the right decision

By Sports Reporter

SOCCER – SOME local football supporters have cried foul over the suspension of the Sports Show aired by the Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services (SBIS).

The supporters took to social network Facebook to voice out their disappointment over the immediate suspension of the show that was



aired on Monday and Friday mornings.

The decision to put the show on hold was communicated by the station's Director Martin Dlamini on Tuesday.

Most of the supporters stated it was unfair for the station to suspend the show which had a huge following in the country.

They stated SBIS could have found another alternative to the situation as

opposed to calling off the show just because of a few individuals.

"Scraping off or stopping the 'sports show' was the worst mistake to have happened at SBIS since it was established. How do you stop programme with such a huge following. What about the main stakeholders of SBIS, the listeners?"

"Let us all agree the PROs made mistakes but they could have called the hosts, the PROs and find a way to iron out their differences. It is unfair such a show had to be stopped just because of a few people, who were at fault," said one of the supporters.

Another supporter stated it was unfair the sports show would be stopped just because of mistakes made by football officials.

"Yes, the show was dominated by football but what about the sporting codes. Should they then

suffer just because of these individuals? It is true football is the most followed sport but other sports should not be forced to take the backseat just because of football," said another supporter.

Other supporters, however, shared different statements, stating it was a good move by the station to have the show cancelled.

"This decision by SBIS was long overdue. The PROs were losing the idea behind the show and instead of marketing and promoting the game they mocked other teams and that was not good for the local game," he said.

Other supporters highlighted the show also promoted unhealthy competition between the PROs as others were given more air time when compared to the others.

CISHA LOGESI: SBIS Director Martin Dlamini.

PLS warns PROs against immature statements in press

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER – THE Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) has warned team PROs against the immature comments as they incite violence amongst supporters.

This comes after the suspension of the popular Sports Show aired by the Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services (SBIS) following the irresponsible comments made by some of the PROs.

Interviewed yesterday, PLS Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati said it was unfortunate the show had to be suspended because of the team PROs. He said the officials were expected to promote the spirit of fair play and peace as opposed to be on the wrong.

"PROs are expected to promote the game and not incite spirit of violence amongst supporters as this is what these irresponsible comments tend to do. Part of their duties as the teams' publicists is

marketing the game and their respective teams and not getting into other teams' business.

"SBIS is a national broadcaster hence people need to remember that when given air space and also respect the listeners," he said. He said this was why the association included a clause in their rules and regulations which was against the publishing of bad statements in the press to avoid such incidents. The suspension comes after two controversial statements made by Manzini Wanderers Head of

Marketing and Communications Senzo Dlamini, who was accused by Muzi Matsenjwa of making 'racist' comments towards cross-town rivals Manzini Sundowns last week. It did not end there as Sundowns Public Relations Officer Muzi Matsenjwa also uttered offensive comments towards correctional services side Green Mamba during the Monday programme where he said they lost Green mamba because they were angered by the escape of seven prisoners at Big Beg Prison.

Wanderers, Mamba fire blanks, 'Bull' lose

By Sanele Jele

Manzini Wanderers..... (0)0
Green Mamba..... (0)0

SOCCER – IF the number of shots on target were anything to go by, Green Mamba could have easily won their MTN Premier League match against Manzini Wanderers played at Somhlolo National Stadium last night.

The teams ended settling for a goalless draw after Wanderers goalkeeper Mbongeni Motsa made a number of great saves to keep his team in the game.

This match, watched by close to 1 000 fans started on a low note with both teams struggling to control play.

Wanderers were often aggressive going forward but poor first touches let them down especially their front men in Kola Aladeon and Zebo Dany. With the hosts struggling upfront, the visitors took advantage as they started making meaningful dangerous moves. There first clear cut chance came in the half hour mark when former Jomo Cosmos striker Phinda Ginindza's shot saved by the ever alert Mbongeni Motsa between the Wanderers goal posts.

The Herbert Maruwa-led charges came close to opening the deadlock five minutes later through ex-South Africa Black Burn Rovers striker Civil Matsebula, who unleashed a cliffhanger inside the box but Motsa was again equal to the task.

Three minutes later Wanderers almost opened the scorers chart through workaholic midfielder Sifiso Matse but his shot was saved by the keeper.

He let loose a volley outside the box in the 40th minute but Green Mamba keeper Japter Merese parried the ball away for a fruitless corner.

The goalless halftime scoreline

was not a true reflection of the match. Second-half play started in frenetic fashion with Green Mamba coming close to scoring in the 48th minute but his shot went wide. Mamba again staged a 58th minute break-out from deep inside their half.

From this point onwards, The Correctional Services side stepped up their game appreciably with a flurry of attacks into the opposition goalmouth but their lone reward was a corner which Wanderers keeper Mbongeni gathered safely.

Wanderers soaked the pressure but also made some attacks until the referee blew the final whistle. Meanwhile Mbabane Highlanders lost 1 - 2 against Manzini Sundowns.

SOME OF THE COMMENTS

● Some of us only switch on SBIS for 1. Sports show 2. Timemetelo temngwabo and 3. General timemetelo. Nase ucisha logesi kuso then kute ke lokanye lokusic-hazako sibalaleli. Akatilalele yena yedvwa wa nkhozi while we seek alternatives.

● Asivume phela kutsi bo Pro bebanemaphutsa but bhayi kuvulwa kweluhlelo. Martin Kufute ngabe ubite bo Mdockies Na Mthetho kanye nalabo Pro to iron out the existing problems (If Akhona Noko). Luhlelo Luchubeke than Kuluvala. Phela lohlulelo lwesive

● Musa G Mnisi - kwenteke kahle laboPRO ngatsi besebangati kutsi bayowentani ngoba besebageka lamanye ema teams bawabite ngemagama nabo labevabuhlungu mababita ngawo, ngakulokumye this is a sports show you can talk whatever so lamanye ma team bekabese akutsatsa personal loko.

● But the solution is not to suspend the program. This is long overdue but at least nebaphatsi bagcine babonile, lapha mosi besekungulaydlalwa khona ngemlomo instead of marketing and promoting our beloved sport.

● Phela ngakulungiswe lolokonakalako than kuvula lohlulelo.

● Alukavulwa phela angitsi, lumisiwe kasalungiswa lolokonakalako, lutawbuya lona betsembisile.

● Bente kona besevidzinga kubuketwa lentfo besekuyi warshow, bekudala butsa instead of friendship and promoting the sport.

● Benta kona lokutsi sonkhe sikhatsi lesinengi saboManana naHurube it's not fair, vala msakati mine besengiyekela nalokulalela.

● Bonile kukhipha sports show....it promoted sports. Martin instead of suspending the programme ngabe ubite lalabenta lohlulelo wabafundzisa indlela lencono yekulwenta lohlulelo than suspending it.

● Very disappointed. Luhlelo lwesive lumiswe lizandlane? How about lesive? Sicabangelekile yini lesive before the suspension was implemented? Ayi futsi labanye bantfu.

● Exactly, the PROs are adding humour to an interesting programme. Na Muzi Matsenjwa abedlala and we listeners like these humorous words. There's more to this than meets the eye. Mine nje ngiyabona ngebudzala bami kutsi kute lokonakele bamyengile.

● Sports Show kantsi was all about promoting football, what about labo Oyama?

● This is not fair to the other sports. They now have to suffer just because football officials were on the wrong side.

● They should have thought about the consequences of their decision to suspend the show. The other sports also used the platform but were not considered when the decision was made.