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# PARLIAMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR FAILURE TO REGAIN AGOA

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini  
Lobamba

THE Swaziland Parliament is accused of being directly responsible for the country's failure to regain its AGOA status, in the process subjecting thousands of Swazis to high levels of unemployment and grinding poverty.

Labour and Social Security Minister Winnie Magagula told Senate yesterday a window of opportunity open to the country to be reconsidered at the International Labour Organisation (ILO) might be closed before parliament passed four contentious Bills into law before end of next month.

Minister Magagula was at pains trying to explain the importance of having the Bills amended as recommended by ILO and passed before the country could miss the August deadline for submission.

She said in September this year, ILO would meet to review the country's status and success to regain its AGOA status would be dependent on parliament's ability to pass the Bills on time.

The contentious Bills should be submitted at the ILO to pave way for the country's readmission into Africa Growth and Opportunity Act

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**HARD-HITTING: Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula.**

(AGOA) markets. The minister made a passionate request to the legislators to take into serious consideration the plight of the Swazis and play their role in full as legislators and also as a body tasked with an oversight role.

She pleaded with Senate to help her speed up the legislative process to ensure the four contentious Bills were amended and enacted into law, timeously. These AGOA markets are provided by the government of the United States of America. The minister said for the past eight months the Bills have been lying unattended in parliament despite them having been submitted with a certificate of urgency.

These are the Public Order Bill, the Suppression of Terrorism Bill, Correctional Services Bill and the Workman's Compensation Bill. Minister Magagula said she submitted these Bills in parliament in November last year, but to date, not a single one has been passed into law. The minister said the executive arm of government had started wondering if the legislators saw the need and understood the urgency with which these Bills were submitted. The minister advised that presiding officers should jointly attend to the matter and urgently come up with an amicable solution that would benefit the nation.

## Where is Minister Gideon? - Senator wonders

By Mangoba Makhubu  
Ezulwini

**PRINCIPAL Secretary in the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jinnoh Nkambule was questioned about the whereabouts of his Minister Gideon Dlamini.**

This follows the minister's rare appearance in official assignments listed in the government calendar for almost the whole of this month.

However, he re-emerged a week ago during the prime minister's departure to Kigali, Rwanda for the African Union summit.

He also attended the KickStart awards which were held a day after the prime minister's departure.

During the function, he was the one who introduced the deputy prime minister, who represented the prime minister on the day. After then, most of his assignments were again handled by the PS.

Yesterday, after forwarding the minister's 'sincere' apologies for not attending the official opening of the workshop for senators on the Fair Trading and Consumer Protection Bill and Regulations, Chairperson of the ministry of commerce portfolio committee Senator Lindiwe Ngwenya asked Nkambule about the whereabouts of the minister.

"We are concerned about the minister's disappearance of late, where is he?"

"This is the fourth time we are meeting and he is not here," she added. Earlier in his introductory remarks, the PS said something came up and the minister was held up.

"He is at the ministry's boardroom as we speak, busy with other ministerial duties."

Asked if he knew any reasons that could withhold the minister from honouring public assignments, Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane said he was not aware of anything.

"We are also not privy to how and when ministers can choose to delegate."

When the minister was contacted yesterday, he said there were too many things happening at the same time.

"We are preparing for a lot of other national events, while cabinet also has a lot of committees and everything needs to be sorted accordingly. We are also busy with the preparations for the upcoming SADC Summit, that is why most of the time I delegate the PS, but where I can, I try to be available. I think this shall soon pass, after August, I will be available," he said.

He apologised to the chairperson of the portfolio committee and the whole committee.

## ...Moi Moi shifts blame to House of Assembly

**SENATOR Vuka Moi Moi Masilela put the blame squarely on the shoulders of members of the House of Assembly, accusing them of focusing on leadership squabbles at the expense of national duty.**

Senator Masilela said he was highly disturbed and disappointed that senators were also being fingered as having contributed to the country's failure to meet international obligations yet the Bills were not stuck with the upper chamber. He said the senate president was there to concur with him that in the president's office there was not a single Bill awaiting their attention.

He said first the accusation was levelled against them by Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini. He said the PM alleged more than 40 Bills were lying idle in parliament. Masilela appealed to anyone in authority or anyone with a credible forum to exonerate the Senate and explain to the public that



**BLAME GAME: Senator Moi Moi Masilela.**

there were two chambers in parliament. He shifted the blame to the lower chamber, the House of Assembly, arguing that members there were preoccupied with leadership squabbles amongst themselves.

"There are people here who were

elected only to enjoy salaries, imitate and appear as though they were chiefs in their respective communities," said Masilela.

He said that was contrary to what they stood for as senators.

"We want to work for the nation. Let's face the truth, why are we not passing the Bills because that is our core function and that is what we are paid for; to legislate!," argued Masilela.

He decried that at the lower chamber, the prominent issue was the leadership disputes they were embroiled in. Describing the situation in the House of Assembly in vernacular, Masilela said: 'Kusuke lufuli lweTingongoni' and senators were just victims inhaling the dust; meaning bulls were fighting and, as expected, the grass was suffering. Concluding his argument, he emphasised: 'there are no Bills stuck in Senate!'

## Man poisons 20 goats with weevil tablets, 5 dead

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**A man of Pigg's Peak poisoned 20 goats belonging to his neighbours with weevil tablets. Five have since died.**

The incident, which has left residents of Luhlangotsini, an area outside Pigg's Peak in shock, happened on Tuesday.

The owner of the goats who preferred anonymity alleged that his neighbour crushed weevil tablet and mixed them with porridge to kill his goats.

"He claims it was all a mistake because he wanted to kill his dogs with the weevil tablets as they were attacking and killing

control them from killing residents' goats.

The goats' owner said the matter was then reported to the community elders who summoned the owner of the dogs who were found feeding on the dead goats.

He said on Tuesday two of his goats were found dead and the following day three more died.

"All the four goats are mine while the other one belongs to a neighbour," he said.

He said for now five goats were dead while the other 15 were undergoing treatment by a vet officer.

"The dead goats were found with foam coming from their mouths." He said a veterinary officer was called to conduct a post-mortem which showed the goats had eaten a poisonous substance.

"The culprit said he only intended to kill his dogs that were killing his neighbours' animals in the area."

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed that the matter was reported to the Pigg's Peak Police Station.

"Officers are still investigating the matter," he said.

## Landela bumper pay warning from cops

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza  
Mbabane

**The Royal Swaziland Police has warned civil servants who got their bumper pay to be extra careful as thieves will be out to get their hard earned money.**

This follows after banks also urged the police to strengthen security, especially in ATMs this long weekend, in fear of the landela gang, which is known for robbing members of the public after withdrawing

money from banks.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba said members of the public should be on the lookout for fraud scams.

"That could be SMSes about winning lucrative amounts of money to emails from people you know claiming to be stuck somewhere and in need of cash to return home," he said. Mamba further urged people who will be enjoying the money to stay away from the road while under the influence of alcohol.

"We do not care how people will be spending their money but they should not drive while under the influence of alcohol because if so, the police will get them and the law will take its course," he said.

He added that the Royal Swaziland Police would be on the roads and other places to ensure the safety of all



**MOUTHPIECE: Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba.**

our goats in the area in the past weeks," said the goats' owner.

The inner council ordered the dog owner to put down his dogs if he failed to



# It's Déjà vu as Swazi MTN brings back data bundles

## COVER STORY

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

IT'S a déjà vu literally.

The controversial data bundles new charges that caused uproar among cellphone users will be back with effect from August 1.

Just that this time it is dressed in another dress. The other change is that the public has been given a week to adjust to the notorious bundles story.

"Swazi MTN is rolling out a new breed of data bundles known as 'MTN WoW Bundles' through which the company is giving customers 50% more volume so they may have access to the internet, and other online Applications," said MTN's Mandla Lumphondvo.

He said this was in line with the company's data strategy which seeks to make data bundles more affordable, and appealing, resulting in an improved customer experience.

"The introduction of 'MTN WoW Bundles' will not replace the existing generation of bundles, which have since been named 'MTN Standard Bundles'."

● Additionally, all unused data at the time of the stipulated date will expire. As already indicated, customers will not be able to extend validity automatically by purchasing another bundle which means all bundle volumes will be valid for what is stated



DEJA VU: MTN's Mandla Lumphondvo.

The only difference is that whilst in the past, it was possible to go around validity times by purchasing a lower level bundle of E2, for instance, this will now not be possible. This was possible because of a systemic challenge, which has since been resolved alongside modernisation of the network," he said.

Hitting exactly the raw nerve they hit the last time before the new

charges were withdrawn, Lumphondvo said all bundles whether old, or new would expire on the stipulated time.

"For instance, for MTN WoW Bundles, the daily version, will expire at mid-night the following day. Thus if a customer buys a bundle on 1st of August at 11:00pm, that bundle will expire on the 2nd of August at 12mid-night," said.

He further stated that for the weekly version, expiry would take place seven days after the day of purchase.

"Additionally, all unused data at the time of the stipulated date will expire. As already indicated, customers will not be able to extend validity automatically by purchasing another bundle which means all bundle volumes will be valid for what is stated," he emphasised.

Lumphondvo said customers could share data, check their balance, and purchase the bundles through the short code \*686# and follow the prompts as the long dial string will no longer work. And the short code 567 will not exist anymore.

## Ministers fear vote of no confidence - Moi Moi

By Sabatha Dlamini  
Lobamba



BE RESPONSIBLE: Prince Kusa.

CABINET ministers allegedly fail to face members of the House of Assembly to demand answers for failure to fulfil their legislative role because they fear the dreaded vote-of-no-confidence the MPs brandish on their faces.

Senator Vuka Moi Moi Masilela alleged cabinet ministers were afraid to tackle the inefficiencies and neglect of national duty by the MPs that was evidently clear.

The fear of being forced into back-benchers through the use of a vote of no confidence as a powerful instrument, Masilela said, was the only reason the cabinet ministers chickened when tackling matters involving the members of the lower chamber.

Also of concern to Masilela, was the growing tendency by government to send incompetent legislators and officials to represent the country at the international forums.

Addressing in particular the government's failure to meet ILO benchmarks, he advised the minister that the attorney general should always make the list of the Geneva-bound delegation in Switzerland to ensure the concerns raised by the international body were clearly understood.

He said this would help avoid a situation whereby the country found itself having to work on one and the same pieces of legislation and still be accused of having failed to attend to them correctly and up to the required standard.

The minister's response was that government always made sure the delegation comprised of competent representatives of all

the tripartite bodies.

Senator Lindiwe Ngwenya concurred with Masilela that the capacity of those attending the international conferences should be carefully considered. She said it was also imperative government improved on her negotiations skills, though there shall be no consensus at all times.

Senator Prince Kusa said it should be everyone's responsibility to ensure the country was removed from the ILO Special Paragraph, adding they could do so by exercising their oversight role as legislators.

He implored cabinet ministers and the presiding officers to prioritise issues, especially the tabling of the Bills that needed their attention. The chief of Mdumenzulu in the Lubombo region said it did not go down well with them when the country was placed in the Special Paragraph.

Minister Magagula emphasised that indeed such status negatively affected the country socially and economically.

She said for a country to be in the Special Paragraph was tantamount to being subjected to soft sanctions.

These arguments were triggered by a motion by Senator Masilela calling upon the senators to debate the minister's ILO Report.

## GNT DUCKS JNT MEETING

By Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

GOVERNMENT Negotiations Team (GNT) ducked the Joint Negotiation Team (JNT) meeting which was slated for yesterday indefinitely.

The JNT had jointly scheduled a meeting for yesterday to discuss and iron-out pending issues that were left out during the last JNT meeting where both parties signed an agreement for the implementation of the salary review.

Swaziland National Association of Teachers General Secretary Muzi Mhlanga said the Public Sector Associations (PSAs) only received the letter informing them about the postponement late yesterday.

"The only reason that was stated for the postponement of the JNT was that the principal secretary who is heading the negotiations had other commitments today (yesterday)".

Mhlanga said the meeting was meant to be a continuation of salary negotiations.

He stated that when they signed the agreement, they agreed upon meeting after the implementation of the salaries and discuss pending issues such as that of allowances as it was not accommodated in the salary review agreement they signed.

"The meeting was also to address the issues of civil servants who were given pay grades that suggest a demotion, placing and paying their subordinates above them. For



SNAT Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga.

instance, according to the salary review report a head of department in a college is now at the same notch as the principal of the same college," he said.

Mhlanga went on to express his disappointment with government, saying the PSAs struggled with having government finally agree on implementation of the salary review, yet politicians had it easy.

"When we wanted government to implement the salary review they kept telling us that government had no money and that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said if government implemented the salary review the country would be in a bad economic state. It is surprising and shocking at the same time to learn that the politicians have awarded themselves handsomely with a 32% salary increase. What will IMF say to that? This goes to show everyone what kind of politicians we have in this country. Their 32% salary increase is a sizeable amount since their salaries are high already," said Mhlanga.

## Warm long weekend but...

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

TEMPERATURES will be expected to be warm over the long weekend and will likely drop on Sunday.

According to forecasters, the country should brace itself for warm temperatures, cooling air with a few rains expected on Sunday. "On Sunday there will be some light rains in some parts of the country and it will be cold mainly in the Highveld."

Today it will be sunny and hot, especially in the lowveld.

## WEATHER UPDATE

TODAY	
Mbabane	9/26
Mankayane	10/27
Manzini	10/29
Siteki	11/28
Mhlume	12/30
Big Bend	13/31

TOMORROW	
Mbabane	7/20
Mankayane	8/27
Manzini	8/29
Siteki	9/28
Mhlume	10/30
Big Bend	7/31

SATURDAY	
Mbabane	7/20
Mankayane	8/21
Manzini	8/23
Siteki	9/22
Mhlume	10/24
Big Bend	7/25

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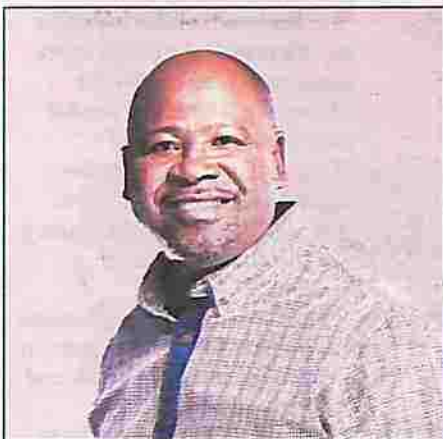
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## IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR SD

IT's all systems go for Swaziland's Biggest Braai 2016 to be held tomorrow at IDM premises in Matsapha.

The Guinness World Records (GWR) has approved the record attempt by Philani Maswati Charity Organisation, Buy n Save Group and the Swazi Nation.

Auditing firm Ndallawa and Co have been confirmed as the official auditors for GWR. The record attempt will start at 11am, for a period of 30 minutes.

Explaining the logistics of the event, Philani Maswati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini said members of the public that will part take in the Biggest Braai must be at the IDM by 9am in readiness for the braaing.

He said that the Biggest Braai 2016 aims to break the world record, set in Poland in 2015, to get a spot in the Guinness World Book of Records, where 5 000 people will be braaing (barbecuing) simultaneously for 30 minutes.

Johan Lues of the SPAR group, further explained that on the day, companies that wish to showcase and sell their products will be given space for their gazebos and stalls at affordable rates.

Bookings for additional stands can be made through Thought Full Minds at 76627614, who are part of the organisers of the event.

He said that tickets are still on sale at all Spar, Buy and Save

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**SOMETHING MEATY:** Last year's event was graced by Prince Mahlaba, who was welcomed by Philani Maswati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini. The braai was also attended by Matsapha Town Board CEO Gciniwe Fakudze, who led her troops on the day.

Outlets and at SIMPA. The tickets have different categories:

- Single E 250 allows one person includes 1 braai pack + charcoal + firelighters
- Double E 350 allows two people includes 2 braai pack + charcoal + firelighters
- Team E 700 allows four people 4 braai pack + charcoal + firelighters
- Day Passes will also be sold at the gate at E50 each but does not give access to the braai area

but only to entertainment.

## Relations

This event will not only benefit Philani Maswati Charity Organisation, but will also aim to improve relations in families, churches, soccer teams and companies, as it serves as a team building exercise, so all invited are encouraged to buy tickets.

For families, Philani Maswati has made sure that children will be catered for with a play area that will have a variety of rides,

jumping castles, balloons, face painting and many more.

After the record attempt, entertainment will continue throughout the day where an array of music items will follow.

The artists will include Sipho "Big Fish" Makhabane, Zaza, Bholoja Ngubane, Sands and many more.

The Biggest Braai 2016 aims to beat the record of the most people cooking simultaneously which is 2 853 and was achieved



**TEAM BREMA:** Manzini City Council also attended the braai.



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# BIGGEST BRAAI 2016



**STOMACH POLITICS:** Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini and Minister of Health, Sibongile Ndela-Simelane were also present in last year's braai.

at an event organised by Tourtrend in Strzelinko, Poland, on 13 June 2015. The event was part of the European Barbecue Championships.

Participants were given pork fillets, seasonings and bread and provided with barbecue grills, coal, fuel and matches in order to prepare and cook the ingredients. A creche was set up nearby to keep children away from the fenced-off barbecue area, and the local fire brigade was on hand to put out any unwanted fires - and to cool down any overheated participants with a quick spray from their hoses.

Matsapha Municipality Chief Executive Officer Gciniwe Fakudze, said the mayor had approved that 100 employees should take part in the braai as part of the council's corporate social responsibility.

She said she hoped other entities

and companies would bring more as it was a noble undertaking. Not to be outdone, Buy and Save Regional Manager Johan Lues said his company would come with 101 employees to the braai and challenged other companies to enter big groups.

## Help

Philani Maswati is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation, which was established by its Patron Her Majesty Indlovukazi (Queen Mother) assisted by volunteers. With the primary beneficiaries of the assistance being the elderly the focus is on the below objectives:- To provide assistance to needy/destitute old aged people for provision of food, shelter, clothing and funeral services.

To provide tracing services in respect of relatives for the aged.

Carrying out research activities in the relevant areas in collaboration with pertinent stakeholders;

both locally and internationally, and other activities related to the aims and objectives of the organisation

To provide support to Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) in Swaziland provide all services free of charge.

As Buy n Save's Johan Lues said, they are proud to be part of the organising committee of the event and wish for a long term relationship with Philani Maswati. Johan also said "It's our 2022 vision to become leaders and hope that the nation will follow and help were help is needed".



**SHISA NYAMA:** Deputy Senate President Ngomuyayona Gamedze and Pastor Fana Sishlongonyane were also there.



**IN NUMBERS:** Team LOGICO came in their numbers for the event.



**SUPPORT:** The Biggest Braai 2016 aims to break the world record, set in Poland, to get a spot in the Guinness World Book of Records, where 5 000 people will be braaing (barbecuing) simultaneously for 30 minutes.



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## EZULWINI SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

### INVITATION TO REGISTER AND COMMENT

The Initial Environmental Evaluation (IEE) follows the categorisation of the project by Swaziland Environmental Authority (SEA) as a category 2 project as per the Environmental Management Act of 2002. The Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) is the Ezulwini Sustainable Water Supply System's project promoter and applicant. Knight Piésold Consulting was appointed by the SWSC to undertake the IEE for this project.

#### Project Details:

The Ezulwini Sustainable Water Supply System (ESWSS) aims to:

- supplement the potable water supply for the growing Ezulwini Municipality and its surrounding areas;
- assist in building resilience against the impacts of climate change by providing a sustainable source of water from the Lusushwana River;
- provide a water treatment plant to abstract and process raw water from the Lusushwana River.

The Ezulwini Water Supply Project comprises of the following major components:

- Abstraction weir and pump station
- Water treatment plant
- Linear infrastructure such as pipelines and access roads
- Ancillary infrastructure such as a storage reservoir.

#### Public Participation Process:

Stakeholders are invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) for the Ezulwini Sustainable Water Supply System and will then be notified of all stakeholder engagements and the availability of reports for comment. I&APs are also requested to provide any comment/queries/issues of concern that they may have with regard to the proposed development. The registration and comments period closes within 30 days of the release of this notice.

To obtain more information and a Background Information Document (BID) as well as to register as an I&AP and submit comments, please contact the following:

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## 6 NATIONAL NEW

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**MUNICIPAL** Council of Mbabane CEO Gideon Mhlongo should be fired because he abuses Mbabane residents.

This is what was expressed by Ward One residents, when they marched to the offices of the municipal council yesterday.

The residents, through their organisation, known as Lalufadlane Association, are against the fact that the council wants them to buy the land which they occupy under Ward One. Some of the stands in the area are said to cost about E17 000.

The ward includes areas such as Mahwalala (Zone 5 and 6), Nkwalini (Zone 2, 3 and 4), Hilltop, Manzana (Zone 1) and Lomkiri Township. Lalufadlane Association was formed to safeguard the interests of the people living in Ward One.

#### Residents

The residents claim that they occupied the land under Ward One way before it was under urban development. Some of them even claimed that they occupied the land through the *kukhonta* system. They said they *khontaed* to Chief Zembe, whose area of jurisdiction also include Ward One.

What also confuses the residents is which institution they have to pay allegiance to as they feel that there is now a clash between the traditional and urban institutions.

The march which started at 10am at Hilltop, saw the residents walk all the way to the ministry of housing and urban development, which is situated in the

# Mhlongo, Jones wanted out

...Mahwalala residents march to deliver petition calling for CEO Mhlongo and Mayor Jones to be removed from their positions



**PROTEST:** Ward One residents carrying placards voicing their problems as they were marching to the municipal council offices to deliver the petition yesterday. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli).

building that was once occupied by the income tax department. While walking there they were chanting political and religious songs, which expressed the pain they felt under Mhlongo and Mbabane Mayor Benito Jones.

They delivered a petition at the ministry, which was received by Director of Housing and Human Settlement Bhekithemba Matsebula. The march then proceeded to the offices of the council, via the gates of Mbabane Government Hospital and Makhosikhosi Road.

At the council, the petition was received by Deputy Mayor Sithembiso Hlanze.

Chairperson of Lalufadlane Association Paulos Shongwe said they were saddened by the manner in which the council was treating them.

"We have been occupying this area way before the council was there. We have developed this area as we removed every rock and tree that we found here.

Right now, we are at risk of losing the land we had wanted to pass on to our children because of the council," Shongwe said, before they commenced the march.

He went on to state that they were not consulted by the council before it implemented the exercise. What was

even more painful, according to Shongwe, was that most of the residents in that ward were not in gainful employment. He wondered how it was possible for the people to buy the stands.

#### Suggested

He suggested that the right thing was to remove Mhlongo from the office because he was ruling the city with an iron fist.

He said Mayor Jones should also be removed because he was colluding with Mhlongo to make sure the Mbabane residents suffered.

The chairperson's sentiments were echoed by Lalufadlane Association



**ON STREET:** Ward One residents marching past Nkwalini to deliver their petition to the ministry of housing and urban development.

Secretary Nomvula Msibi, who stated that what the council imposed on them was negatively affecting them, as they were made to buy their own land.

The council did so without taking their economic status into consideration.

"What is even more problematic is that for those who paid for the stands, before computers were introduced to the council, might find themselves paying for the second time if they have no receipts to show that they paid for the stands.

I am lucky because I managed to keep my receipts. If I did not do that, I would find myself paying E17 000 for the second time," Msibi said.



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## IT'S AN OLD MATTER – MINISTER MABUZA

**THE matter raised by Ward One residents is not new as it applies everywhere.**

This was said by Minister for Housing and Urban Development

Phiwayinkhosi Mabuza, when contacted for comment yesterday. He said there was nothing new on the matter they were raising. "The matters they are raising are not new

to us. The people from Ward One had not been coming to the ministry for the first time to raise such issues. These issues will be responded to by the ministry in due course," Mabuza said. He said such issues needed a lengthy period of time so that they could be addressed properly. Meanwhile, Municipal Council of Mbabane Information and Public Relations Officer (IPRO) Lucky Tsabedze, who was present when the petition was delivered, said it would be presented to the council where it would be addressed. "However, it is prudent to also make mention of the fact that some of the issues raised in the document have been in existence for decades as policies. In fact, they are fully operational in other municipalities. For instance, the Rating Act of 1995 is a 21 year old legislation and is not even the creation or branch of the municipality or its current leadership," Tsabedze said.



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# SWAZI TV ORDERED TO RE-INSTATE ALL ADVERTS FOR SA AGENCY

Stories by Linda Jele  
High Court

**HIGH Court Judge Mzwandile Fakudze has directed Swazi TV to comply with a E1.2 million advertising deal that was sealed by suspended CEO Austin Dlamini with a South African advertising agency.**

The South African agency, KPM Media, had taken the Swaziland Television Authority to court citing breach of agreement which allowed it to flight TV adverts for shops such as Shoprite, Hifi Corporation, Lewis Stores and Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC).

It also advertised for Unilever, among others.

The court action came after the national television station cancelled all adverts brought in by KPM Media, subsequent to an agreement it signed with Dlamini in July last year. Dlamini was reported to have represented the

station in signing the E1.2 million contract agreement wherein KPM Media would buy advertising slots from the station and then sell it to a number of multi-national supermarkets and shops.

KPM Media had been represented by its Managing Director Pushpinder Singh, but Swazi TV cancelled the airing of adverts for the former's clients.

It had instructed lawyer Kenneth Simelane from Henwood and Company and Swazi TV opposed it through its law firm Robinson Bertram on the grounds that the contract had been signed by the suspended CEO without authority from the board. It told the SA

Johannesburg based company that there was no existing agreement between them.

But Justice Fakudze issued a judgment in favour of KPM Media which means the station will, with immediate effect, make available advertising space for the company.

KPM Media, according to Singh, dealt with purchasing advertising slots in many broadcasters across the continent in countries such as Swaziland, Nigeria, Ghana, Namibia and the Republic of Congo. He said such slots were then utilised by its clients in each of these countries.

"These businesses then rely on KPM Media to ensure that their advertisements are aired on Swazi TV as the ideal means of



communicating with the Swazi consumers. KPM Media is contractually obliged to ensure that the clients' advertisements are aired on the designated dates and times," Singh said in his affidavit

accompanying the application.

Meanwhile, Swazi TV had argued that the contract was not valid because the board had not sanctioned its birth. It argued that compliance to the contract could not be enforced because it was concluded in violation of the station's statutory provisions.

It further argued that the contract was financially prejudicial to it and an order directing the station to honour it would be against public policy.

It was further argued on behalf of the station that a court cannot impose an order that would bring hardship to another party.

## Civil servant wants PS Dr Zwane jailed

**A civil servant wants the Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Health Dr Simon Zwane to be jailed for 30 days for contempt of court.**

Sithembile Shongwe has instructed lawyer Mandla Mdluli of MH Mdluli Attorneys to institute legal proceedings against Zwane seeking an order declaring that he is held in contempt of court. She claimed the principal secretary failed to comply with a court order he had agreed to in October 2015.

She claimed that she and Zwane, who was representing the ministry of health, had entered into an agreement which stipulated that she was to be re-instated to her original grade of CH5 notch 6.

The re-instatement, she alleged was to be effected from March 2015, when the

Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC) issued a consent award. Shongwe had challenged the ministry's decision to change her salary grade to a lower grade without consultation and she was further demoted from a managerial position.

**Claimed**

She claimed that after the CMAC award, the parties entered into an agreement and it was further agreed that it should be made an order of the Industrial Court.

"The ministry of health was to pay the applicant's salary arrears with effect from October 2013 to date of finally effecting the deed of settlement as agreed, inclusive of housing allowance and reinstating her to her managerial position

as per her grade CH5 notch 6."

She submitted that Zwane was fully aware of the court order by virtue of it being served to the attorney general's offices, which represented him in court.

However, she alleged that Zwane has ignored, neglected, failed or refused to comply with the court order without lawful justification.

She submitted that the PS' failure to obey court orders was not only a sign of disrespecting the court's authority, but it showed he was looking down upon the dignity of the rule of law in the country. She further submitted that such had very serious implications in the business community in that no investor could invest in a country where orders were just illusions.

She further applied for an order mulcting the PS with costs on punitive scale. The matter is pending before court.

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## Maliyaduma man charged for gruesome murder of girlfriend

**THE man who gruesomely stabbed his lover to death in front of community members at Maliyaduma has been formally charged with murder.**

Thulani Matower Tsabedze of Maliyaduma is accused of killing his lover Sonto Mdluli on November 8, 2015 in the same area. The incident reportedly took place in broad daylight.

Director of Public Prosecutions Nkosinathi Maseko has formally charged Tsabedze with murder and issued a charge sheet before the High Court in readiness for trial.

It has been alleged that the bone of contention was not established as the two were seen walking together in the community, but he suddenly flashed out a knife and stabbed Mdluli several times all over the body.

She collapsed immediately and residents then raised alarm.

It has been claimed that Tsabedze then fled the scene with the knife still in hand. The deceased was also from the same community. After the incident, her family members were called and found her lying in a pool of blood where she had been stabbed.

The accused later handed himself over to the Manzini Police Station. It is alleged that he asked his friend Zibuse Ndzinisa to accompany him to the police. According to the summary of evidence, seven witnesses have been lined up to testify and proof the guilt of the accused.

Their identities will not be revealed for their safety. The accused has not yet entered a plea to the charge.





# E450 000 WORTH COMPUTERS DONATED TO AME PRIMARY

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Lomshiyo

COMPUTERS worth E450 000 as well as a state-of-the-art computer lab have been donated to Hhohho AME Primary School.

The computer lab has been fitted with 54 computers, two Bluetooth printers, two air conditioners and educational software.

Overall, a total of 443 pupils of the school would benefit from the donation, which was made by the Riddell Family Trust through the UK Board of Trustees that works in conjunction with the Swazi Charitable Trust Organisation.

The organisation started the project of building the computer lab in 2013 but unfortunately the chief of the Riddell family trust and head of the family, Sir John Riddell passed away before he could see the completion of the project.

Appearing on behalf of the Riddell family was son to the late Sir John, Hugh, who officially opened the computer lab and stated that his father would have been very proud of the work the organisation had accomplished.

Riddell junior said: "Who knew that the name of my father would appear on a plaque on a block of classes in

gesture made by the Riddell Family Trust through the UK Board of Trustees that works in conjunction with the Swazi Charitable Trust Organisation



**A RUN THROUGH: Pupils and teachers inside the computer lab. (Pics: Sizwe Dlamini)**

the most remote locations in the Hhohho region of Swaziland?

We are all very proud to honour his memory and we trust that the children of this beautiful school will work well and utilise this computer lab to the fullest. We love the Kingdom of Swaziland and all the children that live in it."

Also attending the event was the UK Board of Trustees Chairperson Victoria McDonough who stated that children in Swaziland were actually

eager to learn and go to school unlike their counterparts in the UK.

McDonough said: "It is very heart warming to see Swazi children who are eager to learn, the joy on their faces is beautiful. I am happy that these children want to go to school unlike some of the pupils in the UK who take education for granted."

Principal of the school Mavis Mazibuko stated that they were very lucky to receive such a donation and promised to use it profitably to the



**2022: Computers worth E450 000 as well as a state-of-the-art computer lab donated to 443 pupils of the Hhohho AME Primary School.**

pupils advantage, even the little ones.

Appearing on behalf of the ministry of education and training was Senior Inspector of ICT, Isaac Tsela who highlighted the difficulties that government was having in establishing the I.T syllabus. He pointed out that a syllabus was being readied for all schools and would be implemented from as early as Grade One.

"The new generation is very lucky as most of us started using computers when we reached university but this generation will start using them as early as Grade One," he said. Also making a speech was Hhohho Deputy REO Mvangel Simelane, who stated that education was the key to ending poverty and highlighted the importance of such a donation. Chairperson of the Swazi Charitable Trust Phindile



**GOOD DAY: Son of the late Sir John Riddell, Hugh, who officially opened the computer lab.**

Ndabandaba, promised that her organisation would continue helping the schools around Swaziland. The event was punctuated by traditional dancing performed by pupils of the AME Primary.

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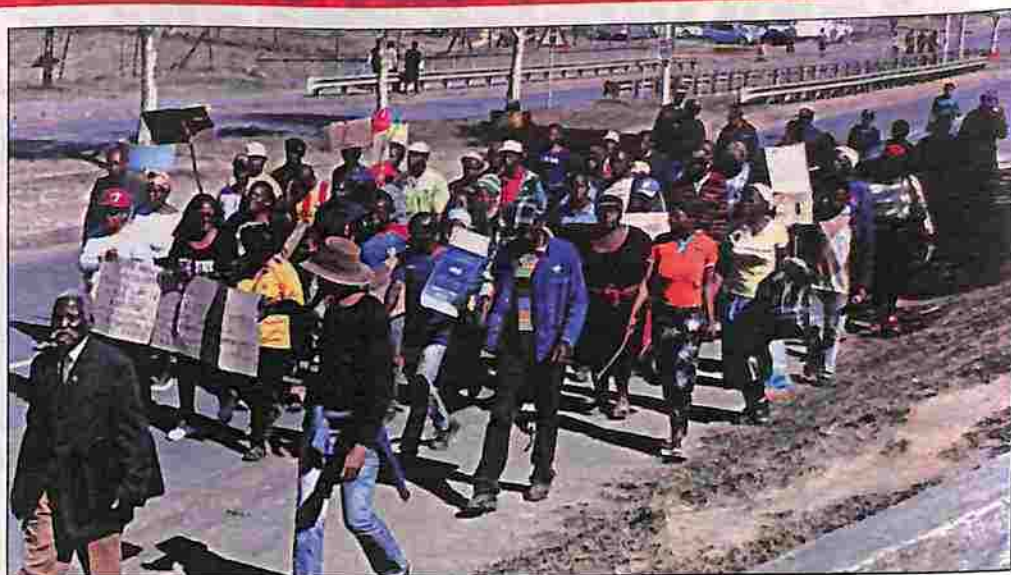
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# WARD ONE RESIDENTS TAKE TO THE STREETS



**FED UP:** Ward One residents carrying placards voicing their grievances on various issues as they were marching to the Mbabane Municipal Council offices to deliver their petition yesterday. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli)



**MARCHING FOR A PURPOSE:** The residents captured marching along Makhosikhosi Road on their way to the Council offices.



**DISAPPOINTED:** Majahezitheni Ndlavela Dlamini expressing his disappointment with the housing minister.



**OUR QUERIES:** Lalufadlane Association Secretary Nomvula Msibi reading the petition at the ministry.



**LALELANI:** Mbabane Deputy Mayor Sithembiso Hlanze addressing the residents after receiving the petition.



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## 10 NATIONAL NEWS

# VIOLENT MQOLO PUPILS CARRY KNIVES TO SCHOOL

Stories by Gugu Simelane  
Mbabane

IN a rather startling revelation, Mqolo Central Primary Principal Archie Thwala has said pupils in the school were out of control and had turned violent.

He said these pupils were bringing dangerous weapons to the school including knives and sharp dangerous objects.

The principal revealed this during a parents' meeting held at the school on Tuesday morning. "A few weeks ago, a grade three pupil was caught carrying a knife."

"I have confiscated a number of dangerous objects from pupils in the school that could cause harm to others. My office has now been turned into a mini courtroom because, day in and day out, pupils are brought to my office and I have to try



and solve their problems resulting from the unending squabbles," he said.

The meeting that was prompted by the preparation of a farewell function for two teachers that will be held at the school, towards the end of the third term.

## Theft

Thwala said the pupils then were so rude, unruly and had turned to petty theft. He said those in grade six and seven were the main culprits. "This behaviour is infectious, as even pupils from the lower grades were now copying the bad behaviour," he said.

He urged parents to exercise discipline to their chil-

dren at home. "I appeal to each and every parent present here to discipline your children."

A child who is not disciplined at home is evident here at school. As you know that the teachers' hands are tied pertaining the issue of administering corporal punishment to pupils, we plead with you to discipline your children," he said.

Thwala further said two grade one pupils were once found to have stolen some minor stationery at SAGM primary school.

He attributed this behaviour to lack of discipline from the parents.

## ...People tarnishing my good name – Thwala

**MQOLO Central Primary Principal Archie Thwala has said some people were out to tarnishing his good name at the school.**

Thwala said this when responding to a list of concerns that a portion of parents had raised pertaining to accusations made against him.

A parent who wanted to remain anonymous, in fear of victimisation of his child, revealed that they had major concerns about the principal and the way he runs the school.

"The major concern is the issue of end-of year financial for the school."

Every December he presents to us a statement that is confusing and unbalancing, and when we require an explanation he brushes us off and not attend to our concerns," he said.

The parent further said they were concerned with the fact that sometimes the school runs out of food yet

as parents they witnessed government trucks delivering food at the school.

"In that school food lasts only a few weeks after government delivers it."

After that our children languish in hunger yet the food had been delivered," he said.

## Revealed

He further revealed that they have already reported the matter concerning the end of year financials to the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and they were contemplating taking it up to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

Responding to these allegations Thwala said everything they had said about him were fabricated lies and nothing else.

"There is no truth in any of the matters that they are bringing up against me. These people are just after tarnishing my good name."

I have worked hard ever since I got to this school in

2009. With my effort the schools' performance in standard five has greatly improved. It is a pity that they are now trying to create lies about me and my administration of the school," he said.

Thwala further revealed that during year end meetings he, together with the school committee, present the financial report to the parents in a meeting and explain everything to them.

## Fabricating

"I have a feeling the people, who are fabricating these stories about me are the good for nothing drunks from around here, as they have a vendetta against me. These boys are not even parents to any pupil in the school's," he said.

Thwala revealed that a few weeks back the schools' security guard busted a number of boys, from the area stealing firewood from the school. He said he suspects they are the ones trying to ruin his good name.



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# Durban AIDS meet hear good circumcision news about SD

● Half of the 80 percent of Swazi men we're targeting have already been circumcised

By Samkelo Mahlalela  
(NERCHA)

SWAZILAND has made considerable progress in rolling out Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC), although this is a new intervention in HIV prevention in the country.

Making this observation at the 21st International AIDS Conference in Durban on Monday was Alfred Khehla Adams, the Swaziland Technical Director at the Centre for HIV/AIDS Prevention Studies (CHAPS).

CHAPS is an organisation that works with the ministry of health and other NGOs to deliver VMMC in the country. "Half of the 80 percent of Swazi men we're targeting have already been circumcised," Adams told delegates at a side event of the conference where over 18 000 people are deliberating on the topic: 'access equity rights now'.

VMMC is one of the strategies countries are using as a means of

prevention in an effort to meet the global objective of ending AIDS by 2030.

While the country is on the right track in delivering VMMC, there are still some challenges regarding creating demand.

"Because it's a new intervention, people were worried about the pain and also cultural issues because Swazis were not used to it," said Adams.

## Changing

But that is rapidly changing following awareness programmes and targeting specific groups such as young men and creating awareness through activities that most men engage in such as soccer. The VMMC campaign in Swaziland has engaged soccer star, Dennis 'Yuki' Masina, as the brand ambassador. Adams said the response after engaging 'Yuki' was great because most of his fans wanted to emulate him by circumcising.

"We've signed a memorandum of understanding with the National Football Association of Swaziland to create a partnership in the male cir-

cumcision campaign," he said.

More needs to be done by Swaziland and other countries though because they are failing to meet the global challenge of circumcising five million men annually. So far three million men are circumcised annually and this needs to change if the world is to meet the target of the UNAIDS 2016-2021 Strategy.

This target calls for the circumcision of 27 million men in high-prevalence settings as part of their integrated sexual reproductive health services by 2021.

"Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision needs to be better institutionalised in countries," said UNAIDS chief prevention, Karl Dehne as he launched the Framework for Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision at the same event. UNAIDS co-authored this document together with WHO.

He said VMMC should be integrated into policies, school curriculum and big sporting events to ensure the picture was clear to everybody so

that each country is able to meet the 2021 target.

So far not everyone gets the idea, even in Swaziland where there is remarkable progress. Dr Pierre Somse, Deputy Director at the UNAIDS regional support team for Eastern and Southern Africa, told delegates he was shocked by the

response of a Swazi parliamentarian at the National HIV/AIDS on July 12 to 14.

"The parliamentarian said male circumcision is useless because it has not reduced the rate of divorce and promiscuity," said Somse. He said this was evidence that more needs to be done with regards to educating people about the role of circumcision in HIV prevention. Somse said the messages being sent on male circumcision should make people understand what it can and cannot achieve.

"Reducing the rate of divorce and promiscuity is not the role of male

circumcision," said Somse.

"But we can't be dismissive, when we get people with this kind of information, it shows that the messages fall through the cracks."

Swaziland has committed itself to scale-up VMMC as part of 'Umgubudla: A Fast-track Programme Towards an AIDS-Free Swaziland,' launched by the Prime Minister, Sibusiso Dlamini last week. 'Umgubudla' states that VMMC provides 60 percent protection from new infection in heterosexual males. A further investment in VMMC will cost the country \$10 million between the 2014 and 2030.

The question that some delegates were asking were where will the money come from considering that the funding envelope for HIV/AIDS is shrinking. "Considering ending AIDS without increasing the funding is magical thinking," said AVAC Programme Director, Emily Bass. AVAC is a global organisation that advocates for HIV prevention.

Lee Abdelfadil from the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, said global funding towards the epidemic was shrinking and called for countries to be more efficient in what they do to reduce costs. The conference ends tomorrow. Minister of Health, Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane and National Emergency Response Council (NERCHA) Director, Khanya Mabuza, are leading the Swaziland delegation comprising of activists and health experts. Princess Sikhanyiso participated at pre-conference activities on Sunday before the start of the conference.



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# SWAZILAND'S COMART PROJECT PRESENTED AT AIDS2016 CONFERENCE

Stories by Observer Reporter  
Durban, South Africa

THE Swaziland National AIDS Programme (SNAP) on Monday presented its Community ART (ComART) programme to participants at the International AIDS Conference currently taking place at the ICC in Durban, South Africa.

The International AIDS Conference is the largest gathering on any global health or development issue in the world. First convened during the peak of the AIDS epidemic in 1985, the conference continues to provide a unique forum for the intersection of science, advocacy, and human rights.

Each conference is an opportunity to strengthen policies and programmes that ensure an evidence-based response to the epidemic.

About 18 000 scientists, policy-makers, advocates and people living with HIV are attending the AIDS 2016 conference.

The conference, which ends tomorrow, will highlight the latest



ATTENTIVE: Dr Sthembile Lukhele and her team during the presentation.

accomplishments and challenges in a rapidly expanding area of scientific inquiry that few could have imagined – the prospect of developing safe, effective, and globally scalable approaches to curing or achieving sustained remission of HIV infection.

Swaziland, like many other countries, had an opportunity to share its best practices and also learn from other countries. Zimbabwe was the first to present during Monday afternoon's session. The Zimbabwean team stated that their programme had immensely decongested health facilities.

#### Aimed

The Swazi team, which was led by National ART Coordinator Dr

Sthembile Lukhele, presented the ComART project, which, like the Zimbabwean one, is aimed at decongesting health facilities.

Dr Lukhele told the meeting that the country was making plans to adopt 'test and treat' in October, adding that the motivation gained momentum as the 90-90-90 came

in. she mentioned that the current World Health Organisation (WHO) allowed people with a CD4 of less than 500 to enrol on ART and thus more and more people are eligible to ART.

She said these models were attractive because they offered an opportunity to decongest the health facilities. She said while they wanted to increase ART coverage, they did not want to compromise on quality as the patients who are virally unsuppressed still needed time to walk them through.

She said also, because HIV is a chronic illness, they wanted to empower clients to be actively engaged in their care.

The team explained that people who are virally suppressed and are stable on ART are encouraged to form support clubs where they rotate in collecting medication from the hospital.

#### Discovered

This project was piloted since 2014 and it would soon be rolled out throughout the country. It was discovered that stable patients do not need much attention but just to collect their drugs, hence there was no need for all of them to come to the health facility unless they needed to be attended to by a clinician. The clients form their own groups and rotate in collecting ARVs from the hospital.

"This saves time which could be spent away from work whilst collecting drugs. It also saves money because only one person comes per month or in three months," reported Raymond Shabangu, a nurse who was part of the team.

## EDUCATION, HEALTH MINISTERS ATTEND OPENING CEREMONY

THE AIDS 2016 conference kicked off on a high note on Monday and was officially opened by South African Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa.

Members of the civic organisation, including gays and lesbians, took turns in addressing the gathering during the official opening of the meeting which was characterised by small demonstrations from time to time by HIV activists.

The meeting was attended by UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibe and founder of the Charize Theron Africa's Treatment Action Campaign Charize Theron, among other speakers.

Among the Swazi delegation was Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane, Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula and his Principal Secretary Patrick Muir, Senator Bonsile Mngometulu, NERCHA Director Khanya Mabuza and World Health Organisation (WHO) HIV/TB Officer Dr Sithembile Dlamini-Ngeketo.

Speaking during the meeting, Ramaphosa started by commending former African leaders who have been champions in the fight against HIV prevention.

These include, among others, former SA president Kgalema Motlante, former president Banda of Malawi, former president Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique, and former President Festus Mogae of Botswana.



REMARKS: SA Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa delivering his speech at the event.

"We have all been touched by this epidemic. Many lives have been lost as it has affected ordinary people, families have been torn apart, communities have been distressed, livelihoods have been lost and children have been orphaned," he lamented.

#### Devastating

Ramaphosa said the epidemic has a truly devastating impact on the quality of life of millions of people around the world. He said countries like South Africa where HIV has fundamentally changed the burden of disease, altered life expectancy, depleted health resources and put social support systems under extreme strain.

"This epidemic has changed our world and at the same time it has changed us. The struggle to end AIDS has galvanised the global community in an unprecedented way. It has provoked the sense of international solidarity and a

sense of common purpose. This virus has challenged all of us. It has required many of us to reconsider the beliefs that were long held to be true. We had to change the way we respond to epidemics. Countries had to redirect resources from other areas of critical needs to address this new challenge," he said.

The deputy president added that the virus requires comprehensive response. He said countries had to mobilise international agencies, governments, traditional leaders, the media donors, communities and more importantly individuals who confront HIV on a daily basis in their own lives.

He noted that for many countries, this has been a long journey with a number of challenges. He said for many, it has been a journey from difference, denial and transition to accepting and confronting directly the truths about this epidemic.

Adding Ramaphosa said: "Over the years the international AIDS conferences have been the fora that have borne witness to this journey. These conferences have advanced our understanding of the epidemic and have also raised our level of consciousness as well as provoked us and challenged our misconceptions, yet at the same time they have inspired us, giving us innovative ways of dealing with the epidemic.

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# UNAIDS wants 'blessers' on zero level

**MICHEL Sidibe**, the UNAIDS Executive Director, has come hard on the so called 'blessers' who put adolescent girls at the risk of contracting HIV in exchange for money.

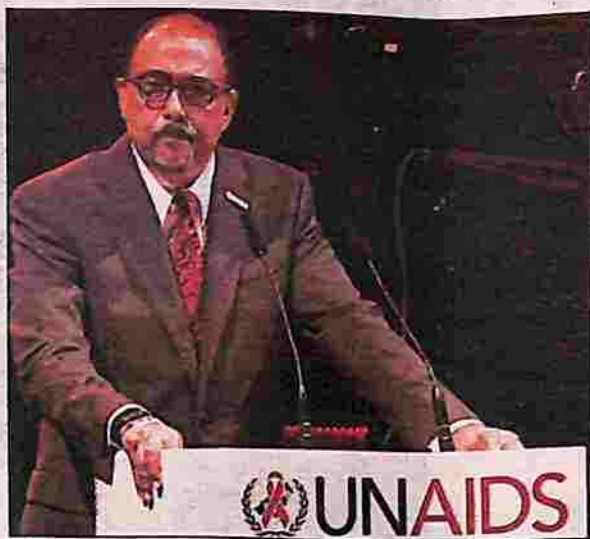
Sidibe was speaking during the official opening of the AIDS 2016 conference in Durban, South Africa.

The opening was attended by among others, Ministers of Health and Education Senator Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane and Phineas Magagula respectively, PS Pat Muir, Senator Bonsile Mngommetulu and WHO HIV/TB Officer Dr Sithembile Dlamini-Ngeketo.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) Swaziland country office has also sent two electronic media journalists to cover the event.

## Commitment

In his remarks, Sidibe said the event, AIDS 2016 must mark the commitment to finish what was started and fast-track the end of AIDS. He said while much was on track, some things have gone way



we cannot stop new infections. Young women need options to protect themselves that don't depend on men. And as to the 'blessers', there is only one level I want see. I want the zero level. Zero tolerance for men who put adolescent girls at risk of HIV," he said.

## Targets

He said the 90-90-90 targets had been embraced by the world, and noted however, that complacency had become the new conspiracy thus it must be broken.

"Our progress is incredibly fragile. If we do not act now, we risk resurgence and resistance. Today, I am sounding the alarm on prevention."

"Progress on stopping new infections has stalled for adults. In some

off-track, and as a consequence much time has been lost, as well as momentum and many lives.

"I am fired up, because in some African countries, 25 percent of young women will become infected with HIV before they turn 25. If we do not empower young women and girls, stop the violence and provide access to comprehensive sexuality education and sexual reproductive health services and rights,

countries new HIV infections are going up. We need to invest in young women, harm reduction, pre-exposure prophylaxis, condoms, voluntary medical male circumcision, social protection and community action," he said.

Sidibe said by 2020, all countries and communities should have reduced the number of new infections by 75 percent.

## Approach

He said to achieve this, there was need for innovation in health systems, need to reengineer the approach to health delivery and keep the focus on the community.

He said zero discrimination in health-care settings was non-negotiable. There was need for people centred systems that integrate tuberculosis, Hepatitis C, cancer and reproductive health services.

Adding, he said there was need for continued investment and innovation in research that would deliver the vaccine and cure waiting to be discovered.

Adding, Sidibe noted that civil society was being squeezed from

all sides. He said the bold voices that should be heard were being silenced. He appealed to governments to open the space for community activism, even when it is uncomfortable, adding that without civil society, there was no AIDS response.

## Infections

"We know we are leaving people behind. When key populations still account for 35 percent of new infections, where is our outrage? We know how to reach gay men and other men who have sex with men, sex workers, people who inject drugs, transgender people and prisoners, as well as migrants. Too often we label key populations as hard to reach, but the truth is; we do not try very hard to reach them," he said.

Sidibe said by 2020, the world would need US\$ 26 billion for the AIDS response. He said the world needs a fully-funded Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

"If we are serious about ending AIDS, it is high time for a new political discussion on how to make funding sustainable and predictable, he said.



**ATTENDED:** Some of the dignitaries from Swaziland listening through the official opening of the AIDS 2016 conference.



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# FARMERS ASSOCIATION RETRENCHES 20 WORKERS

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**FINANCIAL** difficulties have forced a sugar association at Dvokolwako to retrench over 20 workers in a space of two months.

An employee at Kwasa Farmers Association, who preferred anonymity, said his immediate supervisor told them to stop coming to work as the association was in financial crisis.

He alleged that six shareholders of the troubled Kwasa Farmers Association were keen to have a special meeting with SwaziBank board members to discuss their financial woes.

The employee said management only reinstated two employees out of the more than 20 for security reasons.

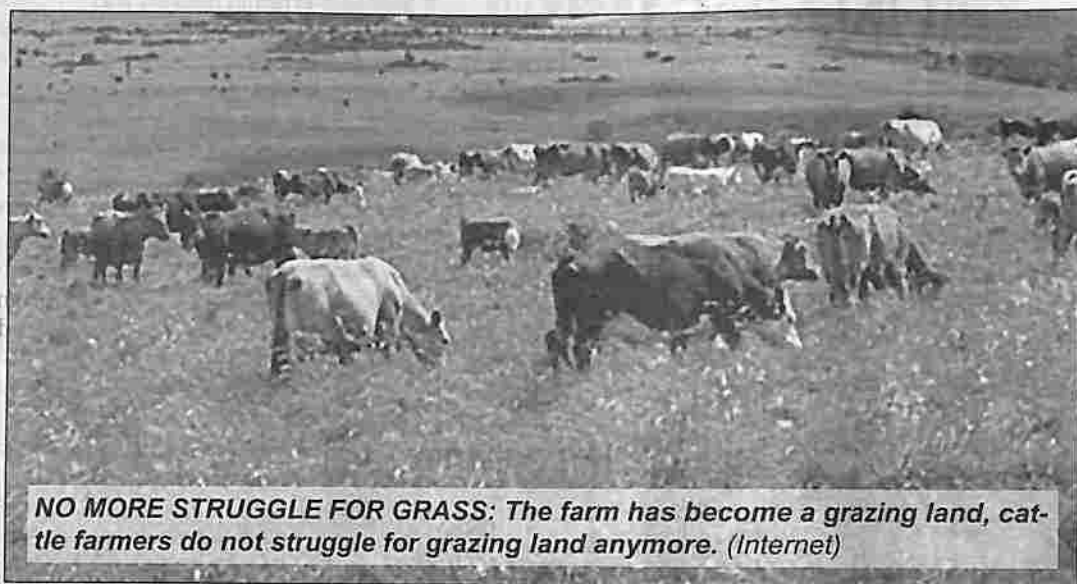
## Retaliation

The job cuts have had a detrimental effect on operations, according to the source.

He said in retaliation, the troublesome residents have damaged the fence in order to steal the sugar cane.

"The farm has become a graz-

*... The employee said management only reinstated two employees out of the more than 20 for security reasons. The job cuts have had a detrimental effect on operations*



**NO MORE STRUGGLE FOR GRASS:** The farm has become a grazing land, cattle farmers do not struggle for grazing land anymore. (Internet)

ing land. Cattle farmers do not struggle for grazing land anymore," said the source.

He added that the water pump was left hanging at the Mbuluzi River since the association has not paid electricity.

He said a month later the two employees reinstated also aban-

doned the farm as they were not paid.

## Aggrieved

"They worked for two extra months unpaid until they decided to terminate their services as well. As we speak operations are at standstill at the farm," the aggrieved retrenched employee

said.

The employee said there were slim chances of harvesting this year since the company was sinking in huge debts. He alleged that the six shareholders were also at loggerheads over the matter as some blame the other for misusing funds.

## Employees work 5 months without pay

**KWASA Farmers Association staff worked without pay for almost five consecutive months.**

An employee who preferred anonymity said they were retrenched without pay by their immediate supervisors.

"We were told that as soon as they get financial assistance from the bank they will pay us. To date we are still waiting," the employee said.

He said they have been living a painful life for more than six months.

"Both cleaners and security personnel have not been paid for far too long." He said the association

had promised

to pay a part of their salaries immediately and the balance within two weeks, but this never happened. "I work for eight hours a day. This association should be

held accountable for failure to pay us timeously, as seemingly they are comfortable with us working without any financial returns."

The source said currently they were at home with no job and a source of income. "We solely depend on these salaries for our day to day expenses."



## Association in E10m arrears

**KWASA Farmers Association** situated at Dvokolwako near Malamlela Primary School is in arrears amounting to E10 million with SwaziBank.

According to the Chairman of

the association Ellen Masuku, SwaziBank stopped funding them as it claimed they were in arrears.

## Funding

As a result of lack of funding from the bank, Masuku said they

failed to honour their debts and salaries for the staff.

"We have tried to meet with SwaziBank's board to discuss the matter and were informed that we are in arrears," Masuku said.

She confirmed that operations at the farm were at standstill since the bank stopped funding them because of the E10 million debt.

## Choice

Masuku said they were left with no choice but to retrench some of their workers because of lack of operational funds.

Meanwhile, SwaziBank Public

Relations Officer Phesheya Vilakati when sought for comment, said the matter touched on customer confidentiality.

"Unfortunately, we cannot comment on this matter," he said.

However, Vilakati said they were in discussions with the association regarding all matters of their operations and finance.

## HLUTI MP'S NOT SO EASY TASK TO WIN 2018 ELECTIONS

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Hluti

**RESIDENTS** of Hluti will only vote their Member of Parliament Thulani Masuku, back to parliament in 2018, if the area is declared a town soonest.

The residents said for Masuku to win the race, he should utilise the remaining period to convince relevant authorities to act swiftly in declaring Hluti a town.

"He must make sure that he leaves office with Hluti given the town board status, otherwise he might as well kiss the next parliament term goodbye.

"We are not de-campaigning him, but surely, working on this will definitely win our hearts. He must engage all parties to realise his dream. Right now, we are not sure what else is needed as there are

public offices and other departments providing essential services, thus we feel this place qualifies to be a town," said Bahle Sibandze, who is Chairman of the business community in Hluti.

## Establishments

Sibandze said with establishments such as the police station, Magistrate's Court, post office and many other service providers in Hluti, the place qualified to be declared a town.

"We are aware there are a number of things to be considered when an area has to be upgraded and given status of a town. It will excite us to see the MP try and have this dream fulfilled," said Sibandze in his personal capacity as resident of Hluti.

Sibandze said he was pleased when seeing Minister of Housing Phiwayinkhosi Mabuza making a



**MOUNTAINOUS TASK:** Member of Parliament Thulani Masuku.

stopover in the area, a couple of months ago, though it was not an

official visit.

The minister met with the MP and their discussions touched on what needs to be done to have the area upgraded.

"Months have passed, but still we have not heard anything. It's the duty of the MP and the constituency team to pressurise relevant bodies to upgrade this area to a town," said Sibandze.

## Suggesting

Meanwhile, MP Masuku said he would not want to believe there were some people who have started suggesting what he needed to do to be re-elected in 2018.

He said as much as he was also keen to see Hluti attain the town status, he was not the one to make such a call. "It's everyone's dream residing around Hluti that the area be upgraded to a town. The minister of housing and urban

development also shares this sentiment, however, there are processes involved for such to be a reality.

"We should only be spearheading development. The rest of the other things will fall in place.

Development comes first: The towns or cities started small and then as development was experienced, they became towns or cities," said the MP.

## Unresolved

The MP said Hluti's other challenges were the many private properties adding that it would take sometime to have achieve other things as long as the issue of some properties remained unresolved. "We have farms surrounding Hluti and for us to be a town, that has to be addressed

"Otherwise, I did bring to the minister's attention that we should do something. The minister will come back on an official visit and that is when we will have a chance to find out what has to be done," said MP Masuku.



# ANGRY RESIDENTS ALMOST ATTACK MP FOR FAILED FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlango

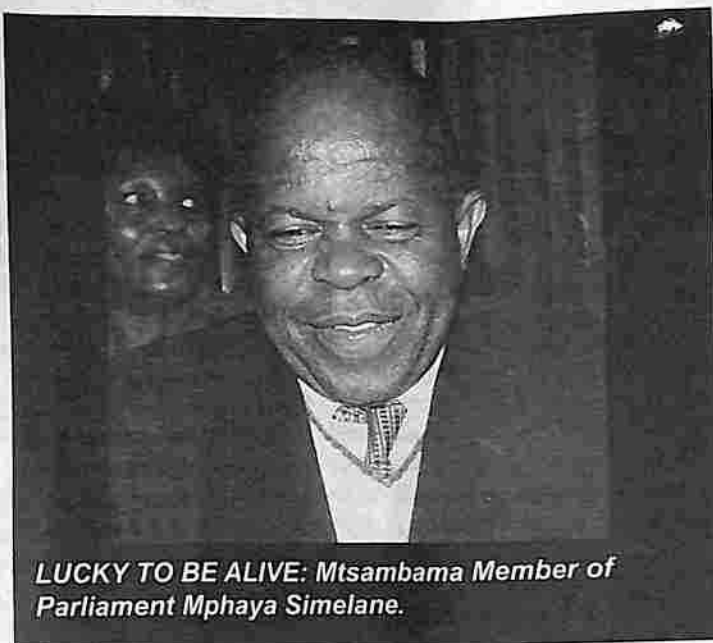
AN angry crowd that had been promised food parcels almost manhandled Mtsambama Member of Parliament (MP) Mphaya Simelane as that promise was not fulfilled.

The MP was verbally attacked together with his constituency team.

A drought mitigation programme was recently released where different dates were announced as to where food distribution would occur, especially in areas that were hit hard by drought.

In some of the parts of Shiselweni, people had lined up to have the distribution conducted this week.

At Mtsambama Inkhundla, such an exercise was marred by problems that nearly led to the exchange of blows.



LUCKY TO BE ALIVE: Mtsambama Member of Parliament Mphaya Simelane.

This was after it was realised that the exercise was a non-starter and many returned home empty handed.

## Families

It is said a crowd of 60 to 100 people had assembled at Magele and Ekwendzeni chiefdoms on Monday.

The residents were hoping to benefit from a food distribution exercise which had been scheduled in the area as announced by government. Some residents arrived at their distribution points (chiefdoms) very early, but unfortunately had to go back home late and empty handed.

The residents were advised to return on another date.

On Monday, the residents from these two chiefdoms (Magele and Ekwendzeni) were part of those that were earmarked to receive food parcels, however, such never happened.

Reports were that at Ekwendzeni chiefdom, an area under Chief Makhosikhosi (Khumalo), things could have turned nasty if it was not for the quick intervention of the headman of the umphakatsi Sibonginkosi Dlamini.

The angry residents were not prepared to listen to any stories upon realising they would not be getting any food.

The team had only come to monitor and assist in seeing that the distribution exercise was carried out smoothly.

However, the angry residents instead blamed the team for not getting anything and returning to their respective homes empty handed.

## Inkhundla team freeze as angry residents demand answers

MP Mphaya Simelane confirmed how they were verbally attacked by the mob from the two chiefdoms.

He said, the adage: 'a hungry man is an angry man' rang true here as the angry residents cornered him.

"Things almost got out of hand when they were informed there will be no food distribution.

They had waited almost the whole day and only learned late that there were technicalities being experienced by the distribution team," said the MP.

He said it was a tense situation as the people felt undermined

because of their plight.

## Programme

"Bebafuna kusidla luhlata bat-fukutsele bagane lunwabu," said the MP.

He exonerated himself and his team from the sudden turn of events.

"Ours is just to monitor and we are not to blame for the exercise not taking place. What is consoling us is the Caritas team promised they will be back on Monday to distribute food to the people from the two chiefdoms," said the MP.

Mtsambama Indvuna Yenkhundla Mboni Simelane also echoed the MP's words say-

ing they were now waiting for next week Monday.

Mlamuli Dlamini, a senior member of the ruling household at Magele Umphakatsi, also confirmed how the people got infuriated after the programme was cancelled at the eleventh hour.

## Patience

"Fortunately, the Caritas team assured us that next week, Monday, the distribution will take place and we urge the community to be patient," said Dlamini also once served as MP of Mtsambama after the demise of Bheki 'No Problem' Mkhonta.

Meanwhile, yesterday a similar

scenario unfolded at Ebenezer as again food distribution failed to take place.

According to MP Simelane, it was the same excuse that was given.

"It's bad and I think the people tasked with the exercise have to put their house in order. We are told that one truck is used to transport the food from where it is fetched.

The other thing we are told is the food distribution exercise must be once and for all. If beans have not arrived, then the maize cannot be distributed. These are some of the excuses we get," said MP Simelane.

## MP asked to initiate speed humps

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Hluti

MEMBERS of the Hluti business community want their Member of Parliament Thulani Masuku to pressurise government to construct speed humps along the busy part of the road close to the police station and post office.

Bahle Sibandze, who is the Chairman of the business community, said along that road, close to 10 lives had already been lost.

He said had there been speed humps, the accidents would have been avoided.

"Just a month or two ago, a child was knocked down by a speeding vehicle. There were other fatalities and there will be more if nothing is done. Constructing speed humps is not so expensive, we just need only two to avoid all these accidents. Yes, he is not a development officer, but his other work as MP is addressing problems which are a cause for concern and affect the people he represents," said Sibandze.

He said the MP knew the route to follow when help was needed. As a business community, they relied on the MP to assist them on things that touched on the lives of the people.

"He should not think he is being abused, surely we are not asking for too much as this is part of the package of his role as people's representative.

Together with the rest of the constituency team, they are there to serve us. The road in question is used by many people including those from other countries who enter through Lavumisa or Mahamba Border Gates.

Some of the people make a stopover at Hluti as we are a passage of Nhlango and Lavumisa towns," said Sibandze.

A business community, they were praying that not a single life was lost, especially along the road passing through Hluti. Meanwhile, MP Masuku said the issue of speed humps along the road next to the police station would be looked into.

He said the relevant department has been approached and he was optimistic the request to have speed humps built would be considered.

"Actually, I am working on this, as I am aware of the many fatalities occurring along this road. It's not like I am not aware of this. It should be known that some of these things take time and there is money involved, as there has to be a budget for any project," said MP Masuku.

## FINALLY: Kukhanya to complete road to Manzini sooner

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

MOTORISTS can finally heave a sigh of relief as the much criticised MR3 public road being revamped by Kukhanya Civil Engineering Contractors is anticipated to be complete by the end of this month.

According to a report compiled by Manzini Municipality in their weekly Wednesday Manzini News page, it is stated that: "the ongoing rehabilitation of the Matsapha-Manzini highway will be completed at the end of this month. This has been confirmed by the Ministry of Public Works and Transport as well as the contractor, Kukhanya Civil

Engineering Contractors".

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

The road which has not been on motorists good books saw people getting late at work as there were heavy traffic jams in the mornings and in the afternoons.

Kukhanya Corporate Affairs Manager Welile Shongwe confirmed the good news. Early last month this publication reported that Public Service Vehicle (PSV) were fuming over the traffic congestion

caused by Kukhanya Construction Company.

Transport operators said they were losing thousands of Emalangeni everyday as kombis spend almost an hour stuck in traffic from Nazarene traffic lights up to Logoba.

Not only were Kombi owners frustrated but even the public was feeling the pinch this was evidenced by the numerous facebook posts asking when will the road be finished. PSV owners stated that they were losing thousands every day.

Mandla Dlamini, National Chairman of the Swaziland Local Transport Association, even revealed to this publication that they were in a move to consult the Ministry of Public Works and



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

Transport about the road progress. However, now things look promis-

ing as by the end of this month the project is expected to be complete.



## 16 NATIONAL NEWS

# COMESA boss's bodyguards get people talking

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlango

**SECURITY** provided to Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Secretary General Sindiso Ngwenya had tongues wagging during a handover ceremony of a climate smart agricultural project last week at Mpatheni.

Ngwenya officiated the handover of upscaling climate smart agriculture technologies project, last week Thursday, where other dignitaries included Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati, Ministry of Agriculture Principal Secretary Bongani Masuku, Commerce, Industry and Trade PS Jinnoh Nkambule also attended.

Others included NAMBOARD Chief Executive Officer Siphephiso Dlamini and Sithembiso Gina, who is UNDP Programme Specialist. Members of Parliament (MPs), including those of the portfolio committee (for Agriculture), also attended the event. MPs present included Sicelo Jele (LaMgabhi), Mphaya Simelane (Mtsambama), Mandla Nxumalo (Shiselweni I) and Jeremiah Ndzwandwe (Ndzingeni).

The manner in which Ngwenya



**SECURITY:** COMESA SG Sindiso Ngwenya addressing attendants of the handover event of climate smart agricultural projects at Mpatheni, he is flanked by his bodyguards.

was escorted by his bodyguards drew attention of event's attendants. The plain clothed bodyguards would surround the SG when he stood.

When seated, the bodyguards would stand side by side Ngwenya.

The event's attendants were taken aback by this and others even wondered if Ngwenya's position was on par with that of presidents or Heads of state.

Ngwenya is a Zimbabwean but the COMESA Secretariat Offices are at Lusaka, Zambia.

Every step he took, the body-

guards were next to him, they did not want to lose sight of him.

When touring the project, Ngwenya's bodyguards tailed him.

At the tent, where the main event was held, for the duration of the programme, the bodyguards were standing, two of them next to him and another one a few metres away and did not lose sight of the SG.

One of the MPs who were part of the event commented in an interview that the security enjoyed by Ngwenya suited his status.

"We noticed this as we were the first one to arrive with the minister at the venue where the event was held. Just when Ngwenya arrived, we saw men walking at his side and what I also noticed, when we were near the dam during the tour, the bodyguards paid full attention of anything taking place around him," said the MP.

When contacted, Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba said it was against the police service ethics to publicly comment on security provided to a VIP.

He said while he was not part of the event at Mpatheni, even if he had, he could not comment when he would be asked why Ngwenya seemed to be provided with such a 'shield' that was only known to be enjoyed by high profile people.

"As police, we don't discuss security provided to a VIP. Bodyguards or any security that is provided to anyone of important status, we discuss public domain and there is not even a need to ask me why. Take what I am telling you. You can't just go public that so and so is enjoying high security for this and that. Such arrangements are not discussed anyhow," said Supt Mamba.

'I do not drink too much your worship'

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**A man was arrested for failing to contain himself when drunk as he opted to sit on the road, placing himself in danger.**

Siyanda Mtsetfwa was slapped with two counts. One stating that he contravened the Road Traffic Act No. 5 of 2007.

Mtsetfwa is said to have been drunk to an extent that he placed the bottle of the beer, which had his drink on the road.

By so doing, he is said to have placed himself and other road users at risk of road accidents.

On the second count, Mtsetfwa was charged with defeating the ends of justice, as he fought with police officers who tried to arrest him after he had taken one too many. The incidents happened at Mpolonjeni in Mbabane, over the past weekend. Mtsetfwa appeared before

Mbabane Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi.

Mtsetfwa conducted his own defence in court, because he had not hired a lawyer to represent him and he pleaded guilty to all the charges.

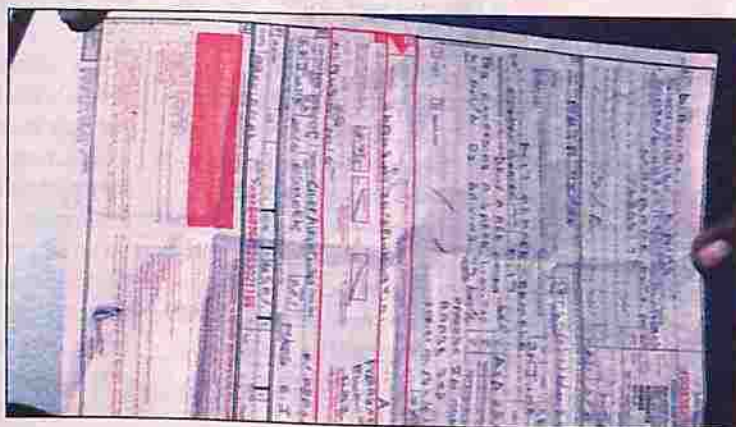
Mtsetfwa pleaded with the court to be lenient with him as he did not know what he was doing.

"I plead with the court to be lenient with me because I was too drunk. The problem might be with the fact that I do not drink too much alcohol," Mtsetfwa said.

Nhlabatsi advised Mtsetfwa to stop drinking alcohol and further fined him E800 or to spend six months in a correctional facility. On the second count, the magistrate fined him E2 000 or to face spending a year in prison. Nhlabatsi then wholly suspended the sentence for three years. She told him that he should not be found to have committed any road traffic offence or any offence that had to do with defeating the ends of justice.



**VICTIM:** Sikhumbuzo Dlamini who was given a ticket to pay R750 for over speeding. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli)



**EVIDENCE:** The ticket that was given by the South African police to Dlamini.

## Swazi fined R750 in SA for over speeding

By Mbono Mdluli  
Nkomazi

**A Swazi man was shocked when he was handed a R750 ticket for over speeding in South Africa.**

The incident happened on June 24, 2016 just outside the Oshoek Border Gate.

Sikhumbuzo Dlamini, of Matitila in Nkomazi, was driving to Witbank when nabbed by the South African Police Service (SAPS), traffic department.

He said he was travelling to South Africa to buy clothes with the intention to sell them locally.

"The police officer fined me for over speeding.

"I was driving at 65 km/h in an area where I was supposed to drive at 60 km/h. What shocked me is that I was handed a ticket ordering me to pay a fine of R750," Dlamini said.

**Advantage**

He said he thought the police officer took advantage of the fact that he was a Swazi.

He said he could not afford the R750 that was demanded from him.

Dlamini said, what shocked him was the ticket, which stated he had been driving at a speed of 79km/h.

He said what also shocked him was the incident happened when he had just departed from the border.

The police are said to have mounted a speed trap at a distance of not more than 200 metres from Dlamini's point of departure.

"That is why I say I was given the ticket because I was taken for a ride, probably because I am a Swazi.

How can I drive at such a speed when I had just departed from the border?" he asked.

When Dlamini asked the police officer to show him the footage of the speed trap, the police

refused, telling Dlamini that he was not the only person he had to attend to.

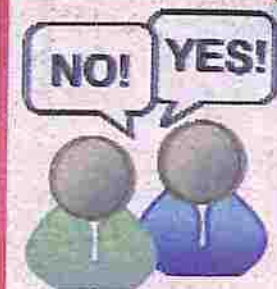
Dlamini is supposed to appear before court in Nhlazatje to answer on the alleged crime he committed. He is supposed to appear on August 24, 2016.

Chief Police Communications and Information Officer (CPICO) Superintendent Khulani Mamba could not be reached for comment on the matter. His cell phone first rang unanswered. When the second attempt was made, he was not available. The Swazi Observer wanted to know if the police could offer any assistance to Dlamini.



**PRESIDING:** Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi.





# FEATURES & OPINION

REFRESH WHAT YOU THINK...

## MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELO MAHLALELA

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The National HIV and AIDS Information and Training Centre

WHILE attending the 2016 International AIDS Conference in Durban, South Africa, I reflect on South Africa's first hosting in 2000, when the late statesman, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela opened the International AIDS Conference and provided a pivotal moment with his call for all "to break the silence, banish stigma and discrimination, and ensure total inclusiveness within the struggle against AIDS".

This helped turn around the tide on an epidemic that had seen the funeral industry become the most thriving business in the region.

One of the immediate fruits of the 2000 conference and supported by the 2001 UN Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS was the roll out of antiretroviral treatment (ARV medicines) that gave hope to people living with HIV (PLHIV) to longer and productive lives. For South Africa, however, there were many challenges and the country only introduced ART in 2005. Today however, South Africa has the largest number of people on ART, with over three million people on treatment. These life-saving drugs are seen as a means not only to allow PLHIV to live healthier lives, but have proven HIV prevention capacity.

Given the reported treatment successes and therefore the renewed drive to end AIDS by 2030 (2022 for Swaziland) global experience tells us that bio-medical interventions alone will not end AIDS.

# MALE INVOLVEMENT FOR BETTER ACCESS, EQUITY IN HIV RESPONSE

There still remains fragile communities alongside the scars left by the burning fire of HIV and AIDS. Issues of gender inequality, sexual violence, annihilation and discrimination and adolescent girls that are preyed on by men playing predators continue to provide an environment in which HIV infection thrives, especially among women and girls.

Not with-standing the fact HIV remains to have the face of a woman (a young one for that matter), AIDS-related deaths carry the face of men (as a result of late HIV testing and enrolment into care). On Tuesday 19th July, the International AIDS conference hosted the Sweden's Satellite Session which focused on male involvement for better access and equity in the HIV response. The objectives of the session were to: Share experiences and highlight lessons learnt from HIV and AIDS programmes that have successfully been employed in male engagement as a strategy; Discuss the role that leadership and an enabling policy environment play in enhancing male engagement in the HIV response; and Collectively reflect on the factors that influence male involvement at society level and strategies to increase the engagement of boys and men in the HIV response.

## Country's voice in male involvement

The National Emergency Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA) Director Khanya Mabuza was a panellist together with Dr. Chewa Luo (Associate Director Programme Division and Head of the HIV Section, UNICEF Headquarters, USA) and Reverend Bafana Khumalo (Director of Strategic Partnerships, Sonke Gender Justice, South Africa) in the session that was moderated by Michaela Clayton, Executive Director, AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa.

"The skewed economy and patriarchy contribute to the spread of

HIV in Swaziland," Mabuza stated. He said gender dynamics play a role in perpetuating HIV because those who don't have money are exploited by those who have it, noting that in Swaziland 90 percent of the 10 percent of people with money are men, rendering women basically dependent on males.

## Reflecting on national HIV incidence data, he stated that

Swaziland's most at risk population is young girls who have a higher HIV incidence four percent in the age group 20 to 24 compared to 1.7% among their male counterparts of the same age group.

Mabuza presented that this evidence shows that the young girls are not getting HIV from their age mates but from older men as shown by increased intergenerational sex in the country which has peaked from seven percent in 2007 to 15 percent in 2014.

"HIV practitioners often talk of young girls as the ones spreading HIV," said Mabuza, but intergenerational transmission of HIV is real. Data shows that condom use among young women and men aged 25-35 is similarly very low, showing some connection between these two heterosexual population groups.

He also observed that alcohol consumption among young girls is high and this is sponsored by men (who control the money and the economy) with the common exchange being sex.

The NERCHA director also decried the fact that even when on treatment, most men do not adhere to treatment hence have high viral loads, making them highly infectious.

The fact that Swaziland is a patriarchal society embedded in cultural practices does not help the situation because some cultural practices promote the spread of HIV. Common ones include wife inheritance and forced marriages of young girls spread HIV (Not restricted to Swaziland alone).

## Positive Impact of cultural practices

Mabuza reflected that we cannot speak about culture without also recognising its positive role, presenting that some cultural practices that curb the spread of HIV include the Umhlanga and Lusekwane events.

"Let's catch boys and girls while they're still young. Once you do that, you'll have a complete balance," implored Mabuza. He noted that government continues to implement policy interventions targeting young boys and girls and the free primary education programme is likely to improve their social and economic conditions. Mainstreaming HIV and AIDS and providing social protection for adolescent boys and girls is likely to keep young boys and girls at school and reduce new HIV infection rates. The need to incorporate gender issues into the school curriculum and have both boys and girls treated equally will close the gender gap.

"At community level, there is need to work with men by properly consulting them, instead of the common practice of talking to them since men are very individualistic. Let us make sure to use strategies that target men as well as mentor young men to become better and responsible adults in their roles as fathers and leaders in the communities," said Mabuza.

## Uganda experience

According to Dr Chewa Luo, men should be engaged in gender initiatives because their behaviour impacts on women. She further noted that social and cultural values that promote gender imbalance ultimately, affect maternal child health negatively. While women seek health services that end up benefiting their male partners, men hardly do that.

Dr Luo shared findings from a study in Uganda which showed that men do not like to wait for long in queues at health facilities.

"Men also complained that health practitioners give them attitude when they accompany their partners," she said.

The session presented that women have done a lot in the fight against HIV and that if we are to make a meaning full impact on controlling the spread of HIV as well as protect women and girls the re-ignited HIV response needs to target men as key players for ending AIDS. Deliberations on this issue and more continue at the IAS as countries try to find ways to end AIDS by 2030.

## His Majesty's leadership in the HIV response

His Majesty King Mswati III's continued demonstrated leadership in the HIV response should serve as a catalyst for positive individual behaviours. In recent times, His Majesty has called on the nation to ensure that no Swazi should get infected with HIV, as well as pronounced that gender based violence as unSwazi and demonic.

The King's call is a challenge to men to get more involved and ensure that no one, especially adolescent girls and young women, are infected with HIV. It gives us all, especially men in this context, the responsibility to test and know our status, to get treatment and adhere to the treatment so that viral load is suppressed – and in-turn, positively affect transmission. This is the 90.90.90 target.

Men, like all people, must respond to the call and use all the options available to them. They must circumcise, use condoms, and reduce sexual partners. Young boys need proper guidance to become better partners, be circumcised and practice abstinence until a time when they are ready to engage in sexual activity.

When men and boys do these, they will meaningfully contribute to end AIDS by 2022. There is need to ensure that each one of us living with HIV, lives to see the end of AIDS.

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## ON THIS DAY

...JULY 21

**1733** - John Winthrop was granted the first honorary Doctor of Law Degree given by Harvard College in Cambridge, MA.

**1831** - Belgium became independent as Leopold I was proclaimed King of the Belgians.

**1861** - The first major battle of the U.S. Civil War began. It was the Battle of Bull Run at Manassas Junction, VA. The Confederates won the battle.

**1925** - The "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, TN. John T. Scopes was convicted and fined \$100 for violating the state prohibition on teaching Darwin's theory of evolution. The conviction was later overturned on a legal technicality because the judge had set the fine instead of the jury.

**1930** - The Veterans Administration of the United States was established.

**1931** - CBS aired the first regularly scheduled program to be simulcast on radio and television. The show featured singer Kate Smith, composer George Gershwin and New York City Mayor Jimmy Walker.

**1931** - The Reno Race Track inaugurated the daily double in the U.S.

**1940** - Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia were annexed by the Soviet Union.

**1944** - American forces landed on Guam during World War II.

**1947** - Loren MacIver's portrait of Emmett Kelly as Willie the Clown appeared on the cover of "LIFE" magazine.

**1949** - The U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty.

**1954** - The Geneva Conference partitioned Vietnam into North Vietnam and South Vietnam.

**1957** - Althea Gibson became the first black woman to win a major U.S. tennis title when she won the Women's National clay-court singles competition.

**1958** - The last of "Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts" programs aired on CBS-TV.

**1959** - A U.S. District Court judge in New York City ruled that "Lady Chatterley's Lover" was not a dirty book.

**1961** - Captain Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second American to rocket into a sub-orbital pattern around the Earth. He was flying on the Liberty Bell 7.

**1968** - Arnold Palmer became the first golfer to make a million dollars in career earnings after he tied for second place at the PGA Championship.

**1980** - Draft registration began in the United States for 19 and 20-year-old men.

**1987** - Mary Hart, of "Entertainment Tonight", had her legs insured by Lloyd's of London for \$2 million.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**1978** - Damian Marley (Reggae Singer).



**1986** - Diane Guerrero (TV actress).



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## ENVOY DREAMS OF HIV FREE ADOLESCENTS

● US ambassador initiates programme to reduce adolescents' vulnerability to HIV infection

IT'S a Saturday midmorning at the Emhlangeni Primary School in LaMgabhi Constituency, and one of the classes brims with pre and adolescents converged here as part of the US Ambassador's Community Grants on Adolescents programme.

Driven by the local chapter of Women and Law Southern Africa (WLSA), the Emhlangeni project is aimed at reducing the adolescents' vulnerability to HIV infection and its consequences.

The ambassador's project further intends availing small scale grants to help address a range of HIV related adolescent issues in the country and among new programmes funded by PEPFAR with hopes to stem the HIV pandemic among this group that has not been reached despite being highly vulnerable.

They meet on Saturdays to receive life skills education from speakers with the relevant expertise and encouraged to ask questions of whatever nature.

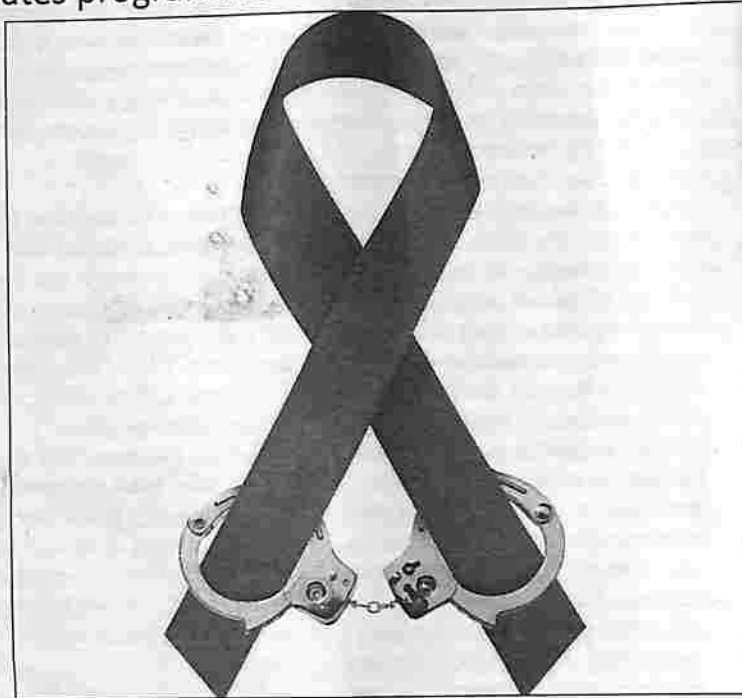
The setting is informal, allowing them to relax and broach subjects otherwise taboo in the family setting, where sex education has been shirked by those who should be addressing it, the parents.

This could be due to the disintegration of the family unit, which has seen some parents deliberately relinquishing this role to schools and teachers.

But reality is that the country's curriculum does not cover sex education, hence adolescents then lack the capacity to make sound sexual decisions and are thus rendered sitting ducks for sexual predators while risking early pregnancies and HIV infection.

This reality is witnessed in the cackles of timid giggles that ripple through the classroom as the adolescents are taken through presentations on 'blessers', self-esteem, dangers of early sexual debut, peer pressure and related topics.

If statistics are any guide, adolescent girls have every reason to be here. According to the Swaziland Demographic Health Survey Guide (SDHS 2006-2007) the current HIV prevalence rate stands at 26 percent while the country has recorded one of the world's highest prevalence rates.



Over the years, the country has indeed made remarkable progress in the prevention and spread of HIV through behaviour change campaigns and other initiatives. But according to UNICEF, the risk of becoming infected with HIV in Swaziland remained disproportionately higher for girls and young women.

UNICEF further found that in Swaziland, 15.6 percent of young women were HIV positive compared to 6.5 of young men.

## Skills

Such factors and many more highlight the importance of equipping adolescents with practical skills to help them steer clear from contracting the disease and skilfully navigate the maze of life to avoid lifelong damnation, broken dreams and eternal regret.

To eradicate HIV once and for all, new infections must be prevented in young women and girls like the ones in this class. While much headway has been made in the 35 years after the AIDS outbreak, infection rate among young women has barely decreased for reasons mostly social and economical.

Gender and anti-HIV activists have also continuously trumpeted their concern that the face of the pandemic coupled with poverty has always worn a woman's face.

Since many governments seemingly cannot figure out how this could be altered, it then becomes imperative that empowering children, girls especially, be included in the efforts to reverse such a

depressing tide.

The 2016 UNAIDS report states that "harmful gender norms and inequalities, obstacles to education and sexual and reproductive health services, poverty, food insecurity and violence" play a major role in the high infection rates in Sub-Saharan Africa while experts say sexual violence is common as women don't have much bargaining power in their relationships.

## Self-esteem

Then add low self-esteem as another persistent challenge in this toxic mix of emotional skulduggery the adolescents, especially girls, have to contend with.

15-year-old Tibekile\* is among the girls in this Emhlangeni classroom. Her situation is dire, being the eldest of double orphaned children living with their elderly grandmother.

For her and her siblings, existence is a daily grind and they barely make ends meet at times relying on the generosity of neighbours and the old woman's meagre elderly stipend that comes every trimester.

Luckily, the children go to school through the government's free primary education programme, where they also receive a measly corn, soya and beans blend meal.

She, like a handful others at the Saturday sessions, has more reasons to attend as their poverty and even teen angst, could spur them into the temptations of early sexual debut and many other

unsavoury situations.

Then enter the "blessers" - older men who support hapless girls financially in exchange for sexual relationships. The term evolved from the social media hashtag #blessed, which some women use to refer to gifts from their lovers.

Naturally, some of these blessers will not want to use condoms. Most of the girls, bowing to pressure will tend to trust them, even though they know they are married and with a sizeable number of 'on the sly lovers' with whom they father babies, a fate which also awaits them and is layered with HIV infection.

"Most sugar daddies will not use a condom - which means you also can't wear one. This then means you should say no to sex whatever the circumstances until you are able to control your fate and destiny. Attaining an education can empower you to call the shots," the facilitator tells the girls.

But she can never be sure whether her warnings will be heeded or not.

Peer and economical pressure is intense among adolescent girls and they often pair up with older men who buy them the latest fads like cellphones and trendy clothing. They take them out to exotic places in exchange for sexual favours, which drive HIV infection as the girls are mostly powerless to negotiate for safe sex.

Hence the need for such programmes where the adolescents can be empowered on how to prioritise their health, value their selves, put first their education above all and stand firm on their convictions while making wise life choices.

They must be convinced that failure to do so equals a cocktail of HIV and AIDS, perpetual serfdom and an acute cycle of dreadful poverty.

Despite their backgrounds, the Emhlangeni adolescents are encouraged to dream big and availed skills to duel with the odds stacked along their quest for greatness while being aided to reach for a life free of the trammels of HIV and AIDS.

Changing behaviour, despite being an uphill odyssey can surely remove the obstacles on the path to HIV free adolescents.



# RAISING UP A CHILD WITH DISABILITY; MY PRIDE

AS a result of numerous problems being faced by parents and families who are caring for children with disability, consultants on persons with disability have begun rolling out useful information to help them out in Accra, Ghana.

This article is part of a series of educational tit bits for parents with children with disability. Beneath the article is the contact address of the consultant specialists for those who need help on disability issues.

Parenting has been around from the days of Adam and Eve. Parenthood brings along a host of responsibilities. This principle holds whether the child is with or without disability. The birth of a child with any form of disability is usually received with disappointment and apprehension in a family. Parents' reactions to this type of situation include acceptance of the child and his/her disability, denial of the effects of the disability, over-protection, disguised rejection and overt rejection.

Parents most often are confronted with challenges of accepting or rejecting the situation. Whilst some parents come to terms with the situation and accept the child with full responsibility, others reject the child and shift the responsibility to society. The trauma and turbulence associated with the acceptance or rejection of a child with disability is to a large extent rooted in the absence of education and systems to support parents and their children with disability.

In Ghana, parents with children who are disabled have limited information about early intervention or referral centers. They battle with the situation until the children are ready for school. Even in this situation, there is usually an information gap between the parent and the teacher/special teacher.

The upbringing of children with disability is a rare uphill task for parents in Ghana. In most cases, the parents lack the requisite skills and knowledge to support the children during the pre-school, school and transition stages.

The writers' motivation is to share knowledge on the role of parents' at the specific stages of their children's development. This article focuses on the parent's role during the early intervention stage/pre-school.

## EARLY INTERVENTION / PRESCHOOL STAGE

Early intervention refers to various activities designed to serve children with disability from zero to about four years or when such children are ready to begin formal schooling. Human develop-

ment is rapid in the early years and critical especially for children with defective sensory capabilities.



Therefore early stimulation of all parts of the bodies of such children is essential. Parent's knowledge in early intervention activities should be focused on the following areas among others:

• Food  
• Sensory stimulation  
• Conducive environment  
• Learning by doing  
• Mannerism

## FOOD

The healthy physical development of every human being depends to a large extent on a balanced diet. Parents should therefore endeavour to acquire knowledge about what constitutes a balanced diet and what specific dietary requirement will be beneficial to their children's conditions. If possible, parents should seek regular advice or help from a dietician who will guide them to procure cheap but nutritious food items that will aid the development of their child.

## SENSORY STIMULATION

The provision of adequate sensory stimulations provides the brain with useful energy to develop and integrate its functions. If children are to develop intellectually, socially and physically well, sensory integration is very important.

For instance, in the case where the child has a visual disability, parents should be assisted by specialists to explore, identify and in

addition know how to provide sensory stimulation to the various degrees of the child's response to smells, textures, sounds and tastes.

## CONDUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT

The parents should create an environment which does not impede the children's movement or pose danger for injury to them when crawling or walking. When caring for a child with visual impairment, parents should ensure that the child gets used to enriched environment and well-structured space to play in. Jingles and other sound producing toys should be provided by the parents in the environment to enhance play activities for movements. The articles for play should include those for taste, smell, touch, bang and drop.

## LEARNING BY DOING

Children with disability need to be purposefully shown or taught by their parents concerning how to do things.

Unless they are taught, they will not know how to do it because they lack sight, hearing, and the use of arms or legs and so on for incidental learning.

Children with visual loss, for example, should be taught how to crawl by parents getting on the floor with their children and taking them through the movements until the children know what crawling is, and learn to do it themselves. Parents have to introduce toys to their children and show them how to play with them.

## MANNERISM

The children with visual impairment during the infant stage develop socially negative manners. These are poking of their eyes, walking with their face upwards, swinging the head continuous sideways and body rocking.

This is due to lack of early stimulation. Parents should check that and develop activities that will engage their infants and will prevent them from forming bad habits which become difficult to stop when they grow up.

Parents should check and constantly correct these types of mannerisms.

The development of every child at the early stages is very critical. Parents with children who have any form of disability must continue to seek knowledge on how best to raise their children without further complicating their situations.

Who is responsible for offering early intervention services to parents with disabled children? It is obvious that there is the need for a multi-sectoral approach in the development of a well-structured information system for parents with disabled children to seek knowledge on the development of their children.

The ministry of gender and social protection, the ministry of health and the ministry of education should take a second look at the trainings offered to social workers, community health nurses and nursery/special teachers.

We need to create the system for that purpose; be involved.

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## Wit and Wisdom

1. Great leaders are not defined by the absence of weakness, but rather by the presence of clear strengths. — John Zenger

2. He who has great power should use it lightly. — Seneca

3. He who has learned how to obey will know how to command. — Solon

4. I am reminded how hollow the label of leadership sometimes is and how heroic followership can be. — Warren Bennis

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

6. If one is lucky, a solitary fantasy can totally transform one million realities. — Maya Angelou

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

8. If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader. — John Quincy Adams

9. In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock. — Thomas Jefferson

10. It is absurd that a man should rule others, who cannot rule himself. — Latin Proverb

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

12. Lead and inspire people. Don't try to manage and manipulate people. Inventories can be managed but people must be led. — Ross Perot

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

14. Leaders must be close enough to relate to others, but far enough ahead to motivate them. — John C. Maxwell

15. Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other. — John F. Kennedy

16. Leadership cannot just go along to get along. Leadership must meet the moral challenge of the day. — Jesse Jackson



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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	7.5%
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 July 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.2813	14.3313
British Pound/SZL	18.8370	18.9029
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.4020	7.4258
Swiss France/SZL	14.5356	14.5717
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3253	1.3385
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.7152	10.7570
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.9839	11.0190
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	4.6915	4.7686
Euro/SZL	15.8079	15.8633
Gold	1,333.9000	
Oil	45.4100	

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Moving Forward

# J M BUSHA RETURNS RECORDS ALMOST 10%

By Linda Dlamini

JM Busha's real return fund for the six months ending June 30, 2016 recorded an impressive 9.8 percent to beat inflation and deliver real growth for investors.

According to the company's real return fund fact sheet statement, the fund has returned since inception an annualised return of about 10.44 percent to its investing clients for period ended June 30.

Annualised return, also referred to as average annualised returns, is the average annual return on investment over a specified period of time.

"The Group manages both institutional and retail private clients' funds. With total funds under management approximately equal to E4.78 billion, JM Busha has traceable track record in managing funds, since 2001," reads the statement as part.

With regards to the Swaziland branch, the financial services firm manages assets for local investors.

With regards to the asset allocation or the fund to achieve such stellar results the statement said, "Asset allocation varies from time



to time. Current allocation is in the form of cash 12.49 percent, bonds (fixed income securities) 34.61 percent and equities 52.91 percent."

### Objectives

The fund managers explain the objectives of the fund by saying, "The JM Busha real return fund, is an absolute-return unit trust investment product that presents a vehicle

for saving money in order to meet future financial needs."

"The JM Busha Real Return Fund is an actively managed and low risk savings fund fully invested in liquid assets. This is a long-term investment product suitable for any person, association, or legal entity," reads the statement as part.

JM Busha explained in its state-

ment that the fund invests in listed equities, bonds, money-market instruments, derivatives and other allowable securities.

"Equities' dividend income improves after tax-free return," the fund managers stated.

According to the fact sheet, there was no minimum investment period required.

Although not advisable, said the managers, clients can withdraw their investments at any time.

The fund holds a number of reputable firms as its top equity holdings.

For instance Sasol, financial services giant Old Mutual, private bank Investec, private hospital group Mediclinic and mining giant Sasol.

JM BUSHA Investment Group (Pty) Limited has subsidiary companies in Lesotho, Namibia, Swaziland, South Africa and Zambia.

However, the report said the prices of unit trusts vary day-by-day and so they could be different the next day. Furthermore these were historical returns for the periods reported therefore they were not guaranteed in the future.

## PRIVATE SECTOR URGED TO PARTICIPATE IN SADC INDUSTRIALISATION WEEK

By Manqoba Makhubu

MINISTER of Commerce, Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini has urged the local public and private sector to fully participate in the upcoming Southern African Development Community industrialisation week.

The country will be hosting the SADC industrialisation week from August 23 to 26, preceding the main summit.

"We expect the local private sector to be part of the meetings to discuss industrialisation issues at regional level as the drivers of our economy and wealth creators."

The minister was represented by Principal Secretary Jinnoh Nkambule during the SADC industrialisation week sensitisation workshop held yesterday at Sibane Hotel, Ezulwini.

The sensitisation workshop was attended by different captains of industry in preparation for the upcoming SADC industrialisation week and summit.

He said the theme for the industrialisation week was in the same spirit of an integrated approach to industrialisation.

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

The activities of the week would involve all SADC member states' private sector and would enable the implementation of the SADC industrialisation strategy and roadmap.

Dlamini said an action plan was currently being developed for the implementation of the SADC industrialisation strategy and roadmap and it has clear responsibilities for the public and private sector.

"The strategy and the action plan creates a platform for the public-private sector dialogue on industrialisation and ensuring that nationally, as well as regionally industrial development policy is inclusive and sustainable," he said.

The minister said a strong interaction between the public and private sector was being formalised to inform the decision making structures for regional integration and the effective implementation of the SADC industrialisation strategy and roadmap.

"Therefore, we must welcome with open arms such forums which aim to intensify engagement to promote partnerships and networking opportunities to foster a deeper regional integration."

### Agenda

The SADC region's industrialisation agenda seeks to achieve structural socio-economic transformation through technological modernisation and improved competitiveness.

The minister said the promotion of value chains nationally, regionally and globally would promote intra-trade and deepen integration to achieve the African Union Agenda 2063.

"We must maximise our efforts to increase capacities of local industries such that the investment climate encourages innovation which creates high technological employment."

He urged the private sector to make a difference in the kingdom

and support industrialisation through investment.

"It's time to take the Kingdom of Swaziland to 2022 through industrialisation and achieve prosperity for all."

The SADC industrialisation strategy and roadmap was formulated in the context of existing national and regional policies and specifically the August 2014 Summit at Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, which was held under the theme, 'SADC Strategy for Economic Transformation: Leveraging the Region's Diverse Resources for Sustainable Economic and Social Development through Beneficiation and Value Addition.'

The SADC industrialisation strategy and roadmap seeks to engender a major economic and technological transformation at the national and regional levels within the context of deeper regional integration. It was also aimed at accelerating the growth momentum and enhancing the comparative and competitive advantage of the economies of the region.



# SWAZI COMPANIES TO EXHIBIT AT SABF CONFERENCE

By Manqoba Makhubu

**THE private sector will have an opportunity to exhibit during the second Southern African Business Forum (SABF) conference.**

The second SABF would take place during the SADC industrialisation week, which will precede the main summit from August 23 to 26.

Speaking during the sensitisation workshop of the SADC industrialisation week, held yesterday at Sibane Hotel, Ezulwini, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Director Industry Khethiwe Mhlunga, said government extends invitation to the private sector to fully participate in the second SABF conference.

"Invitations will be sent in due course. The private sector can bring sample products to exhibit at the venue of the second SABF or brochures to advertise their companies."

However, she said the venue of the conference was yet to be confirmed.

The Industrialisation week

serves to popularise the SADC Industrialisation strategy and Roadmap 2015 - 2063.

Mhlunga said private sector participation, during the week, was critical as the SADC council has directed the secretariat to work with the private sector to showcase existing and potential value chains during the industrialisation week.

The theme for the Industrialisation Week remains the same as the approved SADC Summit 2016: 'Resource Mobilisation for Investment in Sustainable Energy Infrastructure for an Inclusive SADC Industrialisation for the Prosperity of the Region.'

The first SABF conference took place in the margins of the SADC Heads of State Summit in August 11 to 12, 2015 in Gaborone, Botswana.

Mhlunga said the SABF was domiciled by the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) business foundation, "it provides a platform for public private sector dialogue in SADC for regional economic integration."

## INDUSTRIALISATION WEEK SUMMARY ACTIVITIES

**23 AUGUST** - Opening of the SADC Industrialisation Week

● Meeting on Infrastructure for Industrialisation: Pre-market sounding of selected SADC PIDA infrastructure projects.

**24 AUGUST** - Second Annual Southern Africa Business Forum (SABF) Conference.

● High level networking dinner.

**25 AUGUST** - Advancing Industrialisation: Informal Business to Business (B2B) and Learning Sessions

● High Level Private Sector Engagement with Ministerial Task Team

● Closing

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She said during the first SABF Conference, a Savuti declaration emerged and was presented to the SADC Heads of State at Summit, after which six working groups were established to address key challenges which private sector firms experience when doing business within the SADC region.

The six working groups were trade facilitation, agro-processing, industrialisation and regional value chains, transport corridors, energy sector, and water sector.

The Savuti declaration detailed the findings of the SABF and commitment of the private sector to act towards regional economic integration in the SADC region.

"During the second SABF conference a declaration will be formulated as an outcome of the meeting to be presented to the Heads of State at Summit."

She said it was for these reasons that government extends an invitation to the Private Sector to participate in the second SABF Conference.



## Inflation in line with CBS projections

By Linda Dlamini

**THE country's inflation rate is now in-line with the projections of the Central Bank of Swaziland.**

'According to CBS research and forecasting section 2016-2018 report, CBS anticipated that July inflation would be 7.09 percent and currently inflation is around 7.5 percent.

CBS's inflation forecast for 2016-2018 report projects inflation for 2016 to bottom out by year end at about 7 percent from the current high of 7.38 percent.

However, it is said that inflation forecasting is not an exact science and as a result, the inflation forecast rate is usually off the exact inflation rate.

The central theme for the monetary policy of the CBS of inflation targeting, is keeping inflation between the bands three to six percent.

This policy was now being questioned as inflation now is more than 2.5 basis points higher than the band.

"Inflation for the third quarter of 2016 is forecasted to decrease from current levels to about 6.95 percent, however could gain traction in the final quarter of the year and increase to 7.56 percent," reads the report as part.

### Paper report

According to a working paper report published by the International Monetary Fund on inflation targeting, underpinning the whole monetary policy of inflation targeting is the ability of the central bank, (in this case CBS), to forecast the inflation rate.

UNISWA Head of Department of economics Dr Dumisile Dlamini reportedly said the monetary policy framework of inflation which was being pursued by government was facing serious challenges at the moment.

"However to say that the policy is defunct or should be altogether thrown out would be hasty; it should just be revisited," she said.

The monetary economist proposed that the inflation target band be set to keep it in line with realities of the economy. "For one thing the inflation target band should reflect the current socioeconomic climate of the country," she said.

The policy of the central bank is to raise interest rates if inflation is above the upper limit.

Therefore it follows that it would be reasonable to expect interest rates will not come down in the short to medium term.

## Consumer association applauds Consumer Protection Bill

By Linda Dlamini

**THE Swaziland Consumer Association has applauded the modernisation of the draft Fair Trade and Consumer Protection Bill, 2016.**

SCA Chairman Bongani Mdluli said the association was happy that the draft Bill includes that people have a right to get their money back if they are unsatisfied with the product they have purchased.

"Consumers must understand that there is no such thing as 'thatile thatile' and retailers who practice this are breaking the law," he said.

"Thatile thatile" is a vernacular term for the practice of retailers not to accept products that have been sold to consumers and which the consumer may not return, even if they are faulty.

Mdluli said the draft Bill was a combination of the previous Acts, "and I am happy that most of the salient issues have been included." The Bill was presented to stakeholders by the main drafter of the Bill, University of Minnesota Law Professor Prentiss Cox.

The consultant, in his presentation, said the current draft for the Bill was an amalgamation of the Fair Trade Act, 2001 and Section 33 of the Competition Act, 2007. The associate professor of law



**HAPPY MAN: Swaziland Consumer Association Chairman Bongani Mdluli. (file pic)**

said the Act, as envisaged, would be enforced by the Swaziland Competition Commission (SCC), as opposed to the previous legislation when the Fair Trade Act was administered by the ministry of commerce, industry and trade and Section 33 of the Competition Act was administered the SCC.

Noteworthy is that as published in or sister publication, the

Sunday Observer, only two Bills out of 31 tabled before parliament this year.

The Fair Trade and Consumer Protection Bill, 2016 has not yet been tabled yet an already there is a backlog.

Thus this has raised the question when this Bill will be tabled and passed into an Act of Parliament.

Another Bill that consumers

have been looking forward to, is the Consumer Credit Bill (Bill No. 15 of 2015) and the Consumer Protection Bill.

With a consumer protection laws, consumers will not be subjected to sale of unsafe products, hoarding of goods, using wrong weights and measures, charging excessive prices and sale of inferior quality goods.

The passage of the National Consumer Protection Bill is critical for the economy as it will aid stimulate economic growth in Swaziland and safeguard the consumer from exploitation.

This assertion was made by Swaziland Consumer Forum President Mandla Ntshakala earlier this year and still this Bill has not been passed.

"We hope this Bill will be passed in parliament this year as it provides the requisite legal framework for consumer's rights. The law should also create an inspectorate, this will serve as the enforcement instrument of the laws, to ensure that the laws are adhere to by all business practitioners," said Ntshakala.

"Education and communication is also important as it will serve to educate consumers of their rights and gives them confidence to take legal action against companies who have reneged of their duties and obligations," he added.



# CONSUMERS FLOCK CENTURY FASHIONS FOR CLEARANCE SALE

By Linda Dlamini

**CENTURY** Fashions treated consumers to a clearance sale yesterday.

At around 9 o'clock in the morning the shop was already sprawling with consumers who were looking to buy items from the shop.

Some consumers said they had temporarily ditched work just to be able to buy the items on offer by the shopping establishment.

One shopper named Muzi Matsebula said he could not leave this kind of sale and had travelled quite a distance to be able to catch the sale.

Another shopper who declined to be named said he had arrived as early as 7am and waited outside to ensure he got the items he wanted.

Some items in the store were 80 percent off.

## Expecting more

Century Fashions Manager Monsur Chowdhury said, "We were expecting more customers, but it is still early in the day, traffic could still pick up."

The manager revealed that business this year has not been as robust as last year.

"We have observed that customers this year are less willing to spend their money on clothes and other accessories," he said.

Chowdhury said the volume of traffic for the sale is not what they were used to when it comes to their clearance sales.

"The slowdown I have observed is not felt by us alone but by all of retailers in this industry and we hope that as the year progresses we will see better foot traffic coming through the door. Furthermore I think the global economic slowdown has played a significant role in the



A section of consumers taking advantage of sale.



MAD RUSH: People taking shoes. (Pics:Linda Dlamini)

slowing of business for the year," he said. The manager observed that the sluggish growth of the Swaziland economy has definitely filtered down to the real economy, the people, even if they do not have large disposal income they will always put money aside for clothes. "Inflationary pressure within in the global economy, in general and the Swazi economy has affected the sales in our busi-

ness," he added.

Chowdhury said, "another poignant issue has been the volatility of the lilangeni, because as you know, these clothes are imported and when doing business, with regards to exports, the US dollar is the currency of exchange." Chowdhury explained that this meant that it is costly to import the products and thus it becomes expensive to the con-

sumer once the price of the clothing item is converted from cost price to sales price.

"This situation exacerbates the problem of sales as now items which we not selling become more expensive. And given the already reluctance of consumers to buy, it becomes even more difficult to sell items which obviously affects our bottom line," he concluded.

## SIPA avails Moz, KZN, and Seychelles opportunities

By Linda Dlamini

**THE** Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) has invited domestic companies currently doing business in Mozambique, or looking to expand to Mozambique as well as those interested in meeting potential partners from Kwazulu-Natal and Mpumalanga provinces, to a briefing session.

The briefing has been staged at the Royal Villas on July 28, 2016.

"We are working together with investment promotion agencies of the East3Route countries South Africa, (KZN and Mpumalanga provinces), Seychelles and Mozambique to an investment seminar delegate boosting event," said SIPA in a statement.

The meeting will mainly be a briefing session, according to SIPA, and will primarily clarify logistics and expectations as well as, how to optimise participation on the East3Route investment seminar, to be held in Maputo in October 17, 2016.

## Selected

"The East3Route seminar brings together selected private sector players from the four member states to explore business opportunities, business matchmaking, and networking's, as well as to forge opportunities for trade over a wide range of products and services within the East3Route initiative," SIPA said.

The invitation is limited to 50 companies, and these companies were requested to send high level representation, preferably at the level of the chief executive officer or managing director.

"Admission is one person per company. SIPA will reserve the right to screen relevancy upon receiving the expression of interest and close registration once submissions exceed the required number," SIPA stated.

The East3Route Initiative was created as a vehicle for cross-border development, that would ensure economic growth and job creation for all three countries.

The Route was conceptualised, taking into account the needs of each region and the opportunities for product development that would impact positively on, as well as leave a lasting legacy for the communities through which the expedition passed.

## MORE BUSINESS NEWS

### Kumba output drops on revised Sishen mine plan

**CAPE TOWN** - In its production and sales report for the quarter to end-June released yesterday, Kumba Iron Ore [JSE:KIO] announced a production drop of 15% to 8.9 million tonnes, consistent with its revised Sishen mine plan.

Total sales were 9.7 million tonnes (0.8 million tonnes higher than production), a 26% drop as stock levels reduced further. Production and sales volumes referred to are 100% of Sishen Iron Ore Company.

Kumba explained that in order to position the company

to withstand the significant fall in iron ore prices, it revised the Sishen mine plan and reconfigured the pit to a lower cost shell.

Implementing the plan had an impact on Sishen's operations and effectively halved mining volumes, resulting in a 31% reduction in the number of permanent employees and contractors. As a result, production for the quarter dropped by 21% to 5.7 million tonnes (2015: 7.2 million tonnes) and waste mined by 47% to 31 million tonnes.

Run rates were affected by the significant restructuring process, which began in the

first quarter and has now been substantially completed.

Run rates were also affected by higher than normal levels of rainfall and safety incidences, including a fatal incident in May.

The successful restructuring increased mine flexibility and run rates on key operating parameters showed a marked improvement during June 2016.

Total tonnes handled and ex-pit ore lifted by 28% and 38% respectively from May 2016 to June 2016, in support of the guided production level of 27 million tonnes for the full year. *Fin24*

### One person donates R143 000 to SABC 8

**JOHANNESBURG** - An anonymous person donated over R143 000 (\$10 000) as part of a crowdfunding initiative on website Generosity for SABC journalists who were fired for refusing to be censored at the broadcaster.

Over R267 000 has so far been donated via the website after News24 editor Adrian Basson launched a web page on Generosity dubbed 'Friends of SABC journalists'. (Figures as of 06:45 yesterday. Basson set an initial target of \$6 000 (R86 000) for the dismissed journalists, but will up this amount after it emerged on Tuesday that four more journalists have been sacked. The SABC axed Foeta Krige, Suna Venter, Krivani

Pillay and Jacques Steenkamp on Monday while Thandeka Gqubule, Busisiwe Ntuli and Lukhanyo Calata were fired on Tuesday.

The eighth person dismissed was freelance journalist Vuyo Myoko.

The public broadcaster sacked the eight for speaking out against censorship of protest footage at the SABC, News24 reported on Tuesday.

"It's been incredibly humbling to see so many people putting their money where their mouths are for our colleagues ...," Basson wrote in an update on the site.

"In less than 12 hours we have raised more than R240 000 for these 8 brave journalists and friends.

"Soon after the fundraiser was launched, Thandeka, Lukhanyo and Busisiwe were also informed of their sackings by the SABC. "A long road through the Labour Court, the High Court and the Constitutional Court lies ahead for these eight. Let's keep on donating to give them some financial comfort for the difficult days ahead.

Please circulate to your networks and make a contribution, however small." Speaking to Fin24 on Tuesday, Basson said media industry has really been great at rallying behind its colleagues at the SABC who have effectively been fired for refusing to be censored.

*Fin24*



# Nintendo shares plunge after Pokemon Go doubles its value

TOKYO - Tokyo shares sank yesterday, ending a six-day winning streak, with Nintendo plunging on profit-taking after more than doubling this month on the back of the Pokemon Go phenomenon.

The videogame giant slumped almost 13 percent to 27,765 yen, just a day after it overtook Sony in market value, while Japanese fans were left disappointed after a rumoured release in the country yesterday proved wrong.

A gaming website Tuesday had flagged the launch in Nintendo's home market, but it backtracked within a day, saying it would likely come out Thursday, having hit shelves in more than two dozen countries by the weekend.

Nintendo's shares had more than doubled since Pokemon Go's release this month sparked a global frenzy, and boosted hopes for the company's move into mobile gaming.

Nintendo and the Pokemon Company declined to comment on the release date, while US-based Niantic — which developed the game — has not replied to requests for comment.



Forbes has cited Niantic chief executive John Hanke as saying the reason for the delay is that Japan's server capacity is not powerful enough to keep up with expected demand.

However, McDonald's Japan surged 9.84 percent to 3,515 yen on news it will sponsor Pokemon Go in Japan, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Tokyo's benchmark Nikkei 225 index closed the day 0.25 percent, or 41.42 points, lower at 16,681.89, having surged more than 10 percent over the previous six trading days on the back of an expected government stimulus boost

and a weak yen.

The Japanese unit has lost six percent against the dollar since a strong US jobs report on July 8.

The broader Topix index of all first-section shares edged down 0.05 percent, or 0.64 points, to 1,330.75.

"Considering there aren't any real catalysts for share moves and that the Nikkei 225 has risen far above its 25-day moving average, the market needs a breather," Chihiro Ohta, a senior strategist at SMBC Nikko Securities, told Bloomberg News. "Nintendo shares need a break, too." **AFP**



**COURIERS:** The firm, founded by two Americans who had moved to London, has an army of cycle couriers who will bring orders to a customer's home from a number of restaurants it has a partnership with. Customers will be able to order wines from eight Majestic Wines stores, across London, and from 20 BrewDog brewery locations around the UK. (AP)

## Unemployed youths get helping hand

CAPE TOWN - The Western Cape government and the National Treasury Jobs Fund have collaborated in introducing a programme for unemployed youths in the Western Cape.

The three-year course is aimed at boosting employment in the country. Those without jobs are being placed as interns at no cost.

Nearly 20 000 others have been chosen to participate in the R120m project.

Twenty-year-old Lorenzo Theron is a beneficiary and he has returned to school to volunteer as a physical education teacher's assistant.

"I wanted to into sports but was not sure where to where in sports, whether it be coaching, whether it be a physio teacher, manager of a club so this is kind of helping me understand where to go and what to do." **eNCA**

## Amplats Q2 production increases marginally

JOHANNESBURG - Reports show that Anglo American Platinum's (Amplats) second quarter production yesterday showed a marginal, 1% on than the comparative period in 2015 at 586 000 ounces, with strong operational performances achieved by Union mine and its joint ventures operations, as well as the Unki Platinum Mine in Zimbabwe.

Following significant restructuring at Union mine, Amplats said output at the mine continued to improve thanks to an optimisation plan with production 31% higher at 41 000 ounces, mainly due to improved underground mining

efficiencies and increased stability at the concentrator plant.

Amplats released its production report for the second quarter ended June 30.

The world's leading primary producer of platinum group metals said production at Unki increased by 12% to 18 000 ounces for the period due to underground mining efficiencies which resulted in increased milled volume. Joint venture production also increased 9% to 203 000 ounces due to strong production performances from Modikwa, Mototolo, BRPM and Kroondal, which was partly offset by Bokoni.

**African News Agency (ANA)**

## How some attorneys can turn R500 debt into R10 000

CAPE TOWN - Consumer watchdog Summit Financial Partners is at it again - this time regarding attorneys' fees for collecting bad debts, mostly of micro lenders.

In order to protect consumers, the National Credit Act (NCA) applies the so-called in duplum rule to the collection fees money lenders may claim from debtors.

This rule means interest, fees and costs - including collection costs according to article 101(g) of the NCA - charged on a loan can never be more than the original capital amount involved.

If someone, for instance, borrows R500, then the total interest, fees and costs charged in terms of the loan agreement, cannot be more than an additional R500 in the end.

### Domain

"Legal fees are an instruction by a lender to a third party to collect a debt on his behalf, so, in Summit's view, it should fall within the domain of the NCA and very specifically that of section 101(g)," Clark Gardner, CEO of Summit, told Fin24.

"Even big banks stick to the in duplum rule regarding debt collecting on money they have lent out."

According to Gardner, Summit intends to approach the high court regarding the application of the in duplum rule on attorneys' collection fees and costs as determined by the NCA.

when they do debt collecting on a third party's behalf.

"We do not want lawyers to be incentivised to collect on small debts on loans of, for instance R500, on a regular basis," explained Gardner. "Why are debt collectors prescribed a maximum fee they can charge, but attorneys can get thousands of rand from the collection process?"

Summit has selected Steyn Attorneys in Rustenburg as defendant in a case Gardner says Summit intends file at a high court "within the next 30 days or so".

"We believe the regulator and the law makers must protect consumers. We are seeking a court precedent that section 101(g) also relates to attorneys' debt collection fees," said Gardner.

Friedl Kreuser of Summit explained this kind of situation - where a debtor can end up paying more than double his original loan amount - even thousands of rand more - happens when the garnishee process is not properly regulated.

He gives the example of a mine worker who borrowed R500 from a credit provider and who has R1 165 deducted from his pay slip every month in terms of a garnishee order. He has already paid R6 751 to Steyn Attorneys - and apparently still owes another R4 117.

**Fin24**

## Inflation hits 6.3% as prices rise across the board

JOHANNESBURG - Prices increased on average by 0.6% between May 2016 and June 2016, according to data released by Statistics South Africa yesterday.

The annual consumer price inflation for June 2016 was 6.3%. This is up from 6.1% reported in May 2016.

Prices rose across the board. Food and non-alcoholic beverages lifted from 1.6% in the previous month to 1.7%. The index increased by 10.8% from the previous year.

Housing and utilities were up to 0.2%. The increase in transport to 0.2% was mostly due to the 52 cents per litre increase in the petrol price and a 5.1% hike in air fares, the report stated.

In June the consumer price index (CPI) for goods increased by 6.7% from the previous year, up from 6.6% reported in May. This increase is higher than the current 6.1% inflation rate. The CPI for services increased by 5.8% from the previous year, up from 5.7% in May.

**Fin24**

## New low cost airline Fly Blue Crane launches

JOHANNESBURG - A new low cost airline is taking to the skies.

From the first of October Fly Blue Crane will offer flights between Johannesburg and Mthatha.

The airline says it will initially offer only two flights a day between Mthatha and Johannesburg. Other routes will

be added to connect the former Transkei capital to other major cities. The Eastern Cape government says it hopes that cheaper flights will result in less road accidents. The route is being offered for less than R800 a flight. Fly Blue Crane says unlike other low-cost airlines, it will provide free meals and beverages on board. **eNCA**



# Focus on SA scene

## ANC alarmed as another two councillor candidates murdered

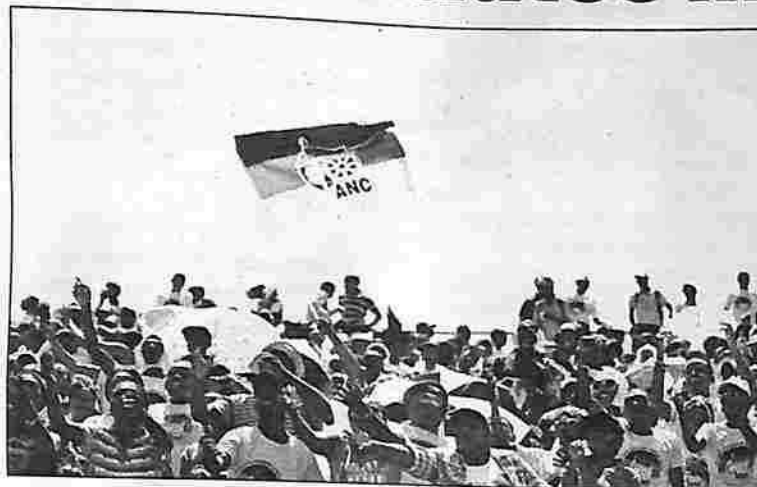
**KWAZULU-NATAL** - The African National Congress in KwaZulu-Natal has raised alarm bells following the killing of another two of its councillor candidates, ahead of August's local government elections.

The party in the province said KwaZulu-Natal needed economic growth and sustainable development, and neither of those could be achieved in an atmosphere marked by politically motivated killings on the eve of an election.

It claimed that the murders were part of a "well-orchestrated campaign to cull the party's candidates".

A total of 13 ANC leaders and members have been killed in the province in the past four months.

In the past, the party has been loathe to admit to the political motive. It merely called on law enforcement agencies to investigate and provide better security ahead of the August 3 polls.



But the rising death toll seems to be forcing a change of approach.

On Monday, ward councillor candidate in Umuziwabantu Municipality Bongani Skhosana was shot dead in front of a group of children he was transporting to school.

Another candidate, Khanyisile Ngobese-Sibisi, was shot and killed in Ladysmith on her way to

a Nelson Mandela Day event.

The ANC in the province said a number of its members had also received death threats.

In June, Police Minister Nathi Nhleko established a task team to investigate killings believed to be politically motivated, after the ANC in KwaZulu-Natal called on police to escalate its investigations.

ANC Provincial Spokesperson

Mdumiseni Ntuli on Monday said the party had not received any reports from the police or feedback on the task team.

Hawks Spokesperson Brig Hangwani Mulaudzi said on Tuesday: "The task team is investigating the matter, so far no breakthrough."

The ANC's Secretary in KwaZulu-Natal, Super Zuma, has now called for a commission of inquiry to be established into the killings. Apart from national government, the Premier, Willie Mchunu, could also consider taking such action.

"As the ANC we are concerned about the slow progress in apprehending the perpetrators and in identifying the dark forces that apparently stand behind this carnage," said Zuma.

"The ANC is also calling for an urgent meeting with the provincial and national ministers of safety and security to deal with these killings." *timeslive*

## Authorities working on repatriating Gugu Zulu's remains

**JOHANNESBURG** - The Nelson Mandela Foundation (NMF), the South African government and their Tanzanian counterparts were working closely together to bring racing driver Gugu Zulu's body home, the foundation said on Tuesday.

"All the trekkers returning from the summit are safe and were informed of the passing of Gugu."

They were devastated by the news," the NMF said.

"They are currently making their way down the mountain and [will] return to South Africa on Wednesday. We can't confirm at this stage if [his wife] Letshego Zulu will return on the same flight."

NMF said they are awaiting documentation from Tanzanian authorities and South Africa's home affairs before travel arrangements can be made [for Gugu].

### Hoping

"We are hoping to resolve these issues by Tuesday before flight details can be confirmed."

Sello Hatang, the Chief Executive Officer of the foundation, is in Tanzania with Letshego.

The couple were part of 'Trek4Mandela' climbing Mount Kilimanjaro for a charity expedition to benefit schoolgirls.

The NMF said the 'Trek4Mandela' climbers were expected to arrive at OR Tambo International Airport last night. The expedition was led by experienced mountaineer, Sibusiso Vilane.

Zulu, a veteran racing driver and television presenter affectionately known as 'the fastest brother in Africa,' died after experiencing breathing problems while climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

*Africa News Agency*

## Govt launches self-service medicine 'ATMs'

**PIETERMARITZBURG** - South Africans will soon obtain their medication from self-service ATM-style machines.

This was announced by the South African ministry of health on Tuesday at the International AIDS Conference taking place this week in Durban.

In a statement from the Department of Health, they said the Pharmacy Dispensing Unit (PDU), currently being piloted at Thembaletu Clinic in Johannesburg, is a self-service machine where patients can obtain their medication in the same way people withdraw money at an ATM.

"To use the machine, all a patient needs to do is register for the service, after which they receive a card that's similar to a bank card. To 'withdraw' their medication, users simply insert their card into the PDU machine, enter their PIN and select the medication they require from their prescription list. The machine immediately dispenses the selected medication, eliminating the need for the patient to wait in queues," the statement said.

The PDU also allows patients to communicate directly with a trained pharmacist from the machine using a built-in video conferencing function.

Addressing the delegates at the conference, Minister of Health Dr Aaron Motsoaledi said SA is running the biggest HIV treatment programme in the world. In three decades the number of patients on treatment has increased from 400 000 to over 3.4 million. "However, the number of healthcare workers has not kept up with this increase, often leading to frustrated patients and lack of treatment adherence."

*The Witness*

## 'ANC will win, even with the problems it's facing'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Veteran politician Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, who is recuperating from back surgery, walked steadily out of her Soweto home on Tuesday afternoon to endorse the African National Congress election campaign.

The ruling party is under siege from opposition parties, which are fiercely contesting seats in the coming local government elections. Since the election of Mmusi Maimane as the Democratic Alliance leader and the emergence of the Economic Freedom Fighters, the ANC has been forced to campaign harder, especially in townships. The legitimacy of the once popular movement of



**IT WILL BE ALRIGHT:** Winnie Madikizela-Mandela.

the people has been eroded amid allegations of corruption in government, lack of adequate service delivery and imposing of candidates on local communities.

Madikizela-Mandela, who

has not been participating in election campaigns of the party owing to her poor health, is among the few surviving veteran ANC leaders and still commands respect in the rank and file of the party.

"I am delighted that you are here, these are difficult times for the ANC. But I want to tell the people of South Africa to do the right thing and vote for the ANC, the revolutionary movement," she said.

She decried the political killings of candidates, which she said was foreign.

"We will do the right thing, we will win with all these problems we are facing. The ANC will win with a majority," she concluded. *timeslive*

## Gugu Zulu honoured with a trust for his family

**JOHANNESBURG** - South African racing car driver Gugu Zulu, who died while climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, will be honoured with a trust for his family, a friend said on Tuesday.

Stephen Watson said he and his wife Leigh had approached Zulu's family in a bid to start a trust for his family.

"Gugu was a long standing friend and we have known

each other for 15 years. He gave his time abundantly.

We just want to ensure that his beautiful wife and his princess are well taken care of," Watson told News24.

He commended Zulu for living a selfless and humble life.

"He spent most of his time working on charities - and giving came natural to him. He lived a full life.

We have already had an overwhelming response from

people overseas about the trust," he said.

Meanwhile, family spokesperson Tseliso Motloheloa, 59, said the family would continue with Zulu's legacy.

"It is devastating for the family but we have accepted what had happened to him, however, we want to build on what he had achieved and continue his legacy," said Motloheloa.

*news24*

## Father throws son from Hillbrow balcony

**JOHANNESBURG** - A 41-year-old man died after a hostage situation yesterday involving his wife and two sons, aged 11 and three.

Police spokesperson Lieutenant Colonel Tsekiso Mofokeng said the man stabbed his wife and older son, then held them hostage before throwing his three-year-old from the balcony.

"A 41-year-old man passed on yesterday. (At) about 5pm on Tuesday there was an argument between himself and his wife and during this he stabbed his wife (in) the lower body and also his 11-year-old son," Mofokeng said.

"The wife managed to escape, alerting the police who came in and our hostage negotiators engaged in a discussion with the suspect. At about (1am), he threw (his) three-year-old baby (sic) from the balcony and he followed the baby, he also jumped. The man was certified dead on the scene and the three-year-old baby, the brother and the mother were hospitalised."

An inquest will be conducted by Hillbrow police.

*eNCA*





**NEW ERA OF MOBILITY:** The exterior of the bus features two light bars around the windscreen which indicate the current driving status of the bus - white for manual, and blue for semi-automated.



**COMFORT ZONE:** The bus will be divided into three zones - a 'service zone' at the front, an 'express zone' in the middle for passengers travelling short distances, and a 'lounge zone' at the back for those staying on for a longer stay.

## Would YOU ride a driverless bus?

- Technology includes 10 cameras, long and short-range radar systems
- Bus was tested on a 12 mile trip in the Netherlands without any problems
- Interior includes a 'lounge zone' at the back where passengers can relax

**LONDON** - The list of self-driving vehicles is ever growing, with companies now producing cars, planes and even military trucks without the need for drivers.

And the latest means of transport to be given the autonomous treatment is a public bus.

Mercedes-Benz has revealed its self-driving 'Future Bus', which it says will be the 'local public transport of the future'.

### KEY FEATURES OF THE FUTURE BUS

- Self-driving technology including 10 cameras, long and short-range radar systems which allow the bus to find its position on the road, and interact with its surroundings
- Exterior features two light bars which indicate the current driving status of the bus - white for manual and blue for semi-automated
- Two double doors to speed up passenger flows
- Three zones inside - 'service zone' at the front, 'express zone' in the middle and 'lounge zone' at the back

As well as being self-driving, the 'Future Bus' will contain a range of modern features in the aim of allowing its passengers to 'enjoy a fascinating driving experience.'

So far, the bus has been tested on a 12 mile (20 km) route through Amsterdam in the Netherlands, where it performed without any problems - although there was a driver in place in case of emergency.

The bus runs without the need for a driver, using Daimler's City Pilot technology.

This includes 10 cameras and long and short-range radar systems which help the bus to find its position on the road, and interact with its surroundings.

Additionally, the City Pilot technology integrates the bus with the city's traffic light system. Aside from the fact that the bus can run without a driver, the design of the vehicle is futuristic, which Mercedes-Benz says is to benefit passengers, the driver and bus opera-

### ...Mercedes-Benz unveils self-driving coach hailed as the 'future of public transport'

tors."

The door arrangement has been designed to speed up passenger flows, with two double doors illuminated to show an Exit door (red) and an Entrance door (green).

In terms of the bus' interior, 'it takes its lead from public spaces such as squares and parks, and has nothing in common with the usual appearance of a city bus', according to Daimler.

The bus will be divided into three zones - a 'service zone' at the front, an 'express zone' in the middle for passengers travelling short distances, and a 'lounge zone' at the back for those staying on for a longer stay.

Despite the three zones which somewhat divide the area up, the bus appears to be very open plan and spacious. The bus' first driverless journey was in the Netherlands, where it was put to the test with numerous bends and passes through tunnels and junctions with traffic lights.

Despite the challenge, the bus performed well, with a top speed

of 43 miles/hour (70 km/hour).

Mercedes-Benz and City Pilot together hope that their new bus will improve the level of transport safety and relieve driver workloads.

It is currently unclear where or when the bus will next be tested.

### COULD AUTONOMOUS BUSES PREVENT DRIVERLESS CAR TRAFFIC JAMS?

Self-driving cars are expected to usher in a new era of mobility, safety and convenience. The problem, say transportation researchers, is that people will use them too much. Experts foresee robot cars chauffeuring children to school, dance class and baseball practice.

The disabled and elderly will have new mobility. Commuters will be able to work, sleep, eat or watch movies on the way to the office. People may stay home more because they can send their cars to do things like pick up groceries they've ordered online.

Researchers believe the number of miles driven will skyrocket.

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## BRIEFS

## 49 000 kids dying of malnutrition

LAGOS - The UN children's agency warns that about 49 000 children will die of malnutrition in areas once cut off by north-eastern Nigeria's Islamic extremist uprising if they don't get treatment. Unicef is calling for charities and donors to respond quickly to avert a tragedy in Borno state, where nearly a quarter of a million children are severely malnourished. Most of the children are in areas that had been inaccessible before a multinational force liberated them from Boko Haram extremists earlier this year. *AP*

## Heroin use threatens Kenya

NAIROBI - Rashid Hassan Mohammed began using drugs when he was 15, after fleeing an abusive home in the Kenyan coastal city of Mombasa and joining a street gang that robbed and stole to buy heroin. He was diagnosed with HIV in 2014 and realised that he needed to give up drugs after years of sharing needles with fellow addicts. "I didn't think that when you inject, or share the same injection with your friend, it may cause HIV," said Mohammed, 34, who has been receiving methadone treatment for a year to wean his body off heroin. *Timeslive*

## Thousands have fled into Uganda

GENEVA - More than 5 000 people have fled crisis-hit South Sudan into neighbouring Uganda since the latest outbreak of violence began on July 7, the UN said, voicing fears that more could follow. An estimated 90% of those who have crossed the border in recent days were women and children, the UN refugee agency said. The latest wave of people is mostly fleeing from the southern state of Eastern Equatoria, with others coming from the capital Juba. *Reuters*



## South Sudan editor detained

NAIROBI - A South Sudanese newspaper editor has been arrested for writing articles that criticised the country's leaders over a flare-up in violence earlier this month, a colleague said after meeting security officials. Alfred Taban, founder and editor of the privately run Juba Monitor, was detained on Saturday, drawing calls from journalists' and rights groups for his release. "They arrested Alfred because of the two articles of 15th and 16th July in his column," Oliver Modi, South Sudan Chairperson of the Union of Journalists, told Reuters. *Reuters*

## IMF forecasts Nigeria's economy

LAGOS - Nigeria's economy, the biggest in Africa, is likely to contract by 1.8 percent this year, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Tuesday, as the country grapples with the impact of low oil prices. The sharp fall in global prices since 2014 has led to a prolonged economic crisis since the crude sales make up around 70 percent of government revenue. The IMF's projection for this year, contained in its World Economic Outlook update, is down from the 2.3 percent growth it foresaw in its April forecast. *Reuters*



# Ten die in ethnic violence in DR Congo's troubled east

GOMA - Ten civilians died in the Democratic Republic of Congo's volatile east in ethnic violence, an army spokesman said Tuesday, adding that the military had intervened to restore order.

"We denounce the killing of 10 civilians and huts being torched," said Captain Guillaume Djike, adding that the violence broke out overnight in Kibirizi, about 150 kilometres (90 miles) south-west of Goma, the main city of the troubled Nord Kivu province.

Gaston Kakule, a prominent resident of the area, blamed rebels from the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR), which is active in the area, of staging the attack.

Kakule said all those killed belonged to the Nande ethnic



group, referring to a local tribe.

"The army intervened and re-established order," army spokesman Djike said.

Dozens of people have been killed in the region in clashes between the Nandes and Congolese Hutus, whom the

locals accuse of backing the Rwandan rebels.

The FDLR was set up by Rwandan Hutu refugees in eastern DR Congo after the 1994 genocide in their country which claimed 800,000 lives.

The group is accused of target-

ing moderate Hutus as well as people from the Tutsi minority and are regularly blamed for serious human rights violations against civilians in eastern DR Congo.

The Congolese army last February announced a broad offensive against the FDLR, not just in Nord Kivu, but also in Sud Kivu and the northern part of Katanga province in a bid to sweep them clear of national territory.

The Rwandan government, however, accuses the Congolese authorities of doing nothing to tackle the rebels, whom Kigali presents as a major strategic threat even though the FDLR has not launched a big offensive on Rwandan soil in years.

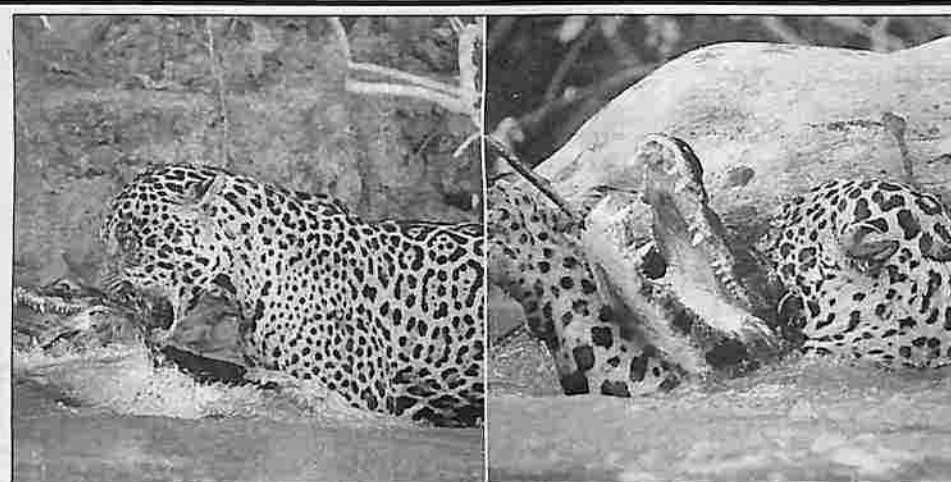
*AFP*

## Mugabe speaks against Mawarire

HARARE - Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe on Tuesday attacked the #This Flag Pastor Evan Mawarire, saying he should leave the country and go to those who sponsored him and said his calls for violent protests in the country were un-Zimbabwean.

"The Mawarires; I don't even know him and those who believe in that way of living in our country are not part of us in thinking as we try to live together. If they don't like to live with us let them go to those who are sponsoring them, fine. You can't urge people to adopt violent demonstrations as the way of life or solving grievances, we will say no, forever no," Mugabe said.

Mugabe was addressing mourners gathered at the National Heroes Acre in Harare for the burial of former Secretary of State in the office of the President and Cabinet, Charles Utete. *Africa News Agency*



**BIG CATCH:** The 220lb beast took down the crocodile after heading to the water's edge to have a drink of water in Brazil, but having a sip from the river, the big cat launched an attack on the crocodile. The unsuspecting juvenile reptile had no hope as the jaguar wrestled with its prey in the water before taking control. After a short tussle the Brazilian jaguar delivers the fatal blow before dragging its lunch out of the river. *(AP)*

## Lesotho Times journalist 'flees to SA amid fears for her safety'

MASERU - Lesotho Times journalist Keiso Mohloboli has fled her home country Lesotho to neighbouring South Africa amid fears for her safety, a regional media monitoring agency said on Tuesday.

In a statement, the head of the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) in Lesotho, Tsebo Mats'asa, said Mohloboli left Lesotho on Monday. Her departure followed the shooting of the newspaper's editor Lloyd Mutungamiri on Saturday, July 9. Mutungamiri was shot by unknown assailants on the driveway of his home in the

capital Maseru. His wife, Tsitsi Matope, insisted that the country's army was behind her husband's failed assassination attempt. The Zimbabwean-born editor was last week Friday transferred to a South African hospital in Bloemfontein as fears about his safety mounted.

Reports indicated that after the publishing of an article exposing an alleged secret exit package of R43 million for the country's army commander Lieutenant General Tlali Kamoli, the reporter Mohloboli together with Mutungamiri were summoned by police for questioning. *News24*

## Egypt nominates ex-minister for top UNESCO job

CAIRO - Egypt announced Tuesday it is nominating former minister and Ambassador Moushira Khattab for the post of UNESCO director general.

A former ambassador to South Africa, the Czech Republic and Slovakia, Khattab was family and population minister between 2009 and 2011 under now-deposed president Hosni Mubarak.

She also served as secretary general of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood in Egypt.

"Egypt will nominate Ambassador Moushira Khattab for

director general of UNESCO," said a statement from the office of Prime Minister Ismail Sharif.

The mandate of UNESCO's current director general, Irina Bokova of Bulgaria, expires in 2017.

Bokova is among the candidates to succeed UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, whose mandate runs out this year.

She was elected head of the Paris-based UNESCO in 2009, becoming the first woman to lead the UN agency. She was re-elected in 2013 for a second four-year term.

*AFP*



# World News

## 'Lock her up,' shout Republicans denouncing Clinton

CLEVELAND – Republican delegates savaged Hillary Clinton on Tuesday by breaking into angry chants of "lock her up" and "guilty" as New Jersey Governor Chris Christie laid out a criminal-style case against her.

While the FBI stopped short of recommending charges against the presumptive Democratic nominee over her email scandal, Christie, himself a former federal prosecutor, went into attack-dog mode on the second day of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland.

"Let's do something fun tonight," he said. "We are going to present the facts to you. You, tonight, sitting as a jury of her peers in this hall and in your living rooms around our nation," he said.

He then outlined what he called "the facts" against Clinton, savaging her record as US secretary of state, holding her responsible for the chaos and violence engulfing Libya, and asking whether she is "guilty or not guilty" of being an apologist for Boko Haram in Nigeria.

"As an awful judge of the character of a dictator and butcher in the Middle East, is she guilty or not guilty?" he shouted in reference to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. **AFP**



UNDER-FIRE: Hillary Clinton.

## Third quake in four days for Tokyo

JAPAN – Tokyo was struck by a third quake in four days yesterday, but there were no reports of damage or casualties.

The 5.0 magnitude jolt struck Tokyo and areas of eastern Japan at 7:25 am (2225 GMT Tuesday), the US Geological Survey said.

The quake's epicentre was east of the capital in Ibaraki at a depth of about 44 kilometres (27 miles), the USGS said.

There was no threat of a tsunami.

It was the third to shake the capital's high-rise buildings this week, after a 4.8 magnitude quake on Tuesday and a 5.0 on Sunday.

Japan sits at the junction of four tectonic plates and experiences a number of relatively violent quakes every year, but rigid building codes and strict enforcement mean even powerful tremors frequently do little damage.

A massive undersea quake that hit in March 2011 sent a tsunami barreling into Japan's northeast coast, leaving more than 18 000 people dead or missing, and sending three reactors into meltdown at the Fukushima nuclear plant. **AFP**

## French PM warns there will be more deadly attacks

PARIS – French Prime Minister Manuel Valls warned on Tuesday that the country must be prepared for more deadly attacks and will have to "learn to live with the threat".

His warning came after President Francois Hollande said he was willing to extend France's state of emergency for another six months following the Bastille Day massacre in Nice in which 84 people were killed.

"Even if these words are hard to say, it's my duty to do so: There will be other attacks and there will be other innocent people killed," Valls told French lawmakers.

"We must not become accustomed to, but learn to live with, this threat," the prime minister added.

Valls also said suspected Islamist Reda Kriket, arrested



WARNING: French Prime Minister Manuel Valls.

near Paris in March with an arsenal of weapons, had "surely" been planning to target the Euro 2016 football tournament in France, which wrapped up without an attack just over a week ago.

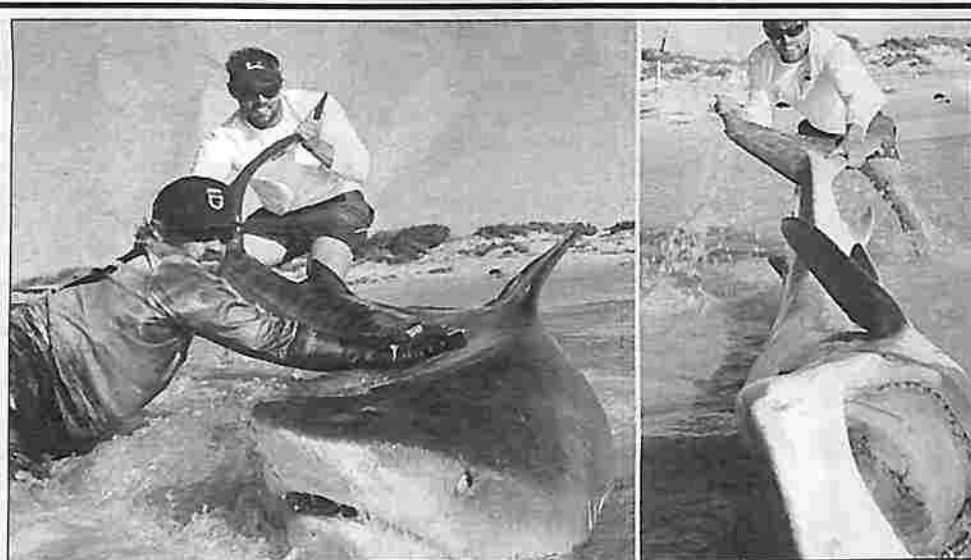
Hollande had only last Thursday announced a planned lifting of the emergency security measures -

which give the police extra powers to carry out searches and place people under house arrest - originally imposed after the Paris attacks that killed 130 people last November.

French MPs will now mull a fourth extension of the eight-month-old state of emergency, as criticism mounts of the Socialist government's response to a slew of extremist attacks.

The Paris prosecutor's office said on Tuesday that all the victims of the Nice massacre had finally been identified. Around 30 were Muslims, said an official from a regional representative body, and almost half were foreigners.

Five days after the attack, 70 people remain hospitalised, 19 in critical condition. **AFP**



**SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST:** A fisherman has revealed a photo of a struggle between man and shark on Carnarvon beach off Western Australia's north coast. The incredible photo reflects the struggle of 'shark man' Josh Butterworth and Jethro Bonnitcha and the shark as the anglers try to drag the beast onto the beach while it tries to swim away. (AP)

## 'No retreat from US pivot to Asia-Pacific'

SYDNEY – US Vice President Joe Biden yesterday assured key ally Australia there would be no retreat from Washington's pivot to the Asia-Pacific region regardless of who wins November's presidential election.

Biden dismissed concerns that Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump would abandon President Barack Obama's strategy for the Asia-Pacific if he were to defeat Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

"The United States is all in. We've made good on that promise and continue to make good on that promise. We have shown our commitment to lead the region over and over again."

Tensions between the US and China have been rising in recent months over the South China Sea, through which more than \$5-trillion (R71.64-trillion) in trade passes every year.

Biden's visit to the region

follows last week's court ruling in The Hague that China has no historic title over the disputed waters.

Beijing has dismissed the case, brought by the Philippines, as a farce and accused Washington of fuelling tensions.

Neither Trump nor Clinton have been vocal supporters of Obama's Asia-Pacific pivot in their campaigning, leading some to question Washington's support for the strategy. **AFP**

## BRIEFS

### Italy plucks 3 200 migrants

ROME – More than 3 200 migrants were rescued from the Mediterranean on Tuesday in 25 operations, the Italian coastguard said. One person was found dead during the rescue efforts, said the coastguard yesterday, which co-ordinated the missions conducted by the Italian navy and coastguard, the EU's Eunavfor Med mission and NGOs such as MSF, Sea Watch and MOAS. The latest arrivals take the number of migrants to have landed in Italy this year to more than 80,000, according to the UN's refugee agency. **AFP**

### Canada pledges \$158m to Iraq

OTTAWA – The Canadian government promised Tuesday to send 158 million dollars (US\$121 million) in humanitarian assistance to Iraq, along with up to 200 million dollars in loan guarantees. Nearly all of the humanitarian funds will go toward supporting "the international humanitarian response to help meet the basic needs of conflict-affected Iraqis," said Canadian Minister of International Development Marie-Claude Bibeau. **AFP**

### Brazil investigates Olympic threats

BRASILIA – Brazil's intelligence agency said on Tuesday it was investigating all threats to next month's Rio Olympics after a presumed Brazilian Islamist group pledged allegiance to Islamic State (IS) less than three weeks before the Games. The SITE Intelligence Group that monitors the internet reported that a group calling itself 'Ansar al-Khilafah Brazil' said on the Telegram messaging app on Sunday that it followed IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and had promoted IS propaganda in Arabic, English and Portuguese. **Reuters**



### 'We are going to win the presidency'

CLEVELAND – Donald Trump told the Republican National Convention on Tuesday that he would win the White House in November, saying he was "so proud" to be their nominee for US president. "This is a movement. But we have to go all the way. I am so proud to be your nominee for president," he told delegates by video link. The New York billionaire, who has never previously held public office, said it had been "a very special day" to watch his adult children declare New York's delegate count that put him over the top. **AFP**

### Florida probes Zika transmission

FLORIDA – Florida health officials said on Tuesday they are investigating a case of Zika virus infection that does not appear to have stemmed from travel to another region with an outbreak. The statement from the Florida Department of Health did not specify whether the Zika case was believed to have been transmitted via mosquito bite, sexual contact or other means. The department said the case was reported in Miami-Dade County and that it is working with the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention on an epidemiological study. **Reuters**





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# LONG WEEKEND VIBES

## 'YOUR HOTSPOTS THIS DVULADVULA WEEKEND'

Compiled by Nomfundo Sifundza

CAN you too smell the start of a good weekend? Aha the bumper pay is upon all, civil servants and beneficiaries or should it be also 'bomagadeyiwile'?

Anyway, it has been a while since workaholics took a break and because this holiday comes after a struggle of productivity, 'Thou shall get thy groove on.'

Tonight Soulful Khole does a makeup show at the Cuba Nora Restaurant. We do not want the sound to mess it up for us this time. Khole has an amazing voice to put one in a good mood for the long weekend so leego...

Tomorrow the whole of Swaziland heads to Matsapha for a meaty filled holiday at the Biggest Braai.



FEATURED: DJ PH from South Africa.

ALL SET: Khole.



Bholoja

porate sector meets the family lives as there will be games for young ones!!

### TONIGHT

**What:** Khole's Make up show

**Where:** Cuba Nora Restaurant.

She has the voice of a goddess and believe it or not, you need a soulful start to the weekend. At absolutely no cost, Khole alongside her pianist Nkosi Sibanda, are ready to make it a memorable night. Like where and when would a gifted artist like her come for free? You miss it tonight, your loss.

**What:** Long weekend fiesta

**Where:** TC Pub & Rest

From tonight until Saturday, here is a date for you house music lovers. TC Pub & Rest brings you DJ 711 at absolutely no entry fee but only pay for food and drinks.

**What:** Wine tasting

**Where:** Siteki Hotel

Stimulate your taste buds and enliven your spirits with the wine tasting at Siteki Hotel at only E100.

### TOMORROW

**What:** The Biggest Braai

**Where:** SIMPA Campus, IDM

Now who does not want to enter the Guinness Book of Records? Be sure to head to Matsapha as early as 10am and help Philani Maswati as the entity makes means for the underprivileged. Swazi soul star 'Bholoja', 'Zaza', 'Sands' and South African wordsmith Zolani will be there. It has been a while since 'Bholoja' performed on Swazi soil.

Catch him at the Biggest Braai.

**What:** The Godfather Party

**Where:** The White House

You know who the Godfather of house music is, you saw him last week in the Lifestyle and Entertainment edition. DJ Xtra Luv will be playing alongside that one other DJ who never sleeps, DJ DD Cool. They will be accompanied by DJ Crooks, Peace, Ntombz, Wicked, Nkam v and DJ Mbo.

Doors open at 6pm and entrance fee is E30.

**Dresscode:** Smart casual (no vests, shorts, slippers)

### SATURDAY

**What:** Craft Beer Festival

**Where:** Malandelas

The Craft Beer Festival's second edition is finally here. More than 45 different beers and ciders are to be showcased and savoured.

There is no age restriction as this is a day for the whole family to enjoy. Entrance fee is E100 and the event starts at 10am until late.

**What:** One night with PH

**Where:** Déjà vu

Cocktail Lounge

Swazi Boy continues to bring you an awesome show as the stable celebrates 10 years this year. Spend one night in the hands of SA's DJ PH alongside Master P, DJ Papz, DJ Tempt and DJ D1.

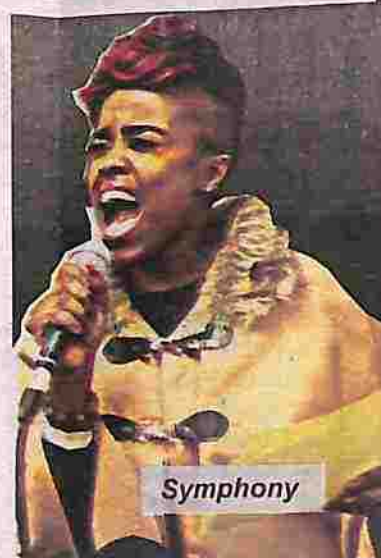
The show starts at 7pm and tickets are E60 before 11pm and E100 thereafter.

**What:** Glory Manifest Winter worship experience

**Where:** The Theatre Club

Young upcoming gospel artists will be blazing sounds of worship at the theatre club. Entrance fee is E50 and the event starts at as early as 5PM.

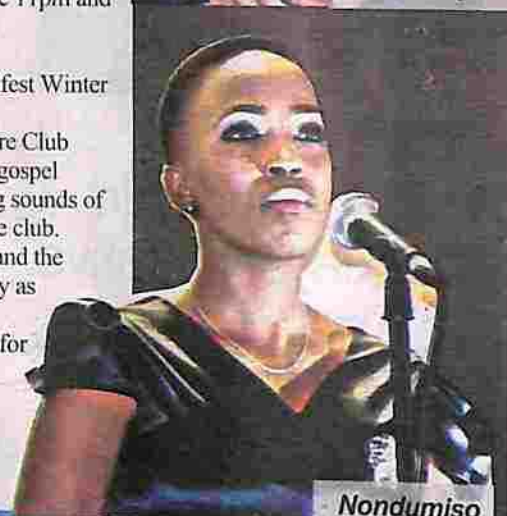
Artists to look out for are Symphony, Nhlakanipho, Nondumiso Nhleko, Mqobi Maseko and Nontobeko.



Symphony



Nhlakanipho



Nondumiso

## Another chilled jazz session for Indibano

By Phumelele Mkhonta

LOCAL jazz music lovers are in for a treat as Indibano Jazz Club will be hosting yet another Afternoon Jazz Session at Simunye Country Club on July 30.

This event follows the one

which was hosted in Piet Retief two months ago; with jazz star Itallo Dlamini and internationally acclaimed soul jazz artist and guitarist Mbongiseni 'Bholoja' Ngubane as the main acts.

### Network

Indibano Jazz sessions aim at bringing together lovers of jazz music in a relaxed environment to

network and share their music collection.

### Different

According to Indibano founder, Mbusi Motsa, this event will be slightly different as it will be headlined by a line-up of jazz music collectors, including him.

On the decks will be Motsa, Khulile Kunene, Zanele Dlamini,

Sibongiseni Mamba, Sikelela Fakudze and

Noncedo Mamba.

"We cannot wait for next Saturday.

### Lovers

We know there is a rich network of jazz collectors and lovers of the music, and we really

look forward to bringing our fire to that part of the country. After our experience in Piet Retief, I can assure the people of Simunye that we will have a great time," said Motsa, adding that

Indibano Jazz Club was already working on invading other places soon, including Pigg's Peak. Entrance is E50, payable at the gate.





# THREE TMS MODELS FOR S.A MERCEDES CASTING

Stories by Phumelele Mkhonta

**TOP Model Swaziland continues to hoist the Swazi flag high as three models from the agency are set-out to join in the Mercedes Benz Model Casting in Johannesburg today.**

The three lucky models are, crowd favorite; Carolee Vilakati, Nonjebo Lusengo and Kelvin Munyakeni. If the three happen to impress in the casting, they will take part in the upcoming Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week slated for Spring/Summer 2016 in Johannesburg.

This follows the event in April where 12 Top Model Swaziland represented the country in the Tshwane Fashion Festival 2016, which was hosted by Retro Vintage Collection.

Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Johannesburg is African Fashion International's (AFI) platform to showcase South Africa's best designs. AFI is the leading fashion authority on the African continent.

Ambitious Carolee Vilakati's star continues to shine as she will not



INVITED: Carolee Vilakati and Kelvin Munyakeni.

return home after the Mercedes Benz Casting, but will be travelling to Zimbabwe this very weekend to compete at Top Model Africa.

Vilakati said her daily mantra is to let no one discourage her ambitious attitude.

"You do not need a fan club to achieve your goals, be your own moti-

vation and work towards being the person you want to be on your own. You want something done, do it yourself and only you can," she said.

Top Model Swaziland Director Mbalenhle Manana elicited her excitement on Top Model Swaziland's recent achievements.

"My models are making me proud

## TM model joining Big Brother Africa

**Top Model Swaziland Director Mbalenhle Manana also revealed that one of her models, Mustapha Akomolafe, who is based in Johannesburg, has been selected to join the much talked about Big Brother Africa.**

Mustapha Akomolafe is a model and actor that is based in East-London, South Africa.

"I was in awe when one of my models Mustapha informed me that he will be part of Big Brother Africa, it is surely a year of progress for me and my models," informed Manana.

Big Brother Africa is the African version of the Big Brother reality game show. The show involves 12 African countries namely; Angola, Botswana, Ghana, Kenya,

Malawi, Namibia to mention just a few.

At least one contestant is required from each country. The collective from 12 African nationals reside in an isolated house for a period of 90 days and avoid being evicted by viewers at all costs.

Viewers will fall in love with a certain personality in the house which they then vote for. The number of votes and compliance to the Big Brother house rules increases chances of winning a lucrative lump sum cash prize at the end of the 90 days.

"We will definitely give Mustapha Akomolafe all the support he needs, as he will not only be representing himself in the Big Brother House but the agency as well" said Manana.

each and every day. Their achievements have been remarkable this year; from the Tshwane Fashion Festival, to this casting and the upcoming Top Model

Africa competition, it is all great. I would like to thank our supporters immensely for encouraging us, we have yet to do greater things," commented Manana.

## Mandy to tickle bones at fundraising dinner

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**SWAZILAND's only female comedian, Mandy Ginindza has been chosen as the main act for a schools fundraising event, to be held at the Tums George Hotel.**

The former T55 contestant is set to showcase her unique talent amongst high school pupils, who are artistic in nature, in a fundraising event towards the schools drama competitions.

This competition is organised and made possible by MD Events, an events management company. The competition seeks to ensure high school pupils that, if you are not gifted in Mathematics or other subjects drama might be the very thing you were made for.

Each of the eleven high schools based in the Mbabane-Manzini corridor, that partake in the competition, are given three storylines to choose from.

The one storyline picked, by each school, is then showcased in a drama play in which judge's look the best actor, actress and best outfit.

"We have noticed that high school pupils watch too much television, and with this competition we seek to show them that acting is a job and if one is passionate about it he can pursue it as a career" Said Mzwandile Mbingo who is the events manager at MD Events.

### Drama

Mandy is expected to showcase her talent as the main act and in turn, tell the drama pupils how she copes with being the only female comedian in the country.

The bubbly comedian is already advertising her performance on her Facebook page.

She has been constantly posting status updates that invite fans to head down Malagwane on July 30 for the event that starts at 10:00am.

Mandy ecstatically said "I am going

to give 110% of my best material". I am actually looking forward to the show because we are raising funds for an art which for us is our future, the talented youth" she giggled.

This event according to Mbingo is also a preparation for Mandy's show, slated for October, wherein she will be featuring the same female comedian, Enigma, who opened up for Mdura at his first one man show in February. The comedian speaks Tswana and will be coming in from Botswana for the show. The date has yet to be announced.

Enigmas set during the show dubbed 'Hella Funny', complied with the theme as she delivered a hilarious set. She is expected to come and do the same or even better at Mandy's show.

Mandy further urged the public to attend the show as she promised to tickle their bones till their stomachs hurt. "I will tickle everyone's laughing bones, they will not regret paying that E40," she said.

## 'Carling Black Label Cup' for Tira's show ticket holders

By Phumelele Mkhonta

**LUCKY ticket holders for DJ Tira's show stand a chance to win tickets to the South African derby game (Orlando Pirates vs Kaizer Chiefs) at the Carling Black Label Cup at FNB stadium in Soweto.**

The show will be conjoined with the 360 Se'sla launch party next week Friday, at Solanis Shisanyama in Mbabane. The launch of 360 Se'sla is at the eve of the Carling Black Label Cup.

"Some tickets holders will stand a chance to win a free ride and match tickets to watch the Black Label Cup,"

## Tickets almost depleted

**THERE is a mad rush for the tickets to DJ Tira's show.**

According to 360 Se'sla's founder Njabulo Simelane, pre-sale VIP tickets are down by 75 percent and general pre-sale tickets are down by more than half.

He also warned the public on buying tickets on the streets.

"We encourage fun lovers to buy

enthusied 360 Se'sla's Founder Njabulo Simelane.

360 Se'sla is a new travelling agency that specialises in group tours,

tickets at the mentioned outlets as fake tickets are on the loose and buyers will not be allowed to access the venue," warned Simelane.

Pre-sale VIP tickets cost E200 while at the door they go for E250. General pre-sale tickets cost E100 while they cost E130 at the gate. Tickets are sold at Nandos outlets country wide

that will unveil its mandate and contents of the business at the much anticipated, Durban based, house DJ's show.



## More than 45 beer varieties at Craft Beer Festival

Stories by Phumelele Mkhonta

**More than 45 different beers and ciders are to be showcased and enjoyed at the second annual Craft Beer Festival at Malandela's in Malkerns this Saturday.**

This festival does not restrict age as it is a day for the whole family to enjoy; with live music, great food, fair trade craft, a wide selection of international beers, local craft beer, lawn games, children's area and much more.

Malandela's event organiser Rob Tapster stated that the Craft Beer Festival is an opportunity for those who are not familiar with craft beer to learn more about the different beer styles

available:

"Thunderbolt is the only Craft Brewery in Swaziland, and the chief brew master and founder of this brewery will be present at the Craft Beer Festival, to answer any questions regarding the process of making Craft Beer, and help you find the right beer for you.

"This year features an all new line-up.

Local acts will be Will Brown and Sibusiso Nkambule, who will be joined by four bands at the heart of the Jozi music scene - Sol Gems, Go Barefoot, Urban Village and Johnny Cradle," informed Tapster.

The event will commence at 10am. Entrance fee is E100 and it is free for children under 12 years.





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## HIGHLIGHTS

**IAAF Diamond League 2016**

**Tomorrow 20:45**

**SuperSport 7 (207)**

TUNE in for the live action from the IAAF Diamond League in HD live and exclusively on your World of Champions.



**Yukon Gold**

**Tomorrow 20:05 |**

**National Geographic (181) S4/E1 -**

**HOMECOMING**. As the season gets underway, Bernie clashes with his most experienced crew, son Jarret.

After months of lonely prep work, Chris reunites with his partner Nika and their three small children. Gold Fever celebrates the enduring myth of the Great Gold Rush and the irresistible lure of a modern day treasure hunt.

There's a reason why gold is called a precious metal there's just not that much of it. Today, once again, the price of gold is at a record high - and when gold spikes, so does Gold Fever.

Despite scientific and technological advances, the miner's life hasn't changed much in a hundred



years. Sure the machines are bigger and dig deeper, but at the end of the day it's the same hard, risky, dirty work for the same elusive lucre and only the strong survive.

**Tough Rides: Brazil**

**Sat, 20:00**

**Travel Channel (179)**

JOIN adventurer and presenter Ryan Pyle on one of his toughest rides yet - a 10 000-mile motor-

cycle trip around South America's biggest country, Brazil. His journey begins in Rio de Janeiro, where he'll complete his prepa-

rations and head north towards Salvador, Brazil's first capital city. Ryan rides deeper into the

Amazon Basin, takes a boat along the Amazon River and flies over the Rio Negro. Can he survive crashes, jungles and sand dunes? Saddle up and find out on



'Tough Rides: Brazil'.



**House of Horrors: Kidnapped**

**Sat, 21:00 |**

**Discovery IDx (171)**

**FOLLOWING** the first season of the terrifying yet interesting series of the House of Horrors: Kidnapped, IDxtra (DStv 171) brings you the second season, where more haunting but true stories of those that were abducted and lived to tell the tale are shared. Don't miss the season premiere of 'House of Horrors: Kidnapped' starting on Saturday,

at 21:00. Not all victims of kidnapping are lucky enough to survive the torture. Told by the victim in their own haunting recollection, the second season of the IDxtra (DStv 171) series 'House of Horrors: Kidnapped' explores more gripping stories of people who were kidnapped and survived to tell us their tale.

# CNN Multichoice African journalist finalists Announced

**FINALISTS** in the prestigious CNN MultiChoice African Journalist 2016 Competition were announced yesterday by Ferial Haffajee, Chair of the independent judging panel.

This year, the competition received 1 637 entries - a record number - from 38 countries across the continent, including French and Portuguese-speaking Africa.



**There are 38 finalists from 14 countries:**

- Adedayo Eriye Oketola, Saturday Punch, Nigeria
- Aderonke Bello, naij.com, Nigeria
- Ancillar Mangena, Forbes Africa, South Africa
- Asha Ahmed Mwilu & Rashid Idi, Kenya Television Network, Kenya
- AtiMetwaly, Al Ahram Weekly, Egypt
- Bento Venâncio, Jornal Domingo, Mozambique
- Bidossessi Appolinaire Agoïnon, Office de Radiodiffusion et Télévision du Bénin, Benin
- Cheboite Kigen, Daily Nation Newspaper, Kenya
- Chika Oduah, Nigeria, Freelancer at African Story Challenge, Media Initiative, Kenya
- Cleófas Viagem, STV, Mozambique
- Conan Daniel Businge & Gerald Tenywa, New Vision, Uganda
- Coulibaly Zoumana, Le Patriote, Ivory Coast
- Diana Neille, Richard Poplak, Shaun Swinger and Sumeya Gasa, Daily Maverick Chronicle, South Africa
- Dominic Omondi, The Standard, Kenya
- Eromo Egbejule, Freelancer at Ventures Africa, Nigeria
- Faten Hayed, El Watan, Algeria

- Fidelto Emidio Bata, STV, Mozambique
  - Folashade Adebayo, The Punch, Nigeria
  - Garreth van Niekerk, City Press, South Africa
  - Isaac Oti Amuke, Commonwealth Writers, Kenya
  - James Oatway, The Sunday Times, South Africa
  - Jay Caboz, Forbes Africa, South Africa
  - Jean-Luc Emile, Teleplus, Mauritius
  - John Grobler, Namibia, and Fiona Macleod, Oxpeckers Investigative Environmental Journalism, South Africa
  - Lawrence Seretse, The Botswana Gazette, Botswana
  - Mia Malan, Mail & Guardian, South Africa
  - Teresa Fuquadi, Jornal Nova Gazeta, Angola
  - Veronica Narkwor Kwabla, Tv3 Network, Ghana
  - Veronica Onuchi, TVC News Africa, Nigeria
  - Yemisi Akinbobola, Ogechi Ekeanyanwu & Paul Bradshaw, IQ4News for Premium Times, Nigeria
- The independent judging panel, chaired by Ferial Haffajee, Chair of the Judging Panel & Editor-in-Chief, City Press, South Africa, includes: Debo Adesina, Editor-in-Chief,

Guardian Newspapers, Nigeria; Jean-Paul Géroard, Former Editor-in-Chief, France Télévisions; Eleni Giokos, Africa Correspondent, CNN; Fernando Gonçalves, Editor, Savana, Mozambique; Anton Harber, Editor-in-Chief, eNCA, South Africa; Joel Kibazo, Media & Public Affairs Consultant; Amadou Mahtar Ba, Co-Founder and Executive Chairman, AllAfrica Global Media; Wanja Njuguna, Senior Lecturer, Namibia University of Science & Technology & CNN Journalist of the year 2000; David Ohito, Digital Editor, The Standard Media Group, Kenya and José Sebastião Paulo, Professor of Journalism, University Agostinho Neto, Angola.

The competition is once again supported by the following sponsors, who continue to lend their valuable support to the awards: African Development Bank, Dow, Ecobank, GE, IPP Media and MSD (MSD is known as Merck in the U.S. and Canada).

The finalists will enjoy an all-expense paid four day programme of workshops, media forums and networking in Johannesburg, South Africa, culminating in a Gala Award Ceremony in October 2016.

Tony Maddox, Executive Vice-President and Managing Director of CNN International said: "This year has seen a record number of entries for the CNN MultiChoice African Journalist Awards, from a diverse array of countries across the continent."

The passion which African journalists display for telling compelling and top class stories knows no bounds. Once more, CNN proudly continues its commitment to encouraging inspired journalistic excellence with these awards."

## Under the same sky

**Mon Jul 25, 17:10 | Telemundo (118)**

Carlos is worried about Rodrigo, while Cristobal searches for Felicia. Rodrigo's trial begins, with his fate now in the hands of the law.

Carlos begs Felicia to let him go, telling her that Colmillo doesn't love Anita.

Rudolfo seeks forgiveness and Felicia makes an escape. Adela finds Felicia on the streets, and tells Christobal.

Rodrigo begs forgiveness from his family and friends. Then, it's time for a special wedding.

Tune in to 'Telemundo' weekdays at 17.10 for 'Under The Same Sky'.



## MIXOLOGY

Sun, 2016, 21:05 | MTV Base (322)  
Mix up your weekend with the resident Mixology DJs. They bring you the hottest club tracks in the coolest mixes, giving you that Friday feeling every day.





## International Celebrity News

### Adele to write novel during break from music

**NEW YORK** - Adele is keen to add penning a book to her long list of accomplishments. Clearly not content with being a global superstar, the mum-of-one says one of her ambitions is to learn how to write a piece of fiction but admits she is unsure what the topic would be as of yet. "I'd like to write a book,"



**DREAMING BIG:** Adele.

she told the crowd at her Chicago concert. "I mean, I'm not very great at stuff like that but I'd like to learn and try to write a book.

Fiction. I don't know what about yet." But the book writing process could be difficult for Adele as she previously admitted she is only creative when she's 'momentarily depressed'. **AFP**

### Garry Marshall dies at age 81

**HOLLYWOOD** - Garry Marshall has passed away at the age of 81, E! News has learned. Marshall suffered from "complications of pneumonia following a stroke at a hospital in Burbank, Calif.," his rep said in a statement. At present time, funeral services will be private and a memorial is being planned for his birthday on November 13.



**NO MORE:** Garry Marshall.

The statement added, "The family requests no flowers. Donations in the name of Garry Marshall can be made to The Saban Community Clinic, formerly known as the Los Angeles Free Clinic, The Intensive Care Unit at Providence St. Joseph's Medical Centre in Burbank, and Northwestern University Undergraduate Scholarship Fund." **Daily Mail**

### Prince secretly bought house from Purple Rain

**NEW YORK** - Prince bought the house that propelled him into 'Purple Rain' fame in the 1980s eight months before he died, a real estate agent has claimed. The house, located at 3420 Snelling Avenue in Minneapolis, Minnesota, went up for sale a year ago. It appeared in the 1984 movie in which Prince played budding musician The Kid - a performance that earned him the



**MANSION:** The house that Prince bought.

Academy Award for best original song score the following year. Prince snatched the house in a secretive transaction eight months before his April 2016 death, real estate agent Deborah

Larson of Coldwell Banker Burnet told the Star Tribune. "I don't think he had a plan. I think he just wanted it," Larson, who handled the sale, said. **Daily Mail**

### Lady Gaga breaks her silence on split

**LOS ANGELES** - Lady Gaga has released a statement following her split from fiancée Taylor Kinney. "Taylor and I have always believed we are soul mates. Just like all couples we have ups and downs and we have been taking a break," the 30-year-old singer confirmed on Instagram yesterday, sharing a black and white photo of the pair with their arms around each other. "We are both ambitious artists, hoping to work through long distance and complicated schedules to continue the simple love we



**DIVORCING:** Taylor Kinney and Lady Gaga.

have always shared. Please root us on. We're just like everybody else and we really love each other." Earlier this month, Lady Gaga and Taylor sadly ended their engagement after five years together. The 'Chicago Fire' actor had popped the question on Valentine's Day 2015, presenting the star with a beautiful heart-shaped Lorraine Schwartz engagement ring. "He gave me his heart on Valentine's Day and I said YES!" she later told fans on Instagram. **AFP**

## SA Celebrity News

### Riky Rick changes stage name to 'King Kotini'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Over the years, we've heard rappers change their names from Puff Daddy to P. Diddy, Tity Boi to 2 Chainz, Baby to Birdman and even Snoop Dogg to Snoop Lion. Whether or not fans like the name changes, sometimes artists feel the need to switch things up. On the local front, Riky Rick has seemingly done the same.



**CHANGES NAME:** Riky Rick.

Inspired by his current hit song, 'Sidlukotini', the rapper has started referring to himself as 'King Kotini.' Taking to Twitter recently, the rapper introduced fans to his 'new' persona. And it turns out; 'King Kotini'

comes with a number of requests from his fans. **Times Live**

### Maps talks Nomzamo and marriage

**JOHANNESBURG** - Trust DJ Sbu to finally get Maps to open up about his bae, Nomzamo Mbatha. The romance between Maps and Nomzamo has had fans guessing for what seems like eternity, but the pair have been spotted together and have alluded to each other enough to leave very little doubt that they are a couple. Their romance is the one thing



**WEDDING BELLS:** Maps and Nomzamo

that most fans want to hear about and when Maps visited DJ Sbu's Vuma FM/Rise FM radio show last Thursday, it was a topic that DJ Sbu wanted to know about. Asking if Maps was happy with Nomzamo, Maps said he was and then explained that the pair are actually really the best of friends too. **Sowetan**

### Robert wants Pearl to be celebrated more

**NEW YORK** - The soft-spoken Robert Marawa wants more confetti for his alleged girlfriend's achievements. 'Madluphuthu' doesn't like it when Mzansi is not celebrating Pearl Thusi enough. This on the back of Pearl announcing that she's moving to a new city for a new job and is on the cover of a magazine. As reported, Thusi has moved to New York to shoot for the sec-



**CELEBRATED:** Robert and Pearl.

ond season of US drama series, 'Quantico' and will be starring alongside Priyanka Chopra. Not just that, she is also on the cover of Cosmopolitan's August issue. The fact that Pearl trended on social media for her achievements was not enough for Marawa, who took to Twitter to slam 'some papers' who he anticipated will 'ignore' Pearl's achievements. **Drum**

### In entertainment you don't need education - Bonang

**JOHANNESBURG** - Ever wondered what it takes to be in SA entertainment? Well not education, according to media personality Bonang Matheba. Speaking to a crowd for 'The Masters of Success' project in Namibia earlier this year Bonang said; "Honestly in entertainment you don't need to be educated," she then went on to say that "although you can be educated,



**LET ME BE:** Bonang Matheba.

this is my belief, you have to be born to do it." She also touched on the difference between natural and book taught talent, "You can teach somebody to be a fantastic presenter, they can be a fantastic TV presenter/TV host, but the somebody who was born to do it, will always be better than the somebody who went to school for it". **Drum**

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

### ISIBAYA

TODAY

Mpiyakhe and the UTA leadership confront Samson. Jabu and Fezile have a sobering moment of truth. Siphokazi finally tells Mpiyakhe the truth. S'Khaleni's mischief catches up with him in the worst possible way.



**CONFRONTATIONAL:** Mpiyakhe.

### ISIDINGO

TODAY

Angelique fears that Tyson's allowing Lincoln to turn him into a monster. Gabriel instructs Morongwa to seduce Matlala. Obakeng is stunned to meet his childhood idol.



**FEARED:** Tyson.

### Muvhango

TODAY

Katlego attempts to rescue Vusi with dire consequences to her own safety. Vho-Masindi is forced to watch Vhangani being arrested for something she's responsible for. Will she come clean and save him? The claws come out as Shonisani and Mpho go head to head for Mulimisi's love.



**RESCUED:** Vusi.

### RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Reneilwe tries to resist Zolani's pleas. Puleng is not comfortable with having Themba back in town. Cuba finds a pregnancy test in Puleng's things. David comes up with a solution to take care of Lerato's suspicion.



**SUSPICIOUS:** Puleng.





## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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 center of attention this afternoon when you discover an investment you made was a good choice.



## BABY BLUES



## BUCKLES



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



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## PUZZLE CHOICE

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enough to get you into Heaven." The lawyer said, "Wait Wait! There's more! Three years ago I also gave a homeless person a quarter." Saint Peter nodded to Gabriel, who after a moment nodded back, affirming this, too, had been verified. Saint Peter then whispered to Gabriel, "Well, what do you suggest we do with this fellow?" Gabriel gave the lawyer a side-long glance, and then said to Saint Peter, "Let's give him back his 50 cents and tell him to go to Hell."

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Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa Gelane Tigilile Mtsetfwa kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatisa baka Mtsetfwa eTimbutini eVulamehlo eNyakeni eLuwimini kuMaliyaduma naku Matsetsa kaLanga ka Zombodze nebekhobo nina ka Shongwe eMdumezulu. Utawufihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 23/07/2016 ekhaya lakhe eTimbutini. Kuyalindzela mhlaka 22/07/2016. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Simo Mthethwa amnakabo egameni lemndeni.

It is with great sadness to announce the sudden demise of Bongane Gumedze popularly known as Makhuta. Memorial service will be held on 22 July 2016 at Ludzeludze St. Augustina at 2pm. Funeral at Ludzeludze on 22 July 2016. Announcement by family.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni, bangani nebekhabonina wakhe kaMkhabela nabaka Sikhondze ekhakhakhe, nelibandla lakhe lase, Evangelical



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani bamake Shingele Annah Dlamini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni, bekatiwa ngekutsi nguMaglazi. Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 23 July 2016 emvakwemlindzelo ngaleSihlanu eZibonele. Kwatiswa

bakaGogo wakhe kaShongwe eTjeppe nebasekhaya kubo bendlu yaNgangaza, nelibandla leNdiphethe. Simemetelo sikhishwa bantfwabakhe egameni lemndeni.



Relatives and friends of Donald Madonela Mdluli who was working for RSSC are notified of his demise. Funeral at his parental eNkambeni on Saturday 23 July 2016 after a night vigil on Friday. Memorial at Simunye Hall on Thursday at 3pm. Announcement by indvuna Siguca Mdluli.



Kwatiswa tihlobo, bakaNgwenya Embelebeleni, nebakasikhosana eSiphofaneni, bangani bakhe nebasemsebentini eRFM hospital kaManzini, kutsi Manqoba Aidan Delisa Ngwenya akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ekhaya kubo eMnyokane ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 23 July 2016. Kutawuba nenkonzo yemkhumbuto ngaleSihlanu emini nga 2pm eChrist Embassy kaManzini. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguyise Joachim Sifosini Ngwenya egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baKhulile Nkwanya naKunene kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 23 July 2016 emvakwemlindzelo ngaleSihlanu. Imemorial service itaba seNazarene Church kuMaliyaduma ngaleSihlanu nga 3pm. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni



Kwatiswa tihlobo taSindisiwe Christina Nkonyane kutsi akasekho emhlabeni, bekaneSalon eSkom Manzini iSindis Salon. Kwatiswa bakaNkonyane eNkondolo, eNgwavuma Victoria nebekhabonina kaDlamini eMndlebeni nebelibandla lakhe lase, Ark of God, batochuba umsebenti kanye nebangani bakhe. Kulindzela ngaleSihlanu, abekwe ngeMgcibelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumake wakhe Lindeni Nkonyane egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni, nebaNtfwabenkhosi baseLundzi, nebakhaya kubo phansi kweMdumezulu, bekhabonina

kuBulunga kuMalindza kutsi Inkhosikati Dollar Joana Dlamini, lobekendze eLundzi kaMhlakuvane ekhakhakhe akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa NgeliSontfo 24 July 2016, emvakwemlindzelo lotawuba ngeMgcibelo. Kwatiswa nelibandla lakhe lase Old Apostolic Church. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguMyeni wakh eumntfwaneNkhosi Masikutu Simon Dlamini



Relatives and friends of Wilton Gcina Shabangu are notified of his demise. Memorial service at Christ Cares Kingdom Ambassadors, Nhlambeni 23 July 2016 at 1pm. Funeral at his parental home Mankayane (Cana) after a night vigil at Nhlambeni. Announcement by his wife.



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Kwatiswa tihlobo, bangani nemndeni wa Bhekumusa Mfanawekhala Dlamini lobekatiwa nge kutsi nguNine, kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhaya kubo Ekutsimleni Endodeni mhlaka 23 July 2016. Umlindzelo umhlaka 22 July 2016. Imemorial ise Luvu Catholic nga 3pm mhlaka 22 July 2016. Bekhakhakhe kaMhlanti emlindazwe khabo nina Raymond Masango. KaKhumalo Embelebeleni (Luvu) Ekuvinjelweni On 23 July 2016 after a night vigil. Announcement by family.



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It is with great goodness to announce the death of Sibusiso Raymond Masango. Funeral at Ekuvinjelweni On 23 July 2016 after a night vigil. Announcement by family.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baSento Nkelenkele Dlamini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa emvutjini entsabeni ekhaya nina. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 24 July 2016 emvakwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguGogo wakhe Elizabeth Lomajele Shabangu egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baMkhulu Raymond Anderson kwekutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 23 July 2016 eMhobodleni, emvakwenkonzo yekumvalelisa eCathedral kaManzini. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguAlex Anderson egameni lemndeni.



Relatives, Friends and Colleagues. It is with great sadness to announce the passing on of Samkelisiwe Thabile Masilela. She will be laid to rest at Sidwashini Cemetery - Mbabane on Saturday 23rd July @ 0630hrs. A short prayer service will be held at her parental home Mahwalala Zone 6 (Emasamketini) on the 22nd July 2016 starting @ 1900hrs. No night vigil. Announcement by her Father.

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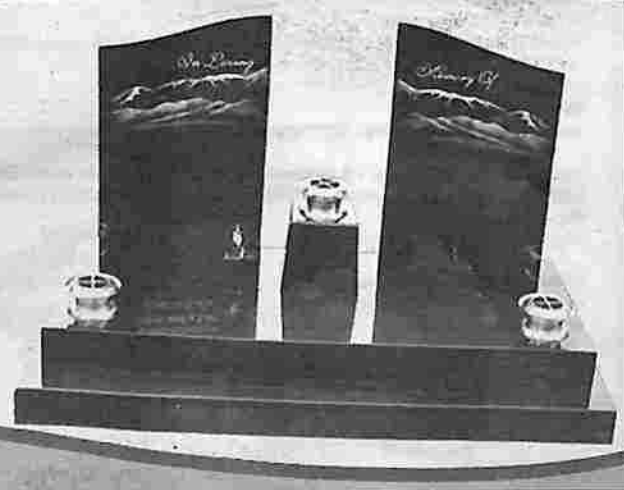
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**CHINA** - Wayne Rooney admits he is under pressure to prove himself all over again at Manchester United, under new manager Jose Mourinho this season.

Rooney was a key player under Mourinho's predecessor Louis van Gaal who made him captain during his two-year reign at Old Trafford before the Dutchman was axed in May.

But after turning 30 in October and enduring a disappointing Euro 2016 with England, Rooney acknowledged that he is under pressure to achieve success on a personal level and with United under the new regime.

"I think you always feel pressure

when you play for Manchester United," said Rooney at a Gulf Oil event in Shanghai after United flew in to begin their eight-day tour of China.

"It's one of the - if not the - biggest football clubs in the world.

"Always you feel you have to prove yourself each season. Of course there's pressure, there is always pressure to be successful."

The FA Cup triumph in Van Gaal's last game was United's only trophy since Sir Alex Ferguson retired after winning the Premier League title in 2013, but Rooney believes Mourinho can bring back the glory days after signing Zlatan Ibrahimovic (Paris Saint-Germain), Eric Bailly (Villarreal) and Henrikh Mkhitaryan

(Borussia Dortmund) this summer.

United are also hotly pursuing Juventus midfielder Paul Pogba.

"I'm excited," added Rooney, who struck just 15 goals for the Old Trafford club in all competitions last campaign. "I think it's going to be a big season for us."

The appointment of Jose Mourinho is a fantastic appointment.

The signings we've made have been fantastic.

Hopefully we can have a good start to the season and be successful at the end of it.

"I've only had one day (with him) before we came out but it was a very good training session. Look at the teams he has been at before and the success he's had. We're hoping he can bring in that success to us."

At a rather chaotic event at United's team hotel in central Shanghai, Rooney began the press conference by being asked about his favourite traditional Chinese dish (he answered 'foo yung') and ended it by saying goodbye to his audience in Mandarin.

*Daily Mail*



READY: Wayne Rooney.

## Pogba chooses next club

**MILAN** - Juventus star Paul Pogba is reportedly close to leaving the Italian giants, and has now apparently chosen his next destination.

Real Madrid were reportedly interested in securing Pogba's services, but pulled out of the race after they were told they would need to break the world record transfer fee to lure him to Spain. However, the price did not seem to deter Manchester United, who, according to The Guardian, made a £100 million (R1.8 billion) bid, £13 million (R243 million) of which was performance-related add-ons, for the midfielder, although this was rejected by the Bianconeri. It is believed that Ed Woodward met with Pogba's representatives to discuss the deal, but Juventus have reportedly made it clear they want

more money. The source claimed that the Italian giants wanted £100 million (R1.8 billion) up front, and a further £8 million (R149 million) in bonuses. Gazzetta dello Sport have now claimed that an agreement between Pogba and United has been reached. It has been reported that the Frenchman has made it clear he wants to return to his former club, with the asking price said to have now been set at €125 million (R1.9 billion). The 23-year-old left United on a free transfer in 2012, after becoming unhappy with his lack of game time.

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In its over 30 years in the Sugar - and more recently Ethanol - manufacturing business, the Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC) has established itself as a world class producer of sugar and related products. It is listed on the Swaziland Stock Exchange and with a turnover of about E2 billion per annum, is the largest business concern in Swaziland. It employs over 3 500 people, has two (2) irrigated sugar estates, Mhlume and Simunye whose combined land under cane cultivation is approximately 20 000 hectares. It operates two (2) sugar mills, a refinery and a distillery. The company provides a good quality of life, excellent housing accommodation on the estate, recreation facilities, with all the associated infrastructure, support services, clinics and schools in a healthy, tranquil social environment for employees and their families.

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TENDER NO.03 OF 2016/2017

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE -  
LIFTS AND ESCALATOR INSTALLATION SUBCONTRACT



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## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

### TENDER NO. 03 OF 2016/17: ADVERTISEMENT - LIFTS & ESCALATOR INSTALLATION- SUBCONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE AT EZULWINI, SWAZILAND

Applications are invited from Suitably Qualified Lifts and Escalator Installation Specialists that are registered with the Swaziland Construction Industry Council (CIC) for the financial year 2016/17 wishing to tender for the above mentioned project. Joint ventures between local Contractors and reputable international contractors are welcome.

Tender returns comprise the following:

1. A completed set of Tender Documents
2. A valid Trading License
3. A valid Labour Compliance Certificate
4. A valid Tax Clearance Certificate
5. A valid tender surety worth E10 000.00
6. A valid certification of registration with the Swaziland Construction Industry Council
7. Details of proposed Joint Venture Agreement
8. Signed Site Inspection Certificate

Tender documents will be available from 8 am on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2016 and may be collected from:

The Engineer  
Site Office  
Ezulwini, Swaziland.

There will be a compulsory site inspection on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2016. Tenderers are advised to assemble at the site security gate by 10 am. Tenderers who will not attend the site inspection will not be evaluated.

Tender bids should be returned no later than 10 am on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2016 to the ICC Site Office and must be addressed as follows:

Tender No. 3 of 2016/17  
The Engineer  
Site Office  
Ezulwini, Swaziland

The Client does not bind herself to accept the lowest tender or any part thereof.





# KAIZER CHIEFS UNVEIL NEW JERSEY

## Ovono not in camp with Bucs

**JOHANNESBURG** - Orlando Pirates are without Felipe Ovono in their camp in Potchefstroom this week.

The Buccaneers are currently in the North West for a week-long camp under Muhsin Ertugral and his technical team. Ovono has been linked with a Bucs exit for some time, following his lack of game time in the team last season. The Equatorial Guinea shot-stopper found himself competing with Siyabonga Mpontshane for the reserve goalkeeper position at Bucs, while Brighton Mhlomo has been the first choice for the better part of the 2015/16 season. Following the arrival of Jackson Mabokgwane at Pirates, who is expected to be officially announced as one of the new signings for the Soweto giants in this transfer window, Ertugral and his technical team are expected to make changes to the goalkeeping department for the new season. Siya sources close to the Pirates camp have confirmed that Ovono hasn't been part of the team's preparations for the upcoming season.

*SoccerLaduma*

**JOHANNESBURG** - Kaizer Chiefs have a new jersey made by Nike for the 2016/17 Absa Premiership season, and it's been unveiled today ahead of the fresh campaign.

A statement from Nike spoke about the new jersey, saying:

Kaizer Chiefs' new Nike home kit with Dri-FIT technology pairs top Nike innovation with a design that honours the 15-year partnership between the club and global sports brand, and celebrates the extension of their contract.

The gold kit features a solid black stripe which runs down the sides of the jersey and shorts, with a half black stripe completing the back of



**MAKHOSI:** The new Kaizer Chiefs' jersey.

the v-neck collar. The socks are gold with a distinctive black linear pattern on the calf. The new kit also ushers in a new era for Kaizer Chiefs, who have recently signed a multitude of young players, signifying their commitment to breed a new generation of football brilliance.

While this new kit serves to inspire the new generation of Kaizer Chiefs, it has also been created to give players the very latest Nike innovations in fabric construction, performance technology, moisture management and environmental sustainability.

*SoccerLaduma*

## Vila tells colleagues: "I'm Leaving"

**PRETORIA** - Bidvest Wits attacker, Sibusiso Vilakazi, has reportedly told some of his colleagues at the club that today will be his last day in Braamfontein.

The 26-year-old's future has been in question for over two years now, and it appears that the Bafana Bafana international may finally make a move away from the Clever Boys this week.

'Vila' has been with Wits since he was a youngster - making his debut in 2009 at the age of 19 - though it appears that his time at the club is now coming to an end.

According to Siya sources, the Mamelodi Sundowns target has told colleagues at Wits that he will not be attending another session with the club after today, and with Masandawana returning to training tomorrow after their arrival back from Egypt, he may well turn up at Chloorkop today. However, Vilakazi's move is not yet complete as the finer details of the deal - including who is part of the swap deal - are yet to be finalised, though the player's admission seems to suggest that it is on the brink now more than ever.

*SoccerLaduma*

## Ngele not in Wits talks - Sukazi

**CAPE TOWN** - Mamelodi Sundowns are not in talks with Wits for the possible transfer of winger midfielder Mogakolodi Ngele, according


to his agent, Tim Sukazi.

The local media has been reporting that Ngele together with striker Cuthbert Malajila could be part of a swap deal for

Wits midfielder Sibusiso Vilakazi. Ngele had allegedly requested to be sent out on loan to get regular game-time after spending much time on the bench last season. "That's not true. Everyone knows I always wanted to take this boy out in

order for him to get some game-time. I've been clear about that," Sukazi told KickOff. "If such a thing was to happen I would be the first one to know as I would be involved in those negotiations. "So there's no truth in the reports linking him with Wits."

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SPRINKLER NO 04  
OF 2016/2017 INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION CENTRE  
SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSTALLATION SUB CONTRACT



### INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

**TENDER NO. 04 OF 2016/17: ADVERTISEMENT - SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSTALLATION-SUBCONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE AT EZUWLINI, SWAZILAND**

Applications are invited from Suitably Qualified Sprinkler System Installation Specialists that are registered with the Swaziland Construction Industry Council (CIC) for the financial year 2016/17 wishing to tender for the above mentioned project. Joint ventures between local Contractors and reputable international contractors are welcome.

Tender returns comprise the following:

1. A completed set of Tender Documents
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3. A valid Labour Compliance Certificate
4. A valid Tax Clearance Certificate
5. A valid tender surety worth E10000.00
6. A valid certification of registration with the Swaziland Construction Industry Council
7. Details of proposed Joint Venture Agreement
8. Signed Site Inspection Certificate

Tender documents will be available from 8am on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2016 and may be collected from:

**The Engineer  
Site Office  
Ezulwini, Swaziland**

There will be a compulsory site inspection on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2016. Tenderers are advised to assemble at the site security gate by 10:30am. Tenderers who will not attend the site inspection will not be evaluated.

Tender bids should be returned no later than 10am on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2016 to the ICC Site Office and must be addressed as follows:

**Tender No. 4 of 2016/17  
The Engineer  
Site Office  
Ezulwini, Swaziland**

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TENDER NO.05 OF 2016/2017  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER CURTAIN  
WALLING SUBCONTRACT



### INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER

**TENDER NO.05 OF 2016/17: ADVERTISEMENT-TENDER FOR CURTAIN WALLING -SUBCONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER AT EZUWLINI, SWAZILAND**

Applications are invited from Suitably Qualified Curtain Walling Specialists that are registered with the Swaziland Construction Industry Council (CIC) for the financial year 2016/17 wishing to tender for the above mentioned project. Joint ventures between local Contractors and reputable international contractors are welcome.

Tender returns comprise the following:

1. A completed set of Tender Documents
2. A valid Trading License
3. A valid Labour Compliance Certificate
4. A valid Tax Clearance Certificate
5. A valid tender surety worth E10,000.00
6. A valid certification of registration with the Swaziland Construction Industry Council
7. Details of proposed Joint Venture agreement
8. Signed Site Inspection Certificate

Tender documents will be available from 8am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2016 and may be collected from:

**The Engineer Site  
Office  
Ezulwini, Swaziland**

There will be a compulsory site inspection on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2016. Tenderers are advised to assemble at the site security gate by 10am. Tenderers who will not attend the site inspection will not be evaluated.

Tender bids should be returned no later than 10am on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2016 to the tender box located at Site Office and must be addressed as follows:

**Tender No.5 of 2016/17  
The Engineer  
Site Office Ezulwini, Swaziland**

The Client does not bind herself to accept the lowest tender or any part thereof.



# STEVE BRUCE OPENS UP ON ENGLAND MANAGER JOB

LONDON - Steve Bruce on Tuesday night vowed to eradicate England's crippling fear of failure should he succeed Roy Hodgson as manager.

Hull City confirmed Sportsmail's story that Bruce was interviewed for the job, urging the FA to 'conclude their business quickly'.

The FA board are set for a meeting at Wembley today, which was pencilled in before the European Championship debacle.

David Gill, Martin Glenn and Dan Ashworth are ready to mull over their options, with Sunderland boss Sam Allardyce considered favourite and Jurgen Klinsmann an outside bet.

## Successful

Bruce - who could team up with Alan Shearer and Rio Ferdinand if successful - is desperate for the chance.

'I am flattered to be even considered, extremely grateful to be considered. Let's see what the rest of the week brings.

If it does, happy days,' the 55-year-old said.

*'I put my case across and let's hope it is successful. We've got some good players, we've got to take away the fear'*

'I never quite made it as a player, going back a few years now. It's got to be the prime job for an Englishman.

'We've got to take away the fear, especially at tournaments somehow. We've got some good players here in England, especially young players. That's got to be the main thing surely.'

## Friendly

Bruce watched Hull win 1-0 away at Mansfield Town from the stands in a friendly on Tuesday night and even met owner Assem Allan earlier this week to discuss transfer targets.

That is despite the prospect of new employment by next week, serious unrest behind the scenes and budget constraints.

He added: 'I hope the interview went OK. I put my case across.

Let's hope it is successful. I am up against a big pal of mine in Sam, apparently some other candidates who are there too.

'Any Englishman would be extremely proud to be the England manager.'

*Daily Mail*

**LINED-UP: Steve Bruce has opened up on his England Manager job interview.**



# Ventura aims to entertain as new Italy coach

MILAN - New Italy coach Giampiero Ventura pledged to continue the good work of his predecessor Antonio Conte and "entertain" fans on their way to securing a place at the 2018 World Cup in Russia.

Ventura was on Tuesday unveiled as the successor to Conte, who led Italy to the quarter-finals of Euro 2016 before taking over at Premier League giants Chelsea, and is now tasked with steering Italy through a qualifying Group C that notably includes Spain.

A respected tactician, Ventura comes to the post following a five-year spell with Torino and his first game in charge is a friendly against beaten Euro 2016 finalists France in Bari on September 1.

After that, Italy begin a four-game autumn stretch of their 2018 World Cup qualifying campaign - only one of which is at home, against Spain on October 6. The others are away at Israel, Macedonia and

Liechtenstein.

Ventura said he hopes to continue the work of Conte, who against all odds led Italy to the brink of the Euro 2016 semi-finals.

And the 68-year-old hopes his brand of football is just as entertaining.

"When your game is already well organised, you can only improve on the small details," said Ventura.

"In little time, he (Conte) did immensely well. I hope that is something that stays with us, so I hope to do really well. I will try to play entertaining football as well."

Although Ventura voiced doubts on the international futures of troubled striker Mario Balotelli and Graziano Pelle, who has just moved to China, he said the 23 players Conte took to France will remain Italy's bedrock. But he will also gauge up and coming younger players who failed to make the cut for Euro 2016, including AC Milan midfielder Giacomo Bonaventura, Domenico Berardi, poised for a move to Juventus from Sassuolo, and AC Milan's 17-year-old goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma. *AFP*

**NEW VENTURE:**  
Atletico Madrid  
new signing  
Nicolas Gaitan.  
(AP)



## Atletico Madrid unveil Nicolas Gaitan

MADRID - Atletico Madrid finally presented midfielder Nicolas Gaitan on Tuesday, a month after signing him from Benfica for 25million euros (£21m).

Gaitan, who is now in Spain after playing for Argentina at the Copa America, will help reinforce Diego Simeone's side that reached the final of the Champions League and finished third in La Liga last season.

Speaking at Atletico's Vicente Calderon stadium, Gaitan said: 'I know that Atletico has been interested in me for some years. It is one of the reasons that led me to make the decision to come here.

'They have followed me for several years. With the national team I would ask my colleagues about Atletico.

'I will be able to bring with me the sense of tactical order I learned in Portugal.'

The 28-year-old played for Benfica for six seasons, helping the club win 10 trophies and scored 41 goals in 252 for the Portuguese champions. He also has 15 caps for Argentina.

Atletico reached a deal for Gaitan in June while he was playing for Argentina at Copa America. Gaitan arrived in the Spanish capital the day after Atletico presented Croatia defender Sime Vrsaljko. *Daily Mail*

# Demba Ba insists he will not hang up his boots

BEIJING - Ex-Chelsea striker Demba Ba has no intention of retiring early from football despite suffering a horrific leg break.

The 31-year-old, who also used to play for West Ham and Newcastle, sustained a fractured left tibia playing for Chinese Super League side Shanghai Shenhua on Sunday.

Speaking to Radio Monte Carlo from his hospital bed in Shanghai, Ba said: 'This is a really bad injury but I know I can overcome it. I won't call time on my career, that's for sure.

'They haven't done the full operation because I told them to wait. I wanted to go to Europe to have it done but when I learned that was not possible I arranged with the doctor here to sort me out a French surgeon who should arrive shortly. He will operate on me.'

Ba, who has 19 caps for Senegal, suffered the injury following a tangle



**NOT YET:**  
Demba Ba has revealed he will not be hanging up his boot just yet. (AP)

with Shanghai SIPG defender Sun Xiang.

He will be a big miss for fifth-placed Shenhua as he is the division's top scorer with 14 goals in 18 games.

'There are other players who have

returned from similar injuries, like Hatem Ben Arfa,' he added.

'Something similar happened to me earlier in my career and the treatment options are much better now. I think I'll make a speedier return this time.

# Teichmann confirmed as new Sharks CEO

JOHANNESBURG - The Sharks announced that Gary Teichmann will take over as its new CEO, the rugby franchise confirmed yesterday.

Teichmann replaces John Smit in the position. Teichmann, as a player, led the Sharks to three Currie Cup titles in the 1990s, and had been approached by the board of the Durban-based union to take over from Smit, who will leave his

post when his contract ends in October.

## Qualifying

Things have not gone too smoothly on the field either, despite the Sharks qualifying in eighth position for the Super Rugby playoffs under coach Gary Gold.

They have battled to keep up with the Lions and Stormers on the overall log, and will travel to

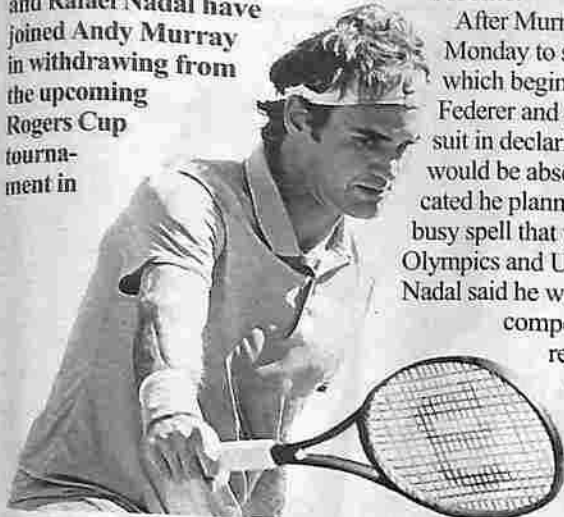
Wellington this week to take on the Hurricanes at the weekend.

Teichmann led the Boks to 26 wins in 36 Tests and has 42 caps in total. The 49-year-old was in charge in South Africa's remarkable 17-game unbeaten run under Nick Mallett in 1997 and 1998 but was then controversially dropped by Mallett for the 1999 Rugby World Cup campaign. *Africa News Agency*



# FEDERER, NADAL JOIN ANDY MURRAY IN PULLING OUT OF THE ROGERS CUP

LONDON - Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal have joined Andy Murray in withdrawing from the upcoming Rogers Cup tournament in



Toronto.

After Murray decided on Monday to skip the event which begins on July 25, Federer and Nadal followed suit in declaring they too would be absent. Federer indicated he planned to rest before a busy spell that will include the Olympics and US Open, while Nadal said he was not ready to compete after the recent wrist injury that forced him to abandon his French Open

campaign and miss Wimbledon.

Federer, who lost to Milos Raonic in the Wimbledon semi-finals, said on the Rogers Cup website: "I have made the tough decision to withdraw from Rogers Cup. Toronto is one of my favourite events on the calendar and I am disappointed that I won't be able to compete in front of the great tennis fans in Canada."

"Looking ahead, it is best for me that I take more time after Wimbledon," Nadal added: "I am disappointed to announce I won't be able to come to Toronto to play this year. I only started practising a

week ago after my wrist injury and I am not ready to play such an important event." The Spaniard has won the tournament three times, most recently in 2013, while Federer has taken the title twice. Three-time winner and defending champion Murray, who won Wimbledon earlier this month, said on Monday he would not make the trip. Murray said: "My body needs some recovery time after reaching the latter stages of tournaments over the past few months." World No 1 Novak Djokovic is due to head the field in Toronto.

Daily Mail

OUT: Roger Federer.

## Tiger Woods to miss PGA Championship

LOS ANGELES - Ailing Tiger Woods pulled out of the PGA Championship on Tuesday, meaning he will have missed out on all four majors this year because of injury.

The former world number one has been sidelined since last August because of back trouble that required surgery and he has

since tumbled down to 628 in the world rankings.

### Record

"We have been in contact with Tiger's agent, Mark Steinberg, and he informed us today that our four-time PGA Champion will be unable to join us at Baltusrol Golf Club next week for the 98th PGA

Championship," PGA of America said in a statement.

The 14-time major champion Woods, who last won a major at the 2008 US Open, was among 112 players originally listed for the year's final major tournament on July 28-31 in Springfield, New Jersey.

But his participation had been

in grave doubt after he said last month that he might not return to competitive golf this year.

Woods, 40, has won 79 US PGA events, three shy of Sam Snead's all-time record, and his major total is four shy of the all-time record 18 won by Jack Nicklaus.

AFP

## Brazil happy to rely on Neymar for Rio gold

BRAZIL - Brazil's Olympic coach admitted on Tuesday that he was relying on Barcelona star forward Neymar to shoot the hosts to a first Games gold in Rio next month.

Current under-20s coach Rogerio Micalle has been charged with rejuvenating Brazilian football in Rio after Dunga was fired following Brazil's shock first-round exit from the Copa America.

"I want to be dependent on Neymar," he said, as the squad went through its first training session for the Rio Games.

"What coach in the world would not want a Neymar in his team? They say it's not good to be dependent on Neymar, but I do not agree: I would always have a Neymar in my team."

Micalle's stance is in stark contrast Dunga, who had tried to suggest the Brazilian side was not a one-man team.

The Games start on August 5. Tite will take over the Selecao after the Olympics.

AFP

## Jose Mourinho meets with Juan Mata

MANCHESTER - Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho has reportedly met with Spanish midfielder Juan Mata to discuss the player's future at Old Trafford.

It was speculated that, with the arrival of the Portuguese boss in Manchester, the playmaker would be on his way out of the club due to their well-known spat before Mata's exit from Chelsea in 2014.

Mourinho did not see the player as

part of his plans in his second spell as the Blues' manager, and decided to let him leave for the Red Devils.

However, their relationship seems to have been patched up since the pair reunited at Old Trafford, with The Sun reporting that Mourinho has told Mata he wants him to stay at the club.

The Portuguese

boss has reportedly met with the playmaker to inform him that he might have to settle for playing once in every three matches.

It is believed the Spaniard has responded well to Mourinho's idea as he feels he can impress enough to hold a starting spot in the team.

Mata was recently linked with a return to Spain, as well as with Ronaldo Koeman's Everton, but has apparently accepted that his wage demands might not allow a move to happen at this point.

The 28-year-old has played 104 matches for United since joining from Chelsea, scoring 26 goals and assisting a further 20 strikes.

SoccerLaduma

FUTURE TALKS: Man United boss Jose Mourinho.

## Premier League to get tough on players

LONDON - Premier League stars have been warned they must show more respect to referees in a wide-ranging clamp down on petulant behaviour ahead of the new season.

Frustrated by the growing trend for players to harass officials with foul-mouth abuse and aggressive posturing, the Football Association, the Premier League and the Football League announced they have joined forces in a bid to stamp out the problem.

The English game's governing bodies are concerned that scenes

of players and managers surrounding match officials, making physical contact and yelling abuse are being copied by children in age-group football. Incidents which underlined the need for a new hardline approach include Leicester striker Jamie Vardy abusing referee Jonathan Moss after being controversially sent off for diving against West Ham in April and the series of brawls that marred Tottenham's crucial draw at Chelsea and led to big fines for both clubs.

"That (Chelsea game) wasn't a trigger for this but it underscored

a good reason why we needed to get a move on," FA chief executive Martin Glenn said.

"We are saying this behavioural stuff, which is pretty black and white, isn't acceptable.

"The one thing that would make people love football more is a set of behaviours they would be proud to see their kids follow."

From the start of this season, players who use offensive language towards officials will be punished with a red card, while aggressive physical contact will also earn an instant sending off.

AP

## Steve Walsh new Everton director of football

LONDON - Everton have completed a deal to make Steve Walsh their new director of football after coming to an agreement with Leicester City to secure his release.

New Toffees boss Ronald Koeman is anxious to bring in his own players this summer, given that he has only made one signing so far - reserve goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg - and things should now start to improve.

Everton had an official approach turned down for the Premier League champions' head of recruitment, Walsh, on Monday, but remained hopeful that he would join their new project under owner Farhad Moshiri.

And Walsh,

keen to speak to Everton about the position they had available, has now made the move,

despite the Foxes being expected to demand compensation from the Goodison Park club.

Walsh signed a new contract with Leicester two months ago.

The former PE teacher, who scouted for Chelsea in the north of England before working for Newcastle United then Leicester, is the brother of former Everton striker Mickey Walsh who is the agent for Nigel Pearson.

Earlier this summer major investor Moshiri, and chairman Bill Kenwright held talks with Monchi, Sevilla's renowned technical director, over the newly-created role.

Daily Mail

## Brock Lesnar failed fight-night doping test

LAS VEGAS - The UFC says heavy-weight Brock Lesnar failed a second doping test in a sample taken on the night of his victory over Mark Hunt at UFC 200.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency notified Lesnar last week about his first potential violation of the UFC's policy from an out-of-competition test last month.

The UFC says Lesnar tested positive for the same unnamed substance in both tests.

The 39-year-old Lesnar declined to comment on Tuesday on the UFC's disclosure of his second positive test.

Lesnar is among the most popular athletes in both mixed martial arts and professional wrestling. He beat Hunt by decision on July 9, handily winning his first MMA fight in 4½ years.

He made a UFC-record \$2.5 million guaranteed purse at UFC 200, likely along with undisclosed millions in bonuses

AP







**WINNING SERVICE DELIVERY:** The Inyatsi Swazi Frontier's Lesley Foss presenting the Pigg's Peak staff with their award.

## PIGG'S PEAK HOTEL VOTED INYATSI SWAZI FRONTIER BEST VENUE

By Sanele Jele

**CYCLING - Pigg's Peak Hotel went all out to keep its guests happy during The Inyatsi Swazi Frontier mountain bike stage race 2015.**

As a result, the hotel won the most votes from the cyclists in The Inyatsi Swazi Frontier 'Best Venue' competition.

The 'Best Venue Award' was recently presented to General Manager, Zachariah Dlamini and his enthusiastic team at Pigg's Peak Hotel.

Whilst presenting the award, the organiser of The Inyatsi Swazi Frontier, Lesley Foss, complimented Pigg's Peak Hotel's team work and great service given to the cyclists, who stayed at the hotel during the race.

"The hotel staff welcomed almost 200 tired and hungry cyclists and race crew. They delivered excellent service and ensured their guests were comfortable and well fed."

The Inyatsi Swazi Frontier is a three-day mountain bike stage race which takes place in October

every year.

The cyclists start the race at one venue (known as a 'race village') and ride their mountain bikes approximately 60 km to the finish line of each day's stage which is at another race village.

The race villages along the route include Hawane Resort, Bulembu Country Lodge and Maguga Lodge, as well as Pigg's Peak Hotel.

Most of the cyclists in The Inyatsi Swazi Frontier are tourists from foreign countries.

They spend four nights in the

country. It is a great opportunity for the race villages to make a good impression so that the cyclists encourage others to visit Swaziland or return themselves with family or friends.

Accommodation at each race village is full to capacity. It is very intense since the cyclists need several wholesome meals and plenty of refreshments in a short space of time, and then also a comfortable night's sleep in order to perform at their best in the race the following day.

"All the race villages along our route have been chosen because of their ability to satisfy the cyclists' needs."

The Best Venue Award, however, is aimed at encouraging the race villages to go that extra mile and deliver an excellent experience which sets it apart," said

Foss.

Mountain bike stage races are very popular in neighbouring South Africa and set high standards in all their elements. It is, therefore, essential for our race villages to maintain similarly high standards in order to compete and encourage visitors to Swaziland.

The Pigg's Peak Hotel team were delighted with being awarded Best Venue.

The General Manager, Zachariah Dlamini, vowed to retain the floating trophy this coming year.

The Inyatsi Swazi Frontier had the idea of designing a unique floating trophy consisting of a glass carving of a double bed with a turned-down duvet and pillows, which was manufactured on its behalf by Ngwenya Glass. This is the 3rd year that the Best Venue Award has taken place.

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**LEADING EXAMPLES:** Pigg's Peak GM, Zachariah Dlamini posing with the award, along with Lesley Foss and the hotel's hardworking staff.



# SRIC BUSINESS LEAGUE PRESENTATION



**THE BEST:** Longest drive winner John Fakudze receiving his prize from SRIC General Manager Mandla Dlamini during the SRIC Business League presentation at Royal Swazi Spa yesterday. (Pics: Sanele Jele)



**WELL DONE:** Member of the organising committee Vusi Magagula reading out the names of the winners. Amongst them was Central Bank's Ndzingeko Dlamini who came fourth.



**HEAVY LOAD:** John Mngometulu accepting his award for the nearest pin 6.



**CLOSE SHOT:** Pots Contruction's Brian Mayisela giving his best.



**WE ARE ONE:** Golfers watching the match decider between Previc, Pots, Go Big and RSP who were all tied at 25 points.



**IN ACTION:** RSP's Sboniso Mkhwanazi putting.



**REWARDED:** Irish Swazi Enterprise's Ian Williams and Roydon Fisher smile for the lenses as they accept their prizes.



**MY VIEW:** Tournament Coordinator Banele Mthethwa making his remarks.



**YOURS:** Liberty Life's Vusi Dlamini was also decorated.



## football talk

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● Manchester United are closing in on Juventus' France midfielder Paul Pogba, 23, and have submitted a bid of £86m. (*Daily Mail*)

● Manchester City will move for Leicester City and Algeria forward Riyad Mahrez, 25, if they fail to sign Schalke's Germany winger Leroy Sané, 20. (*France Football - in French*)

● Atletico Madrid may turn their attention to Liverpool's Belgium striker Divock Origi, 21, if they fail to sign Spain international Diego Costa, 27, from Chelsea. (*Bleacher Report*)

● Barcelona are willing to sell £20m-rated Turkey midfielder Arda Turan, 29, with Chelsea and Arsenal are both said to be interested in the Turkey international. (*Sport, via Talksport*)

● Stoke boss Mark Hughes has confirmed the club have submitted bids for West Brom striker Saido Berahino, 22, but they are yet to hear back from their Premier League rivals. (*Sky Sports*)

● Manchester City and Manchester United both want 17-year-old West Ham defender Reece Oxford, who is valued at £15m by his club. (*Sky Sports*)

● Crystal Palace are interested in the Hammers' £15m-rated Senegal striker Diafra Sakho, 26. (*Daily Mirror*)

● The Sun reports that Manchester United boss Jose Mourinho has told forward Juan Mata he will only play once every three games.

● Manchester United are considering a £25m bid for Monaco's Brazilian full-back Fabinho, 22. (*Daily Mail*)

● Manchester City are close to bringing Argentina goalkeeper Geronimo Rulli, 24, for £4m. (*Guardian*)

● Liverpool have had talks with Newcastle over the signing of 25-year-old Netherlands midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum, with the Magpies wanting £27m for the players. (*Newcastle Chronicle*)

● Newcastle may be interested in signing Liverpool's Brazil midfielder Lucas Leiva, 29, as part of the deal taking Wijnaldum to Anfield. (*Telegraph*)

● Manchester United boss Jose Mourinho is willing to let defender Tyler Blackett, 22, and strikers Will Keane, 23, and James Wilson, 20, leave Old Trafford. (*Daily Telegraph*)

● Turkish side Besiktas will target Chelsea's France striker Loic Remy, 29, if they fail to agree a deal with Fiorentina for Germany international Mario Gomez, 31. (*Evening Standard*)



# Manzini U-20 pick team squad announced

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER - THE Manzini Under-20 pick team has been announced with over 15 players from the PLS Reserve League teams.**

The squad was announced by Manzini Technical Director Anthony Mdluli.

"We have finally come with a comprehensive list of players, who will form the Manzini Under-20 pick team. We have selected 60 players from all teams under the Manzini region," Mdluli said.

The TD said this was part of the National Football Association of Swaziland player development strategies.

"We aim to produce players, who will feed into the national team squads. The pick teams will train on times to be scheduled by the regional technical directors in consultation with FA Technical Director Boy 'Bizzah' Mkhonta."

## THE SQUAD:

● Seabonke Vilakati, Lindokuhle Zikalala, Melusi Magagula, Majaha Ntshahintshali, Siphamandla Maseko (Green Mamba)

● Thando Dlamini, Brian Dlamini, Lungelo Mawelela, Mfanzile Mdluli, Banele Simelane, Mseni Dladla, Lwandle Manana (Manzini Wanderers)

● Melissa Kubheka, Ncamiso Gama, Sebanele Mathabela, Babalo Yende, Karas Manana, Shembiso Nhlabatsi, Thabiso Masuku, Lindani Matsentiwa (Young Buffaloes)

● Sizwe Mamba and Celumusa Dladla (Bad Boys), Sisekelo Nxumalo, Sibusiso Dlamini, Melusi Mamba, Nana Simelane (Red Lions), Gift Ginindza, Menzi Dlamini (Royal Leopard)

● Other are Alakhe Dlamini, Ntokozo Tsabedze (Louis XIV), Mlandvo Dlamini (Leopards) Langelihle Dlamini (Ngwane Park) Bandile Motsa (Sea Birds) Nkululeko Mazi, Siphephiso Maphanga, (Umtfunti FC), Bavukile Shabangu (International), Bandile Shongwe (Africa 2010), Mavela Dlamini (Hub Sundowns), Fana Manyisa (God's Property), Simanga Thwala (Ngwane Park High), Zwellithini Mdluli (Ngwazini High), Mlandvo Ntontozi, Mpendulo Ginindza, Vuyani Dlamini (Nyakeni Cosmos), Sihle Shongwe (Mdayane), Banele Mkhama, Zwellithini Mamba (Luvu Stars), Nkosinathi Ndwandwe (Mdayane), Mbonisi Mndzebele (Liverpool), Thando Dlamini, Ayanda Ndzimandze (Classic XI), Bulelwa Mabuza and Ncanawee Mabuza (Villas Stars), Banele Zondi and Vuyo Ndamandaba (God's Property)

Mkhonta."

He urged the players to report for training at Zakhele Sports Ground tomorrow, starting at

9am.

Manzini and Lubombo regions have announced their squads while Hhohho and Shiselweni



**TRAINING SCHEDULED: FA Technical Director Boy 'Bizzah' Mkhonta.**

will announce theirs in due course.

The FA has selected four technical instructors to be in charge of this development programme.

These are Aaron Mavimbela (Hhohho), Bhekithemba Mazibuko (Shiselweni), James Kunene (Lubombo) and Anthony Mdluli (Manzini).

By Qondile Ntiwane

**ATHLETICS - ONE of the country's representatives in the Rio De Janero Olympic Games Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa, is more**



READY: Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa.

than ready for the event.

The sprinter, who will be competing in the 200m race during the summer games, said he was ready to achieve his main goal of breaking into the qualifying bracket.

This was during a brief session with Multi Choice Swaziland and the media yesterday.

**Determined**

The sprinter said he was determined to break his personal best and national record during the games.

Matsenjwa missed qualifying for Rio by a millisecond after clocking 20.6seconds as opposed to the required 20.5 during one of his preparatory races.

"The main aim is to break into the qualification bracket as this will go a long way in preparing for Tokyo 2020.

I wanted to qualify even for these games but unfortunately I missed out.

**Achieving**

I will, however, work hard towards achieving my goal because qualifying means better heats with experienced athletes and better lanes during the race," he said.

Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA) CEO Muriel Hofer added that they were optimistic that the athlete would do well during the games. "We are happy with his progress so far and are positive

that he will do well in Rio as he needs to qualify for the Tokyo.

I have always stated that it takes eight to 14 years to produce an elite athlete and Sibusiso is still in his fourth, which shows he is destined for good things," she said.

Meanwhile, Multi Choice Swaziland PRO Dumsile Masuku urged the Swazi nation to rally behind team Swaziland during the games to start on August 5-25.

"We organised this question and answer session with Sibusiso because we wanted to know more about our athletes.

We will be rallying behind them thus urge the nation to support them by watching the games on SuperSport," she said.

## FIXTURES

### MILKY MAX MBABANE JUNIORS LEAGUE E10 000- U13 United Sports Ground - TOMORROW

Mphalati	vs	Imbumba	8:30am
M Killers	vs	R Tec	9:30am
All Stars	vs	Imbumba	10:30am
Swallows	vs	Hellenic	11:30am
Thembelele	vs	Mphalati	12:30pm
Killers	vs	Umbelebele	1:30pm

### MANDLA MAHEWU MBABANE JUNIORS LEAGUE Police Sports Ground- TOMORROW

All Stars	vs	Hurricane	8:30am (U15)
Swallows	vs	M Fjhlars	9:30am (U15)
Hurricane	vs	Sivutsa	10:30am (U17)
Super sport	vs	New Stars	11:30am (U20)
Luphohlo	vs	M Citizens	12:30pm (U20)

Msunduzi Sports Ground

Super Sport	vs	Umbelebele	8:30am (U15)
Citizens	vs	SOS Brothers	9:30am (U17)
Sivutsa	vs	F Stars	10:30am (U20)
Hellenic	vs	Mphalati	11:30am (U20)
M Celtics	vs	Volcano	12:30pm (U20)
Umbelebele	vs	Dynamos	1:30pm (U20)

### Sidwashini Sports Ground

Checkers	vs	Lusoti	8:30am (U15)
Imbumba	vs	Umbelebele	9:30am (U17)
All Stars	vs	Dynamos	10:30am (U17)
The Wallers	vs	Red Stars	11:30am (U20)

### MANDLA MAHEWU MBABANE JUNIORS LEAGUE Police Sports Ground - SATURDAY

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Killers	vs	Hurricane	11:30am (U15)

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### Sidwashini Sports Ground

Hurricane	vs	New Stars	8:30am (U20)
Dark City	vs	Citizens	9:30am (U17)
Volcano	vs	Mpolonjeni	11:30am (U20)

### United Sports Ground

J Stars	vs	Hellenic	8:30am (U15)
Swallow	vs	Cheakers	9:30am (U15)
Hellenic	vs	Mphalati	10:30am (U15)
Umbelebele	vs	J Stars	11:30am (U15)



# SOCGA URGES PLS TEAMS NOT TO MISS ANTI-DOPING COURSE

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SPORTS – THE Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA) has urged local premier league teams not to miss the Anti-doping workshop this weekend.**

Interviewed yesterday, SOCGA CEO Muriel Hofer said they would be educating the coaches and managers from the 24 teams.

"We are expecting 48 participants, as we have asked for the head coaches and managers from each team. They will be educated on the first day of the course and we have invited the medical personnel to attend on the second day, which will be on Sunday," she said.

"This is an important course as



**MUST ATTEND: SOCGA CEO Muriel Hofer.**

these officials will be educated on Anti-Doping, which is an important tool in sports," she said.

Hofer stated that course would extend to representatives from the different sports associations in the country.

"Representatives from the different associations will also be educated on this program, so that we are all on board when it comes to this subject," she said.

On another note, Hofer announced that the organisation would hold a workshop for the Athletics Commission, where they would invite athletes to attend in great numbers. "This is another important workshop for our athletes, especially those who aspire to be elite athletes. They will be taught a number of things, including time management, planning and other valuable aspects, that will help improve our sports," she added.

## All set for Build-It Championships

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – ALL is set for the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) national U-13 Build-It Championships on Saturday.**

A total of seven teams, representing the different Build-It Stores in the country, will battle it out at the Sombhlo National Stadium, with the first match kicking-off at 8:30am.

NFAS Media Officer Muzi Radebe said the activities of the day would commence with a walk from the sta-

dium, past Lobamba Police station and Emashibhini then back to the stadium.

### Grassroots

"The purpose of the walk is to raise awareness for the importance of grassroots football, and also the presence of Build-It in the country, more especially in the championships," he said.

He then invited the football fraternity and the nation to come and support the walk as the NFAS and Build-It joined forces with government's

effort in developing the nation through sport, and most importantly through football. "Entrance to the stadium is free of charge. Come on Swaziland, let's

'build' our nation to the future through football and reach first world status and be a healthy and a winning nation, come 2022.

It is high time that we invest in these youngsters, who are the future of football and this lovely Kingdom. "The NFAS would like to acknowledge government and Build-It for their efforts in the development of the local game," he said.



## Guinea appoint Kanfory Bangoura as permanent coach

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER – The Guinea Football Federation's normalisation committee has named Kanfory Mohamed 'Lappe' Bangoura as the new national team coach.**

Bangoura has been caretaker coach since Frenchman Luis Fernandez left the post in May.

According Football Africa, the committee also appointed Frenchman Jean-Marc Nobilo as national technical director.

He had also been on the shortlist to be coach alongside Gernot Rohr, Paul Put and Bernard Simondi.

### Development

Nobilo's task will be to help draw-up and implement a football development policy for Guinea to make them competitive for the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations which they are hosting.

Bangoura's first competitive game is the AFCON qualifier, against Zimbabwe in September.

Guinea are unable to qualify for the 2017 finals in Gabon, and so his main task will be to lead the

### Group L

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Zimbabwe	5	3	2	0	11	3	8	11
2	Swaziland	5	2	2	1	6	8	-2	8
3	Guinea	5	1	2	2	4	5	-1	5
4	Malawi	5	0	2	3	4	9	-5	2

team in the 2018 World Cup qualifiers.

They will play Tunisia, DR Congo and Libya with only the group winners to progress through to the finals in Russia.

Luis Fernandez vacated his role as Guinea coach, only one week before the team will play a vital Africa Cup of Nations qualifier away to Swaziland.

### Agreement

"It is a termination of contract by mutual agreement, after the changes at the head of the Guinea federation.

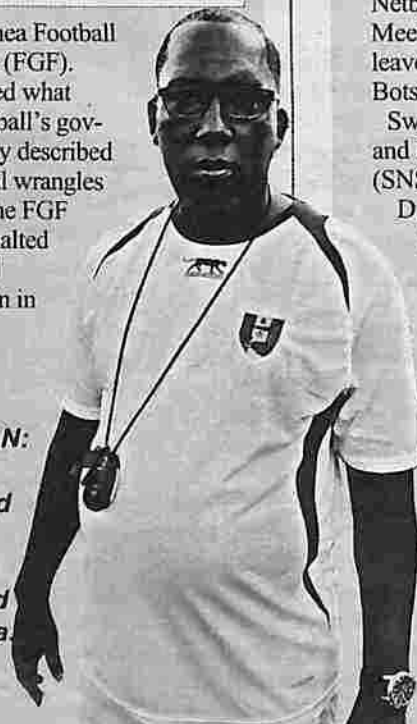
There have been many changes since I arrived, but I leave as a good friend," Fernandez told French radio after stepping down.

FIFA last month appointed a committee to take over the running

of the Guinea Football Federation (FGF).

It followed what world football's governing body described as, 'internal wrangles affecting the FGF that have halted all football competition in Guinea'.

**MAIN MAN: Newly-appointed Guinea coach Mohamed Bangoura.**



## Vultures' duo for Royal Leopard trials

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER – NORTHERN Hhohho Super League Vultures players, Sifiso Dlamini and Nkosinamandla Nkambule, are trying their luck with MTN Premier League defending champions Royal Leopard.**

These two players impressed the team's officials during the finals of the CHAPS Soka Nawe Challenge played last month. Their team lost 1-2 to eventual champions Vovovo FC, but the two players were impressive.

Royal Leopard PRO Frank Hurube confirmed the latest developments.

"We believe in grooming youngsters and these two players have great potential.

We are happy with their progress and I am optimistic we

will sign them. We also have five players from the PLS Reserve League, who are also trying their luck.

Hurube said the players were training hard in preparation for the upcoming season.

"We have started training as you know we will be playing the SwaziTelecom Charity Cup very soon. We want to defend the trophy. We know it will not be easy, but with thorough preparation and teamwork, we can make things happen,"



he added.

Leopard beat Mbabane Swallows 1-0 to claim the Charity Cup last season.

Four teams have been selected to take part in this year's tournament and these are, Royal Leopard Mbabane Swallows, Highlanders and Manzini Wanderers.

The tournament will be played on August 7.



**QUALIFY: A file pic of a Netball match. The national netball Under-21 team has been forced to pull out of the World Netball Youth Cup.**

## No World Netball Youth Cup qualifiers for local squad

By Sanele Jele

**NETBALL – THE national netball Under-21 squad has been forced to call-off their trip to Botswana for the World Netball Youth Cup qualifiers.**

Instead only five officials, who will be attending the International Federation Workshops and Africa Netball Annual General Meeting (AGM), will now leave the country for Botswana today.

Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane confirmed the latest development yesterday.

### Selected

Ntiwane said the shortage of funds was their main reason the netball team, which had already been selected, could not make it for the trip.

"For the trip to have been successful, it needed about E95 000, which in all honesty was a bit steep, considering the fact that the netball association still

has to meet a number of their obligations. Such key performance areas include ensuring mass participation for all, women sport initiatives, disability sport initiatives and athletes development to mention just a few.

"In as much as council would have loved to help the team, the finances were a bit high for just one tournament. However, the good news is that Council has approved the trip of the five officials for the trip. The five officials will come back qualified tutors and will obviously impart their knowledge on return," said Ntiwane.

The five officials leaving today are Mandisa Sigudla, Muziwoxolo Dlamini, Simanga Fakudze, Mavis Smith, Edgar Du-Pont and Nomphumelelo Mhlanga.

### Represent

"We would like to apologise unreservedly to the players that had already been selected and earmarked to represent the country in the qualifiers. They should keep on training hard and never lose focus because there are still a number of tournaments to look forward to," he said.



## NFAS VIOLATING ITS OWN STATUTES, SAYS MASHUMI

Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – SUSPENDED** National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) executive committee member Mashumi Shongwe has accused the association of violating its own statutes when appointing the SRFA interim committee.

It is contained in his founding affidavit filed at the High Court. In his papers, Shongwe said the conduct by the NFAS in this regard was unlawful and irregular because both statutes of the Shiselweni Regional Football Association (SRFA) and the NFAS do not provide for an interim committee without invoking Article 24 as there is no such structure.

He stated that, as such, the football association had replaced a lawful structure with a non-existent and unconstitutional structure in a way that is unconstitutional and contrary to the statutes of the parties.

Shongwe said the football association had no power to charge and suspend the applicants because they were not in office at the time of the alleged defiance.

### Powers

"I wish to state that, in suspending the past executive committee of the SRFA and all the applicants, the NFAS acted ultra vires its powers set out in its statutes as it has no authority over the past or former executive committee.

"In purporting to put in place an interim committee, the football association acted against its own statutes. It exercised powers it does not have in law," reads part of the papers. Shongwe further stated that the powers of the FA as stated in Article 36(b) of its Statutes only authorise the NFAS executive committee to enact a normalisation committee and not an interim committee.

"The FA has powers to order an association to elect an interim committee and not to elect or impose an interim committee on the association," he said.

## ... 'Mlimi Mamba headed interim committee is illegal'

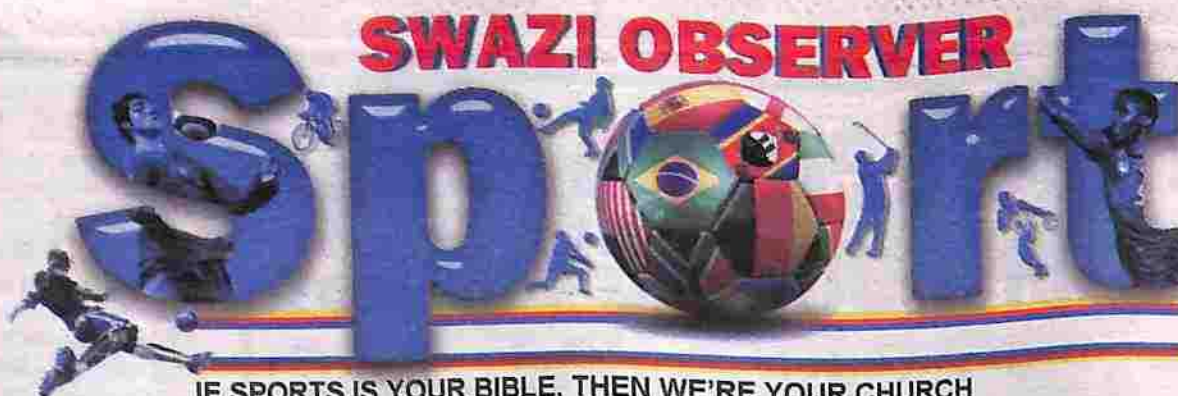
**SPCCER – MASHUMI** Shongwe is praying for the courts to interdict SRFA Interim Committee Chairman Mlimi Mamba and Lucky Dube from executing their duties.

The two were part of the committee appointed by NFAS Vice President Nichodemus 'Ace' Mashwama and executive committee member Johannes Sibozu during an urgent meeting convened by the FA last Sunday.

Shongwe, through his attorneys from Mandla Mkhwanazi law firm, said the interim committee led by Mamba and Dube was not elected by the SRFA but was imposed by the FA.

"The two respondents have no right to occupy the positions they assumed illegally and in contravention of the FA's own statutes," he said.

Meanwhile, the NFAS has filed a notice of intention to oppose the application by Shongwe in this matter.



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# ZIM-BORN JULIUS TAKES WANDERERS' HOT SEAT

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – MANZINI Wanderers** assistant coach Anthony Mdluli had to take the back seat yesterday to give way to a Zimbabwean coach identified as Julius.

The coach took over the Weslians' training session yesterday and is most likely to be given the position by the team.

He was introduced to the players and officials at the team's training session held at the VOCTIM Sports Ground in Matsapha.

A source close to the matter revealed that the coach was the most favoured ahead of his countrymen, who had also applied for the position.

"The coach arrived in the country on Tuesday and from the look of things he is the new mentor for the team. He did impress during his first training session and is probably waiting for the team to offer him the contract," said the source.

Manzini Wanderers General Manager Patrick Gamedze confirmed the latest

- New coach conducted 'Weslians' training session yesterday
- Team says coach was on trials and final decision to be taken tomorrow

developments.

"It is true that the Julius was part of the team's training session but he is not yet our coach. This was an agreement between him and the team that he be given a chance to showcase what he has to offer on the pitch.

### Assessed

"There are other coaches that have applied and are also being assessed at different levels," he said.

He said the directors would be meeting tomorrow where they would make the final decision on the issue of the coach. The new coach would be second Zimbabwean mentor to lead the 'Weslians' in a space of six months after Shepherd

Murape, who left the club mid last season after failing to produce the required CAF B Licence with the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) TD.

The new mentor will lead the hub giants in the 2016 Swazi Telecom Charity Cup and the Castle Premier Challenge where they will be playing against Mbabane Highlanders.

### Expected

He is expected to work with Anthony Mdluli, who replaced Murape as an interim coach towards the end of the previous campaign.

The new coach is expected to change the fortunes of the country's crowd pullers, who finished seventh in the 2015/16 MTN Premier League season.



## FELIX DIDN'T MAKE THE GRADE AT SUNDOWNS - MNGQITHI

By Sanele Jele

**SOCCER – SOUTH African** PSL side Mamelodi Sundowns assistant coach Manqoba Mngqithi has clarified that the club opted against signing Mbabane Swallows and national team Sihlangu player Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst due to his lack of pace.

Badenhorst trained with Sundowns for a week in December last year but a permanent move didn't materialise.

According to South African online publication KickOff.com, Mngqithi said even though they liked the player, he did not meet certain criteria they were looking for.

### Liked

"He was a very good player, a very good finisher and also good on set pieces. We liked him a lot in terms of his technique but we felt we need a number 10 that was a little bit quicker.



**NOT PACEY:** Felix dribbles past Seychelles defenders during the COSAFA Cup.

"A number 10 that will break lines a lot because we've got a specimen of Khama Billiat," Mngqithi told KickOff.com.

"So we want to get someone that can always bring that dimension of the game from a number 10 position and unfortunately he's not one of the quickest players and he does not assist us much in our pressing game defensively."

Mngqithi is certain that at a smaller PSL clubs, Badenhorst will have the requisite skills to make it.

"If I was still coaching a small club like Golden Arrows, I would have signed him to play as a defensive midfielder. He's got the right physical attributes and technique and his speed is not any issue in that position," Mngqithi concludes.

### Trying

Meanwhile, Felix and his Swallows teammate in striker Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa are now trying out with South African outfit Bloemfontein Celtic and are likely to sign on the dotted line for the side if they impress.

The players left on Sunday after the national team Sihlangu party held at the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Technical Centre two weeks ago.

The Swallows attacking midfielder 'Fela', who had been linked with a move to Soweto giants Kaizer Chiefs, attracted a number of South African teams, especially after his impressive run in the recently ended COSAFA Castle Cup held in Windhoek, Namibia, where he walked away with the Golden Boot award after netting five goals during the tournament.

### Scooped

He also scooped two Man of the Match awards during the regional showpiece where the country came back with their first ever bronze medal.

Last month, KickOff.com reported that Free State Stars were also interested in the 27-year-old but a source at Ea Lila Koto said the club has lost the battle to sign the player to Chiefs. Badenhorst had a stellar COSAFA Cup, propelling the Swazi national team to a third-place finish. He also had a one-week trial at Mamelodi Sundowns in December last year, which was unsuccessful.